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F 0565 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Some	Honor the resident's right to organize and participate in resident/family groups in the facility. 45711 Based on record review and staff and resident interviews, the facility failed act upon concerns that were reported by the resident council and communicate the efforts to address concerns that were reported during Resident Council Meetings for 6 of 6 months (November 2024, December 2024, January 2025, February 2025, March 2025 and April 2025) reviewed. Findings included: a. The Resident Council meeting minutes dated November 27, 2024, recorded by the Activity Director indicated a concern expressed at the previous month's meeting regarding the meal tickets not matching what was served. The minutes indicated a concern form was filed. The November meeting minutes did not indicate that a response was provided to the council regarding the concern form and any follow-up that the facility completed. The meeting minutes were signed by the Administrator on 11/27/24. b. The Resident Council meeting minutes dated December 13, 2024, recorded by the Activity Director indicated a concern was expressed at the previous month's meeting regarding the taste of the food. The minutes indicated the council was informed that staff were spoken to regarding the taste of the food. The December meeting minutes did not indicate any follow-up that the facility completed. c. The Resident Council meeting minutes dated January 14, 2025, recorded by the Activity Director indicated a concern was expressed at the previous month's meeting regarding the meal tickets not matching what was served and not having enough staff assisting during mealtimes. The January minutes did not indicate that a response was provided to the council regarding the concern form that was filed or any follow-up that the facility completed. The meeting minutes were signed by the Administrator on January 14, 2025. d. The Resident Council meeting minutes dated February 11, 2025, recorded by the Activity Director indicated a concern was expressed at the previous month's meeting regarding the meal tickets not matching what was served and the always available menu items were not available. The February minutes did not indicate that a response was provided to the council regarding the concern form that was filed, or any follow-up that the facility completed. The meeting minutes indicated that the Ombudsman attended the meeting. The meeting minutes were signed by the Administrator on 2/11/25. The list of attendees at the meeting indicated that the Administrator did not attend the meeting. (continued on next page)

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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F 0565 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Some	An interview was conducted with the Social Services Director on 4/24/25 at 2:05 PM. The Social Services Director stated she had not seen any forms from the Resident Council Meetings, was not involved in any follow-up and she had not attended a Resident Council meeting. An interview was conducted with the Administrator on 4/24/25 at 3:20 PM. The Administrator stated the Social Services Director was responsible for addressing the concerns of the Resident Council Meetings. The Administrator stated the previous Social Services Director left the facility a few months ago and she had stopped addressing the concern forms prior to her leaving. The Administrator indicated that he did not attend the Resident Council meetings, and he was not involved with addressing the concerns that were expressed at the meetings. The Administrator acknowledged he should have implemented measures to address the concerns expressed by the Resident Council members and he should have addressed the concern forms that were given to him. The Administrator had no documentation that showed that the grievances reported during the monthly Resident Council meetings for the past 6 months were addressed. The Administrator acknowledged he signed the monthly meeting minutes but was unable to explain if he was aware of the repeated concerns expressed as the meetings.

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F 0580 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety Residents Affected - Few	Immediately tell the resident, the resident's doctor, and a family member of situations (injury/decline/room, etc.) that affect the resident. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 44890 Based on record review and interviews with staff, the Medical Director, and the Nurse Practitioner (NP), the facility failed to immediately notify the physician on 1/25/25 of a resident's (Resident #1) dislodged jejunostomy tube (j-tube [a tube surgically inserted into the small intestine to deliver nutrition and medications]). Nurse #1 did not communicate with the physician and she inserted an indwelling urinary catheter tube to replace the j-tube without a physician's order. The replacement tube became dislodged from the j-tube site on 1/25/25 and Nurse #1 sent the resident to the hospital for reinsertion. Resident #1 went to the Operating Room (OR) on the evening of 1/27/25 and the j-tube was surgically placed. This delayed physician notification had a high likelihood of resulting in serious harm for Resident #1 from the risks of placing the j-tube in the wrong place, perforation of the small intestine, sepsis (life-threatening infection), and bleeding due to anticoagulant (blood thinner) use. This deficient practice affected 1 of 2 residents reviewed for notification. Immediate jeopardy began on 1/25/25 when Nurse #1 failed to notify the physician regarding Resident #1's dislodged jejunostomy tube. Immediate jeopardy was removed on 4/25/25 when the facility implemented an acceptable credible allegation of immediate jeopardy removal. The facility will remain out of compliance at a lower scope and severity level of D (no actual harm with potential for more than minimal harm that is not immediate jeopardy) to ensure education is completed and monitoring systems put into place are effective. The findings included: The hospital discharge summary for Resident #1 dated 1/14/25 indicated he was admitted to the hospital on 1/2/25 and a j-tube was placed surgically into the small intestine on 1/10/25 as the main source for meeting his nutritional needs. He was discharged to the facility on [DATE] for rehabilitation services. Resident #1 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses including cerebral infarction due to occlusion or stenosis of left middle cerebral artery (stroke), dysphagia (difficulty swallowing), and aphasia (absence of speech). The physician's orders for Resident #1 revealed orders dated 1/14/25: 1) j-tube 16 French (size), 2) tube feeding at a continuous rate of 70 milliliters (ml) an hour for 22 hours to allow for activities of daily living, and 3) apixaban tablet (an anticoagulant) 5 milligrams (mg) twice a day per feeding tube. There was not a physician's order to change the j-tube. The Physician's History and Physical dated 1/16/25 for Resident #1 indicated that he was admitted to the facility with right-sided weakness related to left medial cerebral artery occlusion. The note indicated Resident #1 was status post-surgical placement of a j-tube on 1/10/25 to meet his nutritional needs due to dysphagia. (continued on next page)

