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<p>F 0561</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Honor the resident's right to and the facility must promote and facilitate resident self-determination through support of resident choice.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 32968</p> <p>Based on observation, record review, and resident and staff interviews, the facility failed to provide a resident with their preferred number of showers a week for 1 of 1 residents reviewed for choices (Resident #38).</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>Resident # 38 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses that included spondylosis, muscle weakness, venous thrombosis, and anxiety.</p> <p>Resident #38's most recent Minimum Data Set (MDS) dated [DATE] revealed the resident had no cognitive impairments. Resident #38 needed extensive to total assistance with activities for daily living: bed mobility, transfers, eating, toilet use, dressing, personal hygiene, and bathing.</p> <p>Resident #38's care plan dated 02/03/25 revealed Resident #38 was unable to participate in the usual daily routine and needed modified activities or some assistance when using her hands. Resident #38 had an Activities for Daily Living (ADL) self-care performance deficit related to diabetes, spondylosis with myelopathy, osteoarthritis, and muscle weakness. Resident #38 had limited physical mobility and required two-person total assistance utilizing a mechanical lift for transfers and showers.</p> <p>Review of the ADL record for January 2025 and February 2025 documented Resident #38 received one bath on 02/11/24 and no showers and was not noted to have refused a shower during those months.</p> <p>A review of Resident #38's electronic activities for daily living (ADL) bath/shower sheets from 01/21/24 through 02/18/25 revealed one bath on 02/11/25 and no showers during the 30-day look back period.</p> <p>Review of the shower schedule revealed Resident #38's was scheduled for a shower on Tuesdays.</p> <p>An interview and observation was conducted on 02/16/25 at 12:00 PM with Resident #38. She stated she had only received one shower since her admission on 12/06/24. She stated she would like to have 2 showers a week, but staff told her it took too much of their time to take her to the shower room and back, and they could not accommodate her request. Resident #38 was observed sitting up in bed, had a gown on, and her face and hair appeared oily.</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 0561</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>A follow-up interview was conducted on 02/17/25 at 12:00 PM with Resident #38. She stated since her admission she had only received one shower. Resident #38 stated she did not refuse showers and wanted 2 showers a week, but the NAs refused to give her one, with only a partial bed bath now and then. She said she let the nurses know, but still received no showers.</p> <p>An interview was conducted on 02/17/25 at 9:15 AM with Nurse #1. Nurse #1 stated she did not know when Resident #38 last had a shower and that Resident #38 should be getting two showers a week or more if she wants them. Nurse #1 stated all residents should be scheduled for 2 showers per week and on the other days they should receive a bed bath. A review of Resident #38's shower calendar with Nurse #1 revealed Resident #38's shower day was Tuesday. Nurse #1 stated Resident #38 should have had 2 shower days posted per week on the calendar (Tuesday and Saturday), not Just Tuesday. When Nurse #1 checked the electronic shower/bath 30-day look back tracking log from 01/21/25 through 02/18/25, it revealed Resident #38 received no showers and one bath on 02/11/25 at 1:00 PM.</p> <p>An interview was conducted on 02/17/25 at 9:20 AM with NA #1. NA #1 stated Resident #38 told her that she had only had one shower since her admission. NA #1 stated she never gave the resident a shower, and that Resident #38 needed 2 NAs with a mechanical lift to take her to and from the shower room, and that it was easier for the NAs to just to give the resident a bed bath.</p> <p>An interview was conducted on 02/18/25 at 12:15 PM with the Director of Nursing (DON). The DON stated Resident #38 should be getting daily bed baths and 2 showers per week per her preference. But it was currently scheduled for one shower weekly on Tuesday, and she was not getting that and should have been. The DON revealed all residents should have a shower twice a week and whenever they request a shower.</p> <p>An interview was conducted on 02/17/25 at 10:35 AM with the Administrator. He stated he had not heard any complaints about residents not receiving showers.</p>

