

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  345436	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  09/04/2024
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<p>F 0677</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide care and assistance to perform activities of daily living for any resident who is unable.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> 37468</p> <p>Based on observations, record review, and staff interviews the facility failed to keep dependent resident's fingernails trimmed for 1 of 6 residents reviewed for activities of daily living care (Resident #4).</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>Resident #4 was admitted to the facility on [DATE]. His active diagnoses included muscle weakness, and other lack of coordination.</p> <p>Review of Resident #4's Minimum Data Set assessment dated [DATE] revealed he was assessed as moderately cognitively impaired. He was assessed to have no rejection of care and required substantial/maximal assistance with bathing and setup or clean up assistance with personal hygiene.</p> <p>Review of Resident #4's care plan dated 8/27/24 revealed he was care planned for an Activities of Daily Living self-care performance deficit related to impaired mobility. The interventions included to check nail length and trim and clean on bath day and as necessary. Report any changes to the nurse.</p> <p>During observation on 8/26/24 at 2:29 PM Resident #4's fingernails were observed to be long.</p> <p>During an interview on 8/26/24 at 2:30 PM Resident #4 stated his fingernails were long and he would love to have them cut. He further stated staff tell him it will be done but then something comes up and they are not cut.</p> <p>During observation on 8/28/24 at 10:11 AM Resident #4's fingernails were again observed to be long.</p> <p>During an interview on 8/28/24 at 10:13 AM Nurse Aide #3 stated Resident #4 did not refuse care and did not refuse care doing his morning bath. He stated when he provided morning care, he would check residents' nails. He stated if he noticed any resident's nails were long, he would clip them. The nurse aide concluded he did not clip Resident #4's nails that morning because he did not notice how long they were.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>

Any deficiency statement ending with an asterisk (\*) denotes a deficiency which the institution may be excused from correcting providing it is determined that other safeguards provide sufficient protection to the patients. (See instructions.) Except for nursing homes, the findings stated above are disclosable 90 days following the date of survey whether or not a plan of correction is provided. For nursing homes, the above findings and plans of correction are disclosable 14 days following the date these documents are made available to the facility. If deficiencies are cited, an approved plan of correction is requisite to continued program participation.

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<p>F 0760</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Ensure that residents are free from significant medication errors.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 41009</b></p> <p>Based on record review, and staff, Responsible Party (RP) and Physician interviews the facility failed to administer seizure medication to Resident #19 on 10/2/23 after he returned to the facility from the hospital, resulting in 4 missed doses of seizure medication. Resident #19 did not receive Keppra (an anti-seizure medication) beginning on 10/2/23 when he returned to the facility from the hospital through 10/4/23. On 10/4/23 Resident #19 suffered seizures in the facility, requiring readmission to the hospital. On 10/4/23 Resident #19 suffered a tonic/clonic seizure (loss of consciousness and violent muscle contractions which can be dangerous and potentially life threatening) lasting about 1 minute in the hospital which required the administration of intravenous (IV) Keppra. This was for 1 of 5 residents (Resident #19) whose medication administration was reviewed.</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>Resident #19 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with a diagnosis of stroke (blockage of blood supply to the brain).</p> <p>A review of Resident #19's care plan revealed a focus area last revised on 8/13/23 of seizure disorder related to stroke. The goal was for Resident #19 to have minimal risk of injury from seizure activity through the next review. An intervention was to administer Resident #19's seizure medication as ordered by his physician.</p> <p>A review of a physician's progress note for Resident #19 dated 9/25/23 at 7:43 PM written by Physician #1 indicated Resident #19 was sent to the hospital Emergency Department (ED) on 5/25/2022 for seizure like activity where he was started on Keppra 500 mg by mouth twice daily.</p> <p>A review of Resident #19's September 2023 facility Medication Administration Record (MAR) revealed a physician's order with a start date of 5/22/23 for Keppra 500 milligrams (mg) by mouth twice daily for seizures. It further revealed documentation Keppra 500 mg was last administered to Resident #19 on 9/25/23 at 5:00 PM. The next dose due was on 9/26/23 at 9:00 AM.</p> <p>A review of a nursing progress note for Resident #19 dated 9/26/23 at 8:14 AM written by Nurse #2 revealed Resident #19 was sent to the hospital emergency room for evaluation due to hypotension (low blood pressure).</p> <p>A review of Resident #19's discharge Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment dated [DATE] revealed he was severely cognitively impaired.</p> <p>A review of Resident #19's hospital discharge summary dated 10/2/23 revealed Resident #19 was admitted to the hospital on 9/26/23 and treated for a urinary tract infection. He had history of seizure disorder. The list of his discharge medications included Keppra 500 milligrams (mg) by mouth twice daily.</p> <p>A review of Resident #19's hospital MAR revealed documentation Resident #19 last received a dose of Keppra 500 mg by mouth on 10/2/23 at 9:01 AM in the hospital.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>

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<p>F 0760</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>A review of a nursing progress note for Resident #19 dated 10/2/23 at 5:41 PM written by the Unit Manager revealed Resident #19 was readmitted to the facility.</p> <p>A review of Resident #19's facility admission medication orders dated 10/2/23 at 5:00 PM entered into his electronic medical record by Nurse #2 did not reveal any evidence of the entry of an order for Keppra 500 mg daily.</p> <p>A review of Resident #19's October 2023 facility MAR did not reveal any documentation Keppra 500 mg was administered to Resident #19 on 10/2/23, 10/3/23 or 10/4/23.</p> <p>A review of a nursing progress note for Resident #19 dated 10/4/23 at 10:41 AM written by Nurse #2 revealed Resident #19 was sent to the hospital for treatment and evaluation of active seizures.</p> <p>A review of Resident #19's hospital record dated 10/4/23 revealed Resident #19 presented to the hospital Emergency Department (ED) for evaluation of seizure like activity on 10/4/23 at 10:43 AM via Emergency Medical Services (EMS). EMS had reported no seizure like activity. Resident #19 initially had some altered mental status and was usually alert and oriented to himself but had not been alert at all that morning. He presented from his nursing facility with breakthrough seizures times three, followed by a prolonged postictal state (a period characterized by disorienting symptoms such as confusion, drowsiness, headache, and nausea that begins when seizure subsides and ends when a person returns to baseline). Resident #19 had reportedly been fine after his most recent return to the facility from the hospital on 10/2/23 until 10/4/23. On 10/4/23 Resident #19 was reported to have 3 separate seizures within a 5 minute period at the facility. Resident #19 had another tonic/clonic seizure on 10/4/23 at 11:34 AM in the ED which lasted about 1 minute. He was administered Keppra 1500 mg IV in the ED and Keppra 500 mg IV twice daily would be started in the morning on 10/5/23. Facility staff reported there had been a mistake when Resident #19 returned to the facility from the hospital on 10/2/23, and Resident #19 had not been given his Keppra for the last 2 days. Resident #19's seizures were most likely secondary to his inadvertent medication non-compliance. Resident #19 was discharged back to the facility on [DATE] with an order to continue his Keppra 500 mg by mouth twice daily.</p> <p>On 8/29/24 at 9:04 AM an interview with the Unit Manager indicated when Resident #19 returned from the hospital on 10/2/23 Nurse #2 entered his medication orders into Resident #19's electronic medical record. She stated this was supposed to be done based on the medication orders that were listed on the hospital discharge summary, and Nurse #2 should have gotten a second nurse to check the medication orders she entered against Resident #19's hospital discharge summary to ensure the medication orders entered were accurate. The Unit Manager stated that because Resident #19's order for Keppra was not entered by Nurse #2 on 10/2/23, it did not appear of his Medication Administration Record to be administered to him, and he missed getting doses of this medication in the facility. In a follow-up interview on 8/30/24 at 11:56 the Unit Manager stated any nurse on the hall could enter a resident's hospital discharge medications into the electronic medical record when a resident returned from the hospital. She reported the nurse entering the medication orders should always have a second nurse verify the entered orders against the hospital discharge summary to ensure accuracy. She went on to say any second nurse could do the verification.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0760</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>On 8/29/24 at 7:07 PM a telephone interview with Nurse #2 indicated when Resident #19 was readmitted to the facility from the hospital on 10/2/23, she entered the medication orders from his hospital discharge summary into his electronic medical record. She went on to say she could not say why she missed entering Resident #19's Keppra medication order that day. She stated she was supposed to have another nurse check the medications she entered against the hospital discharge summary to ensure that the medications she entered for Resident #19 were accurate, but she had not. Nurse #2 stated she did not recall ever hearing anything about Resident #19's levetiracetam medication being missed. She reported she was caring for Resident #19 on 10/4/23 when he began having seizures. She went on to say she had been assigned to care for Resident #19 at times for the past 2 years that she had been working at the facility, and had never seen him have a seizure before. She stated Resident #19 began to have seizure activity which included jerking movements on 10/4/23, although she really couldn't recall any specific details. Nurse #2 further stated she had immediately notified the physician, and Resident #19 had been sent to the hospital that day.</p> <p>On 8/29/24 at 10:09 AM a telephone interview with Resident #19's Responsible Party (RP) indicated Resident #19's seizures were diagnosed after he was admitted to the facility. She stated they had been handled at the facility with medication and he had not needed to go to the hospital for them previously. She stated in October 2023 Resident #19 had seizures, his physician wanted him sent to the hospital, and although she felt being sent out to the hospital was very disruptive for Resident #19, she had agreed. Resident #19's RP reported she did not feel that Resident #19 suffered any permanent changes in his mental or other abilities after the seizures he experienced in October 2023.</p> <p>On 8/29/24 at 11:03 AM a telephone interview with Physician #1 indicated Resident #19 had been receiving Keppra for some time at the facility to treat seizures that were a result of his stroke. He stated Resident #19's seizures had been successfully managed in the facility. He went on to say when Resident #19 initially returned to the facility from the hospital on 10/2/23, there had been an error in transcription by the facility, and Resident #19's Keppra medication had not been restarted even though it appeared on his hospital discharge summary. Physician #1 reported as a result of this, Resident #19 had missed 2 to 3 doses of the Keppra medication in the facility that he should have received. He went on to say Resident #19 was very sensitive to low levels of the medication, and this resulted in Resident #19 experiencing seizures on 10/4/23. He reported Resident #19 required hospitalization for these seizures and needed doses of IV Keppra to control the seizures in the hospital. He stated Resident #19 had severe cognitive impairment at baseline, and although there was a very small risk of brain damage and/or death from the type of seizure Resident #19 experienced on 10/4/23, he did not feel Resident #19 had suffered any additional brain damage.</p> <p>On 8/29/24 at 11:33 AM an attempt at telephone interview with Director of Nursing (DON) #2, the facility's DON on 10/4/23, using the telephone number provided by the facility's current DON, indicated the telephone number was no longer in service. No other telephone number for DON #2 was available.</p> <p>On 8/29/24 at 1:13 PM an interview with the facility's Consultant Pharmacist indicated it was likely that Resident #19 experienced seizure activity on 10/4/23 as a result of his missed Keppra medication. She stated while the pharmacy did review resident's readmissions to the facility, comparing the medication orders entered by the facility with the hospital discharge summary to ensure accuracy, a review of Resident #19's readmission medication orders would not have occurred until 10/4/23 after he had already been readmitted to the hospital.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0760</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>On 10/4/23 a Root Cause Analysis was completed by the Director of Nursing, and the Administrator regarding omission of medication administration for resident #19. It was determined through root cause and analysis that the medication was not administered due to the oversight of transcribing the orders.</p> <p>2. Address how the facility will identify other residents having the potential to be affected by the same deficient practice</p> <p>A quality review was completed on 10/5/23 of current residents with a diagnosis of seizure disorder. Identified residents were reviewed by the Director of Nursing and Nurse Managers to ensure all seizure medication was ordered, transcribed correctly, and given as ordered.</p> <p>A quality review of all admissions and re-admissions 30 days prior to October 4th, 2023, was conducted by the Director of Nursing and Unit Manager to ensure all other newly admitted or readmitted patients' medications were administered per Physician orders. There were no medication transcription errors noted during the quality review.</p> <p>3. Address what measures will be put into place or systemic changes made to ensure that the deficient practice will not recur.</p> <p>The Director of Nursing and/or the nurse managers provided education on 10/4/23 to current nurses and med aides on the importance of transcribing all new orders from discharge summaries, verified by 2 nurses to ensure medications are transcribed and administered per physician orders to the residents. Newly hired nurses and med aides will be educated on hire during their orientation process. The Administrator provided oversight for the education of nurses and med aides to ensure that 100% of all licensed staff and med aides were reeducated on the importance of administering all ordered medications.</p> <p>The Director of Nursing and Nurse Managers will conduct Quality Improvement Monitoring of medication administration records of all new residents when admitted or readmitted to facility to ensure all medications are transcribed correctly and medications are administered as ordered per Physician starting 10/4/23. Upon receiving discharge summaries medication orders are verified with Provider, 1 Nurse transcribes all orders, and then 1 Nurse verifies/confirms that orders were transcribed correctly. This is the standard process that is in place.</p> <p>Additionally, the Director of Nursing and Nurse Managers will conduct quality improvement monitoring of all admissions/readmissions to ensure all medications are transcribed to medication record as indicated. The above Quality Improvement Monitoring will occur daily in clinical for 4 weeks, then weekly for 3 months ongoing beginning 10/4/23.</p> <p>4. Indicate how the facility plans to monitor its performance to make sure that solutions are sustained</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0760</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>On 10/04/2023, when the deficient practices was identified the center Executive Director conveyed an ADHOC Quality Assurance Performance Improvement meeting to determine the root cause analysis of the deficient practice, put a plan of action in place to include quality improvement monitoring and the frequency of monitoring beginning on 10/04/2023 to ensure medication administration orders were transcribed correctly and medications were administered as ordered including the Executive Director, Medical Director, Director of Nursing, the Manager of Social Services, the Housekeeping Manager, the Business Office Manager, the Human Resources Coordinator, Medical Records Clerk, Central Supply Clerk, Admissions Director, Nurse Managers, Dietary Manager, and the Environmental Services Director.</p> <p>The results of the quality monitoring will be brought to the Quality Assurance Performance Improvement meeting monthly to ensure ongoing compliance times 4 months. Quality Improvement monitoring schedule will be modified based on findings of monitoring.</p> <p>The center Administrator alleges abatement of immediacy on 10/30/23.</p> <p>Validation of the corrective action plan was completed on 9/04/24. Interviews were conducted with a sample Nurses to verify education was conducted for Nurses regarding transcription of medication to the Medication Administration Record (MAR). Documentation of in-service records was reviewed. A review of audits of new admissions and their orders transcribed to the MAR dated 9/4/24 to 10/4/24 were verified to be completed. In an interview with the Nurse Manager on 9/4/24 at 1:18 pm, she stated that all Nurses, and Medication Aides had been educated transcribing medication on the MAR and 2 nurses reviewed to confirm accuracy of the transcription. She further stated that orientation included medication administration and transcription of medication orders to the MAR. An observation of the Resident #19's medical record revealed that Resident #19 had received all prescribed doses of Keppra (an antiseizure medication) from October 2023 (after the identified date of missed October 2023 doses) until today 9/4/24. The QAPI minutes were reviewed.</p> <p>The facility's alleged immediate jeopardy removal date and compliance date of 10/30/23 was verified.</p>		

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<p>F 0880</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide and implement an infection prevention and control program.</p> <p>48230</p> <p>Based on observation, record review and staff interviews, the facility failed to implement their hand hygiene policy when the Respiratory Therapist (RT) failed to perform hand hygiene after touching a contaminated surface and before touching the tracheostomy and failed to implement their policy for enhanced barrier precautions when the RT failed to wear a gown while performing tracheostomy care for 1 of 1 resident (Resident #53) reviewed for tracheostomy care, and failed to perform hand hygiene between the removal of soiled gloves and the application of clean gloves for 1 of 2 residents (Resident #71) reviewed for pressure ulcers.</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>1. A review of the facility policy titled Handwashing/Hand hygiene dated August 2019 provided by the facility stated in part: This facility considers hand hygiene the primary means to prevent the spread of infection. 7. Use an alcohol-based hand rub containing at least 62 percent alcohol; or, alternately, soap (antimicrobial or non-antimicrobial) and water for the following situations: e. before or after handling an invasive device (e.g. urinary catheters, IV access sites). .g. before handling clean or soiled dressings, gauze pads, etc. .l after contact with objects in the immediate vicinity of the resident.</p> <p>A review of the enhanced barrier precautions policy stated in part: gown and gloves must be worn when providing personal care. Tracheostomy care is given as an example of care provided.</p> <p>During an observation of tracheostomy care by the RT on 8/27/24 at 4:47 PM, she failed to don a gown before entering Resident #53's room who was on enhanced barrier precautions. There was a sign on the door specifying staff wear a gown when performing care such as tracheostomy care. The RT stated that tracheostomy care was a clean procedure not a sterile procedure. She put on a pair of clean gloves, then put a pair of sterile gloves on over the clean gloves. Resident #53 requested she turn up the air conditioning. She went to the air conditioner and touched the button to turn it up. The RT continued to set up the sterile disposable cartons to pour sterile water and hydrogen peroxide into. She continued to pour the liquids into their containers and put gauze into them with her gloved hands. The RT proceeded to take out the resident's dirty disposable cannula and dispose of it. She then removed the dirty split sponge from under the resident's tracheostomy collar and disposed of it. The RT proceeded to put her gloved hand into the container with sterile water and gauze, picked up the gauze, squeezed out the excess water and proceeded to clean around the tracheostomy stoma. Resident #53 stated the stoma was tender. The RT retrieved her cell phone from the pocket of her top, turned on the flashlight and looked at the stoma by moving the collar with her gloved hand. After she put the phone away, she continued to clean around the stoma with wet gauze. When finished cleaning, she put the new, sterile cannula in. The RT then took off the outer layer of gloves and proceeded to change the residents trach collar. At this point she was finished.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0880</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>In a telephone interview with the RT on 8/30/24 at 8:50 AM she revealed she did not know if she was to wear a gown while providing tracheostomy care on a resident on enhanced barrier precautions. The RT stated she was taught that tracheostomy care was not a sterile procedure. She was unaware of the policy she was to follow to provide care. The RT revealed she was aware she should not have touched potentially dirty surfaces and continued with care without performing hand hygiene due to the risk of introducing harmful bacteria to the resident.</p> <p>A telephone interview was conducted on 8/30/24 at 3:50 PM with the RT Supervisor. The Supervisor stated a gown should have been worn to perform tracheostomy care and the RT should have performed hand hygiene after touching potentially dirty surfaces and before performing care on the resident. The Supervisor further stated the RT works for a contracted company, not the facility and as such, should have followed the tracheostomy care policy of the facility.</p> <p>In an interview with the Director of Nursing (DON) on 8/29/24 at 12:53 PM she stated the RT worked for a contracted company and she was not sure which policy the RT should have followed. She further stated the RT should have worn a gown to perform tracheostomy care due to enhanced barrier precautions and should have performed hand hygiene by washing her hands and donning clean gloves after touching a dirty surface and before continuing tracheostomy care on Resident #53.</p> <p>41009</p> <p>2. A review of the facility policy titled Handwashing/Hand hygiene dated last revised August 2019 provided by the facility revealed in part: This facility considers hand hygiene the primary means to prevent the spread of infection. 7. Use an alcohol-based hand rub containing at least 62 percent alcohol; or, alternately, soap (antimicrobial or non-antimicrobial) and water for the following situations: m. After removing gloves.</p> <p>On 8/27/24 at 3:21 PM an observation of pressure ulcer care was conducted for Resident #71 and the observation was followed by an interview with the Treatment Nurse who was performing the dressing change. During the observation, the Treatment Nurse was observed to perform hand hygiene and apply clean gloves. She removed the soiled dressing from Resident #71's left ischium (lower and back region of the hip bone) pressure ulcer using her gloved fingers and discarded the soiled dressing. The Treatment Nurse removed her soiled gloves, discarded them, and applied clean gloves without performing hand hygiene. As the Treatment Nurse reached for the wound cleanser moistened gauze to clean Resident #71's wound, she was asked to pause the dressing change. An interview with the Treatment Nurse at that time indicated she had not performed hand hygiene after removing the soiled dressing from Resident #71's pressure ulcer before she applied her clean gloves, and she should have. The Treatment Nurse reported she usually performed hand hygiene after the removal of her soiled gloves prior to applying clean gloves, but she had been nervous and forgotten. She stated performing hand hygiene after removal of soiled gloves before applying clean gloves reduced the chance of spreading infection.</p> <p>On 8/30/24 at 12:22 PM an interview with the Director of Nursing (DON) indicated the Treatment Nurse's gloves would have been soiled after she removed Resident #71's soiled dressing. She stated hand hygiene should always be performed after the removal of soiled gloves prior to the application of clean gloves to reduce the chance of the spread of infection.</p>		