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F 0580 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety Residents Affected - Few	The admission Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment dated [DATE] revealed Resident #1 was severely cognitively impaired. He was coded as having no speech and receiving greater than 51% of his nutrition and over 500 ml of water from enteral (tube) feeding daily. He was coded for receiving an anticoagulant. A partially filled out SBAR (Situation, Background, Appearance, and Review and Notify is a structured communication tool used to transmit clear concise information) communication form in the chart dated 1/25/25 and signed by Nurse #1 listed the Situation was: The change in condition, symptoms, or signs observed and evaluated were Resident #1 pulling out his j-tube 2 times and the condition was listed as occurring before due to resident consistently playing and tugging on the tube. There was no other information listed except that the Responsible Party (RP) was notified at 12:51 PM and the on-call provider was notified at 1:12 PM. The box to call for 911 for transfer to the hospital was checked. An incomplete Hospital Transfer Form for Resident #1 listed the following information: His name, date of admission, date of birth, and primary diagnosis. It further listed the RP was notified of the situation and of the transfer to the hospital. The reason for the transfer was listed as pulled out j-tube. The risk alert boxes for anticoagulation, aspiration, high fall risk, needs medications crushed, and pain level were checked. The form was not signed by facility staff and no other information was noted. A telephone interview was conducted with Nurse #1 on 4/23/25 at 10:00 AM. Nurse #1, an agency nurse, stated she worked for the facility in January for approximately 3 weeks, but she was no longer employed there. She stated that on 1/25/25 she was assigned to care for Resident #1 and at approximately 12:15 PM she went into administer Resident #1 his medications per feeding tube and the tube was not in his abdomen. Nurse #1 stated that the tube feeding was scheduled for only 22 hours a day to allow for activities of daily living (ADL) care and therapy and she had not had a chance to reconnect the tube feeding that morning. She indicated that there was no bleeding at that time. She reported that she went and asked Nurse Aide (NA) #1 if she knew what happened to Resident #1's feeding tube. Nurse #1 stated that NA #1 reported she had seen something that looked like a tube on the bathroom floor 2-3 hours ago, but she had not reported it to the nurse. She further stated that NA #1 informed her that therapy was working with Resident #1 in the bathroom early that morning around 9:15 AM. Nurse #1 indicated that after speaking with NA #1 she had gone back to Resident #1's room and found the feeding tube on the bathroom floor. She indicated she had been a nurse for [AGE] years and she was experienced in reinserting gastrostomy tubes (in the stomach). She explained that she was unaware Resident #1 had a j-tube and she had assumed it was a gastrostomy tube. Nurse #1 stated that instead of calling the physician she had consulted the Wound Nurse, who was the Manager on duty that weekend. She stated the Wound Nurse had instructed her to replace it with an enteral feeding tube of the same size or a tube for an indwelling urinary catheter. Nurse #1 indicated she had replaced the j-tube with a 16 French indwelling urinary catheter tube. Nurse #1 indicated that if she had known Resident #1 had a j-tube and not a gastrostomy tube she would have sent him to the hospital the first time it dislodged. She stated that she had never heard of anyone reinserting a j-tube in a nursing facility. Nurse #1 stated she notified the Director of Nursing (DON) the second time the tube was dislodged, and she instructed her to notify the provider and transfer him to the hospital. Nurse #1 indicated that after transferring Resident #1 to the hospital she had asked the Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA) if he had noticed if the feeding tube was dislodged during the transfer in the bathroom and he stated he was unaware that it had dislodged. She further indicated that 1/25/25 was the last day she worked for the facility. (continued on next page)

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F 0693 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety Residents Affected - Few	Ensure that feeding tubes are not used unless there is a medical reason and the resident agrees; and provide appropriate care for a resident with a feeding tube. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 44890 Based on record review, Nurse Practitioner (NP), Medical Director, staff, and Responsible Party (RP) interviews, the facility failed to ensure a resident (Resident #1) was provided with the necessary treatment to replace his dislodged jejunostomy tube (a surgically placed feeding tube that delivers nutrition and medications directly into the small intestine). On 1/25/25, Nurse #1 did not identify the need for hospital treatment to replace the dislodged jejunostomy tube (j-tube) and she inserted an indwelling urinary catheter tube to replace the j-tube without a physician's order. The replacement tube became dislodged from the j-tube site on 1/25/25, and Nurse #1 sent the resident to the hospital for reinsertion. Resident #1 went to the Operating Room (OR) on the evening of 1/27/25 and the j-tube was successfully placed. This noncompliance created a high likelihood of Resident #1 suffering serious harm from the risks of placing the j-tube in the wrong place, perforation of the small intestine, sepsis (life-threatening infection), and bleeding due to anticoagulant (blood thinner) use. This deficient practice was identified for 1 of 3 residents reviewed for feeding tubes. Immediate jeopardy began on 1/25/25 when Nurse #1 replaced Resident #1's dislodged jejunostomy tube. Immediate jeopardy was removed on 4/25/25 when the facility implemented an acceptable credible allegation of immediate jeopardy removal. The facility will remain out of compliance at a lower scope and severity level of D (no actual harm with potential for more than minimal harm that is not immediate jeopardy) to ensure education is completed and monitoring systems put into place are effective. The findings included: The hospital discharge summary for Resident #1 dated 1/14/25 indicated he was admitted to the hospital on 1/2/25 with diagnoses of cerebral infarction due to occlusion of left middle cerebral artery (stroke), global aphasia (unable to speak), oropharyngeal dysphagia (difficulty swallowing), and right hemiparesis (muscle weakness on one side of the body). A j-tube was placed surgically into the small intestine on 1/10/25 as the main source for meeting his nutritional needs. He was discharged to the facility on [DATE] for rehabilitation services. Resident #1 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses including cerebral infarction due to occlusion or stenosis or left middle cerebral artery, dysphagia, and aphasia. The physician's orders for Resident #1 revealed orders dated 1/14/25: 1) j-tube 16 French (size), 2) tube feeding at a continuous rate of 70 milliliters (ml) an hour for 22 hours to allow for activities of daily living, and 3) apixaban tablet (an anticoagulant) 5 milligrams (mg) twice a day per feeding tube. There was not a physician's order to change the j-tube. (continued on next page)

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F 0693 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety Residents Affected - Few	The Care Plan for Resident #1 dated 1/14/25 revealed a plan of care for risk for nutritional decline, dehydration, weight fluctuations related to recent stroke resulting in dysphagia and aphasia, and 100% reliance on tube feeding for nutrition/hydration with a goal that he would be free of signs and symptoms of dehydration, fluid overload, and electrolyte imbalances through the next review. The interventions included: monitoring for signs and symptoms of dehydration, checking for residual prior to administering tube feeding; administering tube feeding as ordered by the physician. Another plan of care for impaired skin integrity related to Resident #1 was admitted with abdominal surgical wounds from j-tube placement in the distal (far) right upper quadrant (divides the abdomen in four quarters with the umbilicus [navel or bellybutton] in the middle), the right upper quadrant, umbilicus and left upper quadrant with a goal that the wounds would heal without complications (infection, hemorrhage, dehiscence [wound opens up]). The interventions included observing and reporting signs of infection (pain, redness, swelling, tenderness), and providing treatments as ordered. A nurse progress note dated 1/15/25 at 10:21 AM by the Wound Nurse revealed Resident #1 was seen that day for new admission wound assessments and j-tube care. Four surgical incisions were noted to abdomen status post j-tube placement and the areas were scabbed with surgical glue in place, and open to air. No signs or symptoms of infection were noted. A small, scabbed area was observed near the j-tube site with surgical glue in place. The jejunostomy site was cleansed and new split gauze in place. The Physician's History and Physical dated 1/16/25 for Resident #1 indicated that he was admitted to the facility with right-sided weakness related to left medial cerebral artery occlusion. The note indicated Resident #1 was status post-surgical placement of a j-tube on 1/10/25 to meet his nutritional needs due to dysphagia. The admission Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment dated [DATE] revealed Resident #1 was severely cognitively impaired. He was coded as having no speech and receiving greater than 51% of his nutrition and over 500 ml of water from enteral (tube) feeding daily. He was coded as dependent on staff assistance with toileting, transferring, and bed mobility and he was always incontinent of bowel and bladder. The assessment listed that he was receiving speech therapy, occupational therapy, and physical therapy. He was coded for receiving an anticoagulant. A partially filled out SBAR (Situation, Background, Appearance, and Review and Notify is a structured communication tool used to transmit clear concise information) communication form in the chart dated 1/25/25 and signed by Nurse #1 listed the Situation was: The change in condition, symptoms, or signs observed and evaluated were Resident #1 pulling out his j-tube 2 times and the condition was listed as occurring before due to resident consistently playing and tugging on the tube. There was no other information listed except that the RP was notified at 12:51 PM and the on-call provider was notified at 1:12 PM. The box to call for 911 for transfer to the hospital was checked. An incomplete Hospital Transfer Form for Resident #1 listed the following information: His name, date of admission, date of birth, and primary diagnosis. It further listed the RP was notified of the situation and of the transfer to the hospital. The reason for the transfer was listed as pulled out j-tube. The risk alert boxes for anticoagulation, aspiration, high fall risk, needs medications crushed, and pain level were checked. The form was not signed by facility staff and no other information was noted. (continued on next page)

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F 0693 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety Residents Affected - Few	A telephone interview was conducted with Nurse #1 on 4/23/25 at 10:00 AM. Nurse #1 indicated that on 1/25/25 she was assigned to care for Resident #1. She stated she was an agency nurse with [AGE] years of experience. Nurse #1 further stated she had worked for the facility in January for approximately 3 weeks, but she was no longer employed there. She stated that on 1/25/25 at approximately 12:15 PM she went into administer Resident #1 his medications per feeding tube, and the tube was not in his abdomen. Nurse #1 stated that the tube feeding was scheduled for only 22 hours a day to allow for activities of daily living (ADL) care and therapy and she had not had a chance to reconnect the tube feeding that morning. She indicated that there was no bleeding at that time. She reported that she went and asked Nurse Aide (NA) #1 if she knew what happened to Resident #1's feeding tube. Nurse #1 stated that NA #1 reported she had seen something that looked like a tube on the bathroom floor 2-3 hours ago, but she had not reported it to the nurse. She further stated that NA #1 informed her that therapy was working with Resident #1 in the bathroom early that morning around 9:15 AM. Nurse #1 indicated that after speaking with NA #1 she had gone back to Resident #1's room and found the feeding tube on the bathroom floor. Nurse #1 stated she had consulted the Wound Nurse, who was the Manager on duty, and that she had instructed her to replace it with an enteral feeding tube of the same size or a tube for an indwelling urinary catheter. Nurse #1 indicated she had replaced the j-tube with a 16 French indwelling urinary catheter tube. She stated she was unaware that it was a j-tube and had assumed it was a gastrostomy tube (in the stomach). Nurse #1 indicated that if she had known Resident #1 had a j-tube and not a gastrostomy tube she would have sent him to the hospital the first time it dislodged. She stated that she had never heard of anyone reinserting a j-tube in a nursing facility. She further indicated she never had a chance to administer any medications or tube feeding through the tube after replacing it the first time because Resident #1 pulled it out approximately 30 minutes later. She indicated the RP for Resident #1 was the one that found him the second time the tube was dislodged and that the tube was laying on the floor beside his wheelchair and there was blood on his abdomen, legs, and the floor. Nurse #1 stated she notified the Director of Nursing (DON) the second time the tube was dislodged and she instructed her to notify the provider and transfer him to the hospital. She indicated that the residents she was assigned to care for that day were high acuity (residents requiring closer monitoring and treatments with i.e. tracheostomy tubes, feeding tubes, wounds) and she had not completed the documentation related to the incident. Nurse #1 indicated that after transferring Resident #1 to the hospital she had asked the Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA) if he had noticed if the feeding tube was dislodged during the transfer in the bathroom and he stated he was unaware that it had dislodged. She further indicated that 1/25/25 was the last day she worked for the facility. A telephone interview was completed with NA #1 on 4/23/25 at 12:23 PM. NA #1 stated that on 1/25/25 she had noticed something that looked like a tube lying on Resident #1's bathroom floor after she observed the COTA working with Resident #1 at approximately 9:15 AM. She stated she was busy and was in a hurry and had not stopped to examine the object on the floor. She further stated she had not notified the nurse that something was lying on the floor. A telephone interview was completed with the Wound Nurse on 4/23/25 at 12:28 PM. The Wound Nurse stated she was the Manager on Duty on 1/25/25. She further stated she remembered Nurse #1 telling her that a feeding tube was dislodged. The Wound Nurse indicated she could not recall if Nurse #1 told her it was a j-tube. She further indicated that she did tell Nurse #1 that she could replace a gastrostomy tube and that if the facility didn't have the correct size tube, she could use the same size indwelling urinary catheter tube instead. The Wound Nurse stated that she told Nurse #1 to call the provider for an order. (continued on next page)

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F 0693 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety Residents Affected - Few	An interview was conducted with the Nurse Practitioner (NP) on 4/23/25 at 10:43 AM. The NP stated that it was not appropriate for a nurse to change the j-tube. She further stated there was risk perforation (poking a hole through the wall of the intestine) and an increased chance of causing a serious infection by pushing bacteria into the abdomen. The NP indicated Resident #1 was on an anticoagulant that put him at higher risk of bleeding. She further indicated a physician's order would be needed to change any tube. The NP stated it was out the nurse's scope of practice to replace a tube without a physician's order. An interview with the Medical Director was completed on 4/23/25 at 11:47 AM. The Medical Director stated that it was totally inappropriate for a nurse to replace a j-tube in the facility. She further stated that since the tube was surgically inserted on 1/10/25 the site was probably not mature (a jejunostomy site needs to mature to form a stable track between the skin and the jejunum [small intestine] to prevent leakage of intestinal contents and this takes approximately 4 weeks) and there would be higher risk for bowel perforation, the tissue would be more friable (tissue that is easily irritated, which makes it more prone to inflammation, bleeding, and tearing) and cause more bleeding, and the fact that he was on an anticoagulant would definitely increase the risk of bleeding. There was definitely a high likelihood of harm due to risk or sepsis, bleeding, and perforation. An interview was completed with the Administrator on 4/24/25 at 9:35 AM. The Administrator stated he expected the nursing staff to follow the facility's policies and procedures regarding feeding tubes. The Administrator was notified of immediate jeopardy on 4/23/25 at 4:00 PM. The Administrator provided the following credible allegation of Immediate Jeopardy removal: Identify those residents who have suffered, or are likely to suffer, a serious adverse outcome as a result of the noncompliance: On January 25, 2025, the facility failed to ensure Resident #1 was provided with the necessary treatment to replace his dislodged jejunostomy tube (a tube surgically placed feeding tube that delivers nutrition and medications directly into the small intestine). Nurse #1 did not identify the need for hospital treatment to replace the dislodged j-tube and she inserted an indwelling urinary catheter tube to replace the j-tube. The tube then became dislodged a second time on January 25, 2025, and Nurse #1 sent the resident to hospital for reinsertion. Surgical Residents were able to place an indwelling urinary catheter tube into the tract in the emergency room (ER). Interventional Radiology (IR) attempted placement on January 27, 2025, but were not able to place. Resident #1 went to the Operating Room (OR) on the evening of January 27, 2025, and the j-tube was successfully placed. Resident #1 returned to the facility on [DATE]. During the remainder of Resident #1's time at facility, the j-tube did not dislodge again. Resident #1 was discharged from the facility on March 28, 2025. On April 23, 2025, the Director of Nursing (DON) reviewed all residents that resided in the facility from [DATE], until April 23, 2025, and no additional residents were identified with a j-tube in the facility at this time. Specify the action the entity will take to alter the process or system failure to prevent a serious adverse outcome from occurring or recurring, and when the action will be complete: (continued on next page)

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F 0693 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety Residents Affected - Few	The Director of Nursing (DON), Assistant Director of Nursing (ADON), and Unit Managers will provide education to Licensed Nurses on Enteral Feeding Tube(s) Policy, to include what to do if a j-tube becomes dislodged to include physician notification, not to attempt reinsertion of the j-tube, and sending the resident to the hospital for surgical reinsertion. Training will be completed by April 24, 2025. The Director of Nursing will track and verify that employees with scheduled time off, on leave of absence (FMLA), vacation, agency staff or PRN staff will be re-educated prior to returning to duty by the DON or ADON. New hires and Agency Nurses will be educated by the Director of Nursing or Assistant Director of Nursing during the orientation process. Effective April 24, 2025, the DON or ADON will review all new admissions in the Clinical Morning Meeting on Monday through Friday, as well as any pending weekend admissions, to determine if any admissions have a j-tube present and ensure all Licensed Nursing staff are made aware of the presence of a j-tube and the process for physician notification and treatment if a j-tube becomes dislodged. Licensed nurses will be made aware of residents that are admitted with a j-tube via the Admission Notification Form that is provided by the Admission Director for all pending admissions. Admission Notification Form will be delivered to the admitting nurse with the hospital discharge summary by the Admission Director prior to resident arrival. Alleged immediate jeopardy removal date: April 25, 2025 The immediate jeopardy removal plan was validated on 4/24/25. The audit of 100% of residents with feeding tubes verified there were no other residents with j-tubes identified. The education sign in sheets were reviewed for the in-services conducted with the nurses on 4/23/25 and 4/24/25 regarding enteral feeding tubes policy and what to do if a j-tube becomes dislodged. Staff interviews confirmed education on gastrostomy tubes, j-tubes, and what to do if a jejunostomy becomes dislodged. The DON stated on 4/24/25 at 12:22 PM stated that effective 4/24/25 the DON or ADON will review all new admissions in the Clinical Morning Meeting on Monday through Friday, as well as pending weekend admissions, to determine if any admissions have a j-tube present and ensure all licensed nursing staff are made aware of the presence of a j-tube and the process of physician notification and treatment if a j-tube becomes dislodged. The facility's immediate jeopardy removal date of 4/25/25 was validated.

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F 0726 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety Residents Affected - Few	Ensure that nurses and nurse aides have the appropriate competencies to care for every resident in a way that maximizes each resident's well being. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 44890 Based on record review and interviews with the Responsible Party, Nurse Practitioner, Medical Director and staff, the facility failed to have a system in place to train agency nurses and verify their competency to provide care for a resident with a jejunostomy tube (j-tube [a feeding tube placed in the small intestine]). On 1/25/25 when Resident #1's j-tube became dislodged, Nurse #1 did not identify the need for hospital treatment to replace the dislodged j-tube and she replaced it by inserting a urinary catheter tube into the j-tube site. Nurse #1 stated she assumed Resident #1's j-tube was a gastrostomy tube (tube placed in the stomach for nutritional support). Replacing a j-tube requires radiographic (x-ray) guidance or surgical placement and Nurse #1 performing this action at the facility created a high likelihood of Resident #1 suffering serious harm from the risks of placing the j-tube in the wrong place, perforation of the small intestine, sepsis (life-threatening infection), and bleeding due to anticoagulant (blood thinner) use. This deficient practice was identified for 1 of 3 nurses reviewed for competency. Immediate jeopardy began on 1/25/25 when Nurse #1 failed to demonstrate competency to care for a resident with a j-tube when she replaced Resident #1's dislodged j-tube with an indwelling urinary catheter tube. Immediate jeopardy was removed on 4/25/25 when the facility implemented an acceptable credible allegation of immediate jeopardy removal. The facility will remain out of compliance at a lower scope and severity level of D (no actual harm with potential for more than minimal harm that is not immediate jeopardy) to ensure education is completed and monitoring systems put into place are effective. The findings included: This Tag is cross referenced to: F693: Based on record review, Nurse Practitioner (NP), Medical Director, staff, and Responsible Party (RP) interviews, the facility failed to ensure a resident (Resident #1) was provided with the necessary treatment to replace his dislodged jejunostomy tube (a surgically placed feeding tube that delivers nutrition and medications directly into the small intestine). On 1/25/25, Nurse #1 did not identify the need for hospital treatment to replace the dislodged jejunostomy tube (j-tube) and she inserted an indwelling urinary catheter tube to replace the j-tube without a physician's order. The replacement tube became dislodged from the j-tube site on 1/25/25, and Nurse #1 sent the resident to the hospital for reinsertion. Resident #1 went to the Operating Room (OR) on the evening of 1/27/25 and the j-tube was successfully placed. This noncompliance created a high likelihood of Resident #1 suffering serious harm from the risks of placing the j-tube in the wrong place, perforation of the small intestine, sepsis (life-threatening infection), and bleeding due to anticoagulant (blood thinner) use. This deficient practice was identified for 1 of 3 residents reviewed for feeding tubes. Review of Nurse #1's employee record verified she was hired by the facility on 1/10/25 as an agency licensed practical nurse (LPN). There was no evidence of competency and training regarding j-tubes in her file. (continued on next page)

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F 0726 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety Residents Affected - Few	Review of the facility training for agency nurses did not identify specific training and competency for j-tubes. An interview was completed with Nurse #1 on 1/23/25 at 10:00 AM. Nurse #1 stated she was an experienced nurse, and she had completed training regarding gastrostomy tubes and jejunostomy tubes at other facilities she had worked at. She further stated she did not recall completing training specifically regarding j-tubes when she was in orientation at this facility. An interview was completed with the Director of Nursing (DON) on 4/23/25 at 4:10 PM. The DON stated the agency was responsible for verifying a nurse's training and competencies prior to employment by the facility. She indicated the facility's orientation for agency nurses did not include specific competency and training for j-tubes at the time of Nurse #1's employment. The Administrator was notified of immediate jeopardy on 4/23/25 at 4:00 PM. The Administrator provided the following credible allegation of Immediate Jeopardy removal: Identify those recipients who have suffered, or are likely to suffer, a serious adverse outcome as a result of the noncompliance: The facility failed to ensure Nurse #1 was trained and competent to provide the necessary care and treatment for residents with jejunostomy tubes (j-tubes). Nurse #1 did not identify the need for hospital treatment to replace Resident #1's dislodged j-tube and she inserted an indwelling urinary catheter tube to replace the tube. Surgical Residents were able to place an indwelling urinary catheter tube into the tract in the emergency room (ER). Interventional Radiology (IR) attempted placement on January 27, 2025 but were not able to place. Resident #1 went to the Operating Room (OR) on the evening of January 27, 2025 and the j-tube was successfully placed. Resident #1 returned to the facility on [DATE]. During the remainder of Resident #1's time at facility, the j-tube did not dislodge again. Resident #1 was discharged from the facility on March 28, 2025. On April 23, 2025, the Director of Nursing (DON) reviewed all residents that resided in the facility from [DATE] until April 23, 2025 and no additional residents were identified with a j-tube in the facility at this time. Specify the action the entity will take to alter the process or system failure to prevent a serious adverse outcome from occurring or recurring, and when the action will be complete: The Director of Nursing (DON), Assistant Director of Nursing (ADON), and Unit Managers will provide education to Licensed Nurses on Gastrostomy Tube Reinsertion Policy, to include what to do if a j-tube becomes dislodged to include physician notification, not to attempt reinsertion of the j-tube and risks and sending the resident to the hospital for surgical reinsertion. A quiz was created to validate staff understanding of the material that was taught. Any nurse that cannot answer the quiz questions appropriately will be retrained by the DON or ADON on the material. Training will be completed by April 24, 2025. The Director of Nursing will track and verify that employees with scheduled time off, on leave of absence (FMLA), vacation, agency staff or PRN staff will be re-educated prior to returning to duty. (continued on next page)

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F 0726 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety Residents Affected - Few	New hires and Agency Nurses will be educated by the DON or ADON during the orientation process using the Gastrostomy Tube Reinsertion Policy. The quiz will be given at the end of their training to validate understanding on what to do if a j-tube becomes dislodged to include physician notification, not to attempt reinsertion of the j-tube and risks and sending the resident to the hospital for surgical reinsertion. Alleged immediate jeopardy removal date: April 25, 2025. The immediate jeopardy removal plan was validated on 4/24/25. The audit of 100% of residents with feeding tubes verified there were no other residents with j-tubes identified. The educations sign in sheets were reviewed for in-services conducted with the nurses on 4/23/25 and 4/24/25 regarding the facility's Gastrostomy Tube Reinsertion Policy which included education regarding what to do if a j-tube becomes dislodged including physician notification, not attempting reinsertion of the j-tube, risks involved in reinsertion, and sending the resident to the hospital for surgical reinsertion. Staff interviews confirmed education and a quiz on gastrostomy tubes, j-tubes, and what to do if a jejunostomy becomes dislodged. The validation quizzes were reviewed with no concerns. The DON stated on 4/24/25 at 12:22 PM that all the nurses, including new hires and agency nurses, would have to pass the validation quiz for competency regarding feeding tubes. The facility's immediate jeopardy removal date of 4/25/25 was validated.

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F 0757 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Ensure each resident's drug regimen must be free from unnecessary drugs. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 40044 Based on record review, staff and the Medical Director's interviews the facility failed to hold a fast-acting insulin (insulin that begins working within 15 minutes after administration) as ordered by the physician for a blood sugar level less than 150. Resident #4 was administered 2 units of sliding scale insulin with a blood sugar of 103. This occurred for 1 of 1 resident (Resident #4) reviewed for unnecessary medications. Findings included. Resident #4 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses including diabetes. A physician's order for Resident #4 dated 1/6/25 and discontinued on 1/31/25 revealed Humulin R Regular insulin U-100 insulin 100units per milliliter. Administer per sliding scale as follows: No sliding scale coverage for blood sugar less than 150. The Minimum Data Set (MDS) admission assessment dated [DATE] revealed Resident #4 was nonverbal and unable to assess cognition. He received insulin. Review of the Medication Administration Record (MAR) dated January 2025 for Resident #4 revealed Humulin R sliding scale insulin was signed off by Nurse #1 as 0 (zero) units administered at 11:00 AM on 1/25/25. The blood sugar reading was 103. During a phone interview on 4/23/25 at 9:10 AM Nurse #1 stated she administered insulin to Resident #4 in error on 1/25/25. She stated on 1/25/25 she checked Resident #4's blood sugar and recalled his blood sugar was in the low 90's or 100's, and she told his family who were in his room at the time that he would not need the sliding scale insulin. She stated she went back to the medication cart and three nurse aides approached her with problems which distracted her. She then drew up 2 units of insulin and administered it to Resident #4. Once she administered the insulin the family stated they thought he didn't need insulin, and she realized then that he wasn't supposed to get the 2 units that she had just administered. She stated she checked Resident #4's blood sugar following the medication error and his blood sugar remained stable. She stated she reported the medication error to the Director of Nursing (DON) that day. Nurse #1 stated if she documented 0 units administered then it was signed in error because she did give 2 units of insulin at 11:00 AM on 1/25/25. She stated she worked until 7:00 PM on that date and Resident #4 never had any signs or symptoms of low blood sugar. She stated the insulin was administered in error. During a phone interview on 4/23/25 at 11:55 AM the Medical Director stated administering 2 units of sliding scale insulin would not cause Resident #4 any harm and there were no reports made to her of concerns with his insulin or his blood sugar. She indicated if Resident #4 had experienced any negative outcome from receiving insulin when it was not needed she would have wanted to be notified but there had been no reported concerns. She stated the physician orders for administering sliding scale insulin should have been followed. (continued on next page)

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F 0757 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	During an interview on 4/23/25 at 2:00 PM the Director of Nursing (DON) stated she was made aware of the medication error by Nurse #1 on 1/25/25. She stated Nurse #1 was no longer employed with the facility and she had been unable to contact Nurse #1 since that time. She stated Nurse #1 should not have administered Resident #4 sliding scale insulin with a blood sugar reading less than 150. She stated Resident #4 did not experience any negative outcome from receiving the insulin in error. She indicated since that time she had provided education to staff regarding medication administration and further education would be provided.

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F 0770 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Provide timely, quality laboratory services/tests to meet the needs of residents. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 40044 Based on record review, staff, the Nurse Practitioner and Physician interviews, the facility failed to obtain an ordered urinalysis and culture and sensitivity (a urine test obtained to identify the presence of bacteria. A urine culture identifies the presence and type of bacteria causing an infection. Sensitivity tests determine which antibiotics are effective against the bacteria) for a resident experiencing symptoms of burning, urgency and decreased urinary output for 1 of 1 resident (Resident #3) reviewed for laboratory services. Findings included. Resident #3 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnosis including chronic kidney disease. A physician progress note dated 4/15/25 revealed Resident #3 was assessed due to suspected urinary tract infection due to dysuria (painful urination), urinary frequency and urgency. The plan of care was to test a urine culture to evaluate for urinary tract infection. A physician's order dated 4/15/25 at 11:07 AM was entered by Nurse #4 for Resident #3 to obtain a urinalysis and culture and sensitivity for evaluation of urinary tract infection due to complaints of dysuria, frequent urination, and urgency. A physician's order dated 4/15/25 at 11:12 AM for Resident #3 revealed Cephalexin (antibiotic) 500 milligrams (mg) three times a day due to possible urinary tract infection and dysuria. A nursing progress note dated 4/15/25 at 6:32 PM written by Nurse #4 indicated a urinalysis and culture and sensitivity test was pending to rule out a urinary tract infection. Resident #3 complained of burning, urgency and a small amount of urine output. An antibiotic was started according to the physician's order. The Minimum Data Set (MDS) admission assessment dated [DATE] indicated Resident #3 had moderately impaired cognition and was frequently incontinent of bowel and bladder. A Nurse Practitioner note dated 4/22/25 indicated Resident # 3 remained on antibiotics for suspected urinary tract infection with complaints of intermittent discomfort with urination. The Nurse Practitioner indicated that Resident #3 had a suspected urinary tract infection due to dysuria, urinary frequency, and urgency. Review of Resident #3's electronic medical record from 4/15/25 through 4/24/25 revealed no results from the urinalysis and culture and sensitivity report. (continued on next page)

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F 0770 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	During an interview on 4/24/25 at 12:15 PM the Nurse Practitioner stated a urinalysis with culture and sensitivity was ordered for Resident #3 on 4/15/25 by Physician #2. She stated they did not get the lab results back and then discovered on 4/23/25 that the urine sample was still in the refrigerator in the facility and was never picked up by lab services. She stated the nurse who obtained the urine sample (Nurse #4) told her she did obtain the urine sample from Resident #3 via urinary catheterization on 4/15/24. She stated the urinalysis should have been obtained and sent to the lab when the order was written. She stated Resident #3 continued with mild symptoms, but he did not want to be catheterized again at this time. The plan now was to reevaluate Resident #3 on Monday 4/28/25 and a urinalysis would be obtained at that time if needed. During an interview on 4/24/25 at 12:30 PM Nurse #4 stated she received the order for the urinalysis on 4/15/25 and collected the urine sample from Resident #3 that day. She stated she entered the information into the electronic medical record and into the lab services website. She indicated that she did not recall if she recorded it in the lab book for pick up. During an interview on 4/24/25 at 1:00 PM the Unit Manger stated Resident #3's urine sample was obtained on 4/15/25 by Nurse #4 and the order was entered into the electronic medical record and into the lab services database to collect the urine. She stated the process included that once the order was entered into the residents medical record by the nurse, the nurse then had to enter the order into the lab services website and print a requisition form (informs the lab of what tests to perform) and then record it in the lab book which was kept at the nurses station. When the lab company comes to the facility they review the lab book to determine what needed to be collected. She stated the breakdown was that the order was not entered into the lab book therefore the lab did not pick up the urine sample. She indicated she usually checked the lab book to ensure the labs were recorded. She stated it was done in error. During an interview on 4/24/25 at 2:00 PM the Director of Nursing stated she was not aware of the urine sample obtained for urinalysis not being picked up from the lab for Resident #3. She stated a process was in place for obtaining labs and the process was not followed. She stated once the lab order was entered into the resident's medical record it also had to be written in the lab book and that was not done. She stated education would be provided. During an interview on 4/24/25 at 3:00 PM Physician #2 stated she was made aware of the urinalysis not being collected today. She indicated there had been no significant outcome from not obtaining the urinalysis with culture and sensitivity. She stated Resident #3 remained on antibiotics for urinary tract infection and she expected lab orders to be entered correctly, and results made available and that was not done.

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F 0842 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Safeguard resident-identifiable information and/or maintain medical records on each resident that are in accordance with accepted professional standards. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 44890 Based on record review and staff interview, the facility failed to maintain complete and accurate medical records for 2 of 11 residents whose medical records were reviewed (Resident #1 and Resident #4). Findings included. 1.) Resident #1 was admitted to the facility on [DATE]. The physician's orders for Resident #1 revealed orders dated 1/14/25 for: - a jejunostomy tube (a surgically placed feeding tube that delivers nutrition and medications directly into the small intestine) 16 French (size) - tube feeding at a continuous rate of 70 milliliters (ml) an hour for 22 hours to allow for activities of daily living - amlodipine (used to treat high blood pressure) 5 milligrams (mg) tablet per feeding tube, once a day for hypertension (high blood pressure) - cetirizine 10 mg tablet once a day per feeding tube for seasonal allergies - apixaban 5 mg tablet twice a day per feeding tube for anticoagulant (blood thinner) - loratadine 10 mg tablet once a day for allergies The January 2025 Medication Administration Record (MAR) for Resident #1 listed Eliquis, Loratadine, Amlodipine, and Cetirizine as administered via j-tube by Nurse #1 on 1/25/25 during the 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM medication pass. (continued on next page)

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F 0842 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	A partially filled out SBAR (Situation, Background, Appearance, Review and Notify is a structured communication tool used to transmit clear concise information) 4 page form in the chart dated 1/25/25 and signed by Nurse #1 listed the Situation was: The change in condition, symptoms, or signs observed and evaluated were Resident #1 pulling out his jejunostomy tube (j-tube) twice and the condition was listed as occurring before due to resident consistently playing and tugging on the tube. In the section under Background: the box was checked that the resident was in the facility for long-term care. The areas that were not completed were the primary diagnosis, other pertinent history, Medication Alerts for changes, anticoagulants, hypoglycemics, allergies, and vital signs including pulse oximetry (measures the oxygen saturation in the blood cells). The Resident Evaluation was not completed regarding his mental and functional status, behavioral evaluation, respiratory evaluation, cardiovascular evaluation, abdominal/gastrointestinal (GI) evaluation, Genitourinary/Urine evaluation, skin evaluation, pain evaluation, neurological evaluation, and care plan information. There was a box at the top of the evaluations to check if the area was not clinically applicable to the change in the condition being reported. The Section regarding Appearance was not filled out. In the section to Review and Notify the box to call for 911 for transfer to the hospital was checked. Resident #1's name was listed on the form, the Responsible Party (RP) was notified at 12:51 PM, the on-call provider was notified at 1:12 PM and the form was signed and dated by Nurse #1 on 1/25/25 at 12:51 PM. An interview with Nurse #1 was completed on 4/23/25 at 10:00 AM. Nurse #1 stated she was the nurse assigned to care for Resident #1 on 1/25/25 when his j-tube became dislodged. She further stated the residents she was assigned to care for that day were high acuity (residents requiring closer monitoring and treatments with i.e. tracheostomy tubes, feeding tubes, wounds) and she had not completed the documentation related to the incident. Nurse #1 indicated that the Director of Nursing (DON) called her multiple times to return to the facility to complete the paperwork, but she never went back to the facility. Nurse #1 also stated she did not administer Eliquis, Loratadine, Amlodipine, and Cetirizine to Resident #1 on 1/25/25 during the 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM medication pass. She stated that she must have checked the medications off on the MAR as administered when she pulled them from the medication cart, but she did not administer the medications. An interview with the DON was completed on 4/23/25 at 4:00 PM. The DON stated she tried to call Nurse #1 multiple times to get her to come back to the facility to complete the paperwork regarding Resident #1's transfer to the hospital, but she never came back. She indicated she expected the nursing staff documentation to be complete and accurate. 40044 2.) Resident #4 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses including diabetes. A physician's order for Resident #4 dated 1/6/25 and discontinued on 1/31/25 revealed Humulin R Regular insulin U-100 insulin 100units per milliliter. Administer per sliding scale as follows: No sliding scale coverage for blood sugar less than 150. Review of the Medication Administration Record (MAR) dated January 2025 for Resident #4 revealed Humulin R sliding scale insulin was signed off by Nurse #1 as 0 (zero) units administered at 11:00 AM on 1/25/25. The blood sugar reading was 103. (continued on next page)

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F 0842 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	During a phone interview on 4/23/25 at 9:10 AM Nurse #1 stated she administered insulin to Resident #4 in error on 1/25/25. She stated on 1/25/25 she checked Resident #4's blood sugar and recalled his blood sugar was in the low 90's or 100's. She stated she went back to the medication cart and three nurse aides approached her with problems which distracted her. She then drew up 2 units of insulin and administered it to Resident #4. Once she administered the insulin the family stated they thought he didn't need insulin, and she realized then that he wasn't supposed to get the 2 units that she had just administered. Nurse #1 stated if she documented 0 (zero) units administered then it was signed in error because she did give 2 units of insulin at 11:00 AM on 1/25/25. She stated she should have documented that 2 units of insulin was administered to Resident #4. During an interview on 4/23/25 at 2:00 PM the Director of Nursing (DON) stated she was made aware of the medication error by Nurse #1 on 1/25/25. She stated Nurse #1 should not have administered Resident #4 sliding scale insulin with a blood sugar reading less than 150 and she was not aware that she documented in error on the MAR. She stated Nurse #1 should have documented on the MAR that she administered 2 units of insulin to Resident #4. She indicated education would be provided regarding accurately documenting in the medical record.

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F 0880 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Some	Provide and implement an infection prevention and control program. 44890 Based on observations, record review, and staff interviews the facility failed to implement the infection control policy and procedures for Enhanced Barrier Precautions (EBP) when providing direct care activities to residents. Nurse #2 and Nurse #3 provided tracheostomy (an opening surgically created in the neck to insert a tube into the trachea (windpipe) allowing for air to enter the lungs directly) care which included tracheal suctioning (a procedure to remove excess secretions from the airway). Nurse #2 also administered a tube feeding through a gastrostomy tube (a feeding tube placed directly into the stomach). The nurses donned gloves and a mask but no gown during the procedures. This occurred for 2 of 2 staff members (Nurse #2, and Nurse #3) who were observed for infection control practices. Findings included: The facility's Infection Control Policy revised 03/15/25 revealed Enhanced Barrier Precautions (EBP) were intended to prevent transmission of multi-drug-resistant organisms (MDRO's) via contaminated hands and clothing to high-risk residents. Enhanced Barrier Precautions were indicated for high contact care activities for residents with chronic wounds or indwelling devices such as tracheostomies and gastrostomy tubes. 1.) A blue Enhanced Barrier Precautions (EBP) sign was noted outside Resident #2's door. The sign read in part, Perform hand hygiene with alcohol based handrub (ABHR) or wash with soap and water before entering and leaving room .Wear gown and gloves for the following High Contact Resident Care Activities which include: Dressing, bathing/showering, Transferring, changing linens, changing briefs or assisting with toileting, and Device care or use; central lines, urinary catheter, feeding tubes, tracheostomy, Wound care: any skin opening requiring a dressing. An observation of Nurse #2 performing tracheostomy (a surgically created hole through the neck into the trachea (windpipe) to allow air to fill the lungs) suctioning and providing bolus feeding through a gastrostomy tube (a feeding tube place directly into the stomach) for Resident #2 was conducted on 4/22/25 at 2:07 PM. Nurse #2 performed hand hygiene with ABHR prior to applying gloves and was observed suctioning Resident #2's tracheostomy without wearing a protective gown. Nurse #2 removed her soiled gloves and used ABHR sanitizer prior to donning clean gloves. Nurse #2 was observed providing bolus tube feeding through Resident #2's gastrostomy tube without a protective gown. An interview with Nurse #2 was completed on 4/22/25 at 2:25 PM. Nurse #2 stated she was unaware she was supposed to be wearing a protective gown while performing procedures involving tracheostomy and tube feeding care. (continued on next page)

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