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<p>F 0580</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Immediately tell the resident, the resident's doctor, and a family member of situations (injury/decline/room, etc.) that affect the resident.</p> <p>40044</p> <p>Based on record review, and staff, Nurse Practitioner, and Physician interviews, the facility failed to notify the Physician, or the Nurse Practitioner of a resident's blood pressure medication Carvedilol 3.125 milligrams prescribed for hypertension and scheduled for administration twice a day was held 34 times during a period of 77 days or that Midodrine (prescribed to increase blood pressure) was being administered outside of the prescribed parameters. This occurred for 2 of 5 residents (Resident #54) reviewed for medication administration and notification to the physician.</p> <p>Findings included.</p> <p>This tag is cross referenced to:</p> <p>F760: Based on record review, and staff, Physician, Nurse Practitioner, and the Consultant Pharmacist interviews the facility failed to 1.)administer the antihypertensive medication Carvedilol 3.125 milligrams prescribed twice a day for hypertension. Resident #54 experienced no significant outcome by not receiving the medication. 2.) hold the blood pressure medication Midodrine (prescribed to increase blood pressure) when the systolic blood pressure was greater than 130 millimeters of mercury (mmHg). Resident #43 experienced no significant outcome from receiving the additional doses. This occurred for 2 of 5 residents (Resident #54 and Resident #43) reviewed for medication administration.</p>

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<p>F 0584</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Honor the resident's right to a safe, clean, comfortable and homelike environment, including but not limited to receiving treatment and supports for daily living safely.</p> <p>32968</p> <p>Based on record review, observations, Administrator, and Maintenance Director interviews, the facility failed to remove the black greenish substance from the commode base caulking in resident rooms (200, 201, 205, 207, 208, 209, 305, and 411), failed to repair resident's overhead lights that were non-functioning in resident rooms (202 and 411). These failures occurred on 3 of 5 hallways (200, 300, and 400 Halls) observed for a safe, clean, homelike environment and failed to maintain hot water temperatures in 2 of the 2 shower rooms on the 300-hall (Spa #1 and Spa #2) reviewed for hot water.</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>1. An observation of the two 300-hall shower rooms was completed during a round on 02/17/25 which started at 9:45 AM with the Maintenance Director. The shower hot water temperature in Spa #1 fluctuated from 85 degrees Fahrenheit (F) to 89 degrees F, and the shower in Spa #2 hot water temperature fluctuated from 83 degrees F to 101 degrees F. Both shower water temperatures were obtained using the calibrated thermometer provided by the Maintenance Director and the temperatures were obtained after 5-minutes of continuous hot water monitoring in both shower rooms. The Maintenance Director stated during the observation the water was too cold for showers, which should have been around 114 degrees F. The Maintenance Director said he would try to adjust the faucets and mixing valve to bring the hot water temperature up to around 114 degrees F.</p> <p>An interview was conducted on 02/21/25 at 12:00 PM with the Administrator and he stated as of September 2024, their paper water temperature logs were no longer being used, since they updated to the electronic Maintenance TELS (The Equipment Lifecycle System) (an online system used to help manage maintenance in a facility). The Administrator explained he had their new electronic TELS water testing log did not include testing water temperatures in the shower rooms. The Administrator further explained he hired a new Maintenance Director and because the 3 shower rooms were inadvertently not added in the TELS water testing log, the Maintenance Director did not track the shower water temperatures which resulted in the 3 shower rooms water temperatures not being monitored. The Maintenance Director said another reason the water in the shower rooms might be cold was due to the hot water having to travel all the way from the boiler to the shower rooms and staff were not waiting 3-5 minutes for the water to heat up.</p> <p>2. An observation on 02/18/25 at 12:00 PM revealed resident commode base caulking in resident rooms (200, 201, 205, 207, 208, 209, 305, and 411), were noted to have black greenish substance located around the base of the commodes.</p> <p>An interview and observation were conducted on 02/18/25 at 1:30 PM with the Maintenance Director. He stated there were areas on the 200, 300, and 400 halls that needed to be addressed, repaired, or replaced. He stated he was new to the building and had no assistant but was slowly keeping up with facility repairs. He said he did not know what the black greenish substance was around some of the commodes commode base caulking in resident rooms (200, 201, 205, 207, 208, 209, 305, and 411). He said maintenance was responsible for repairing or replacing items in the facility, and that some of the commodes caulking needed to be replaced.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0584</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>3. An observation on 02/18/25 starting at 12:15 PM revealed overhead lights that were non-functioning, in rooms (202 and 411). All four alert and oriented residents in the two rooms said they told their nurses about the non-functioning lights, but nothing had been done. They said they primarily use the lighting from the outside window and keep the hallway door open.</p> <p>An interview was conducted on 02/18/25 at 1:30 PM with the Maintenance Director. He stated there were still areas on the 200, 300, and 400 halls that still needed to be addressed, repaired, or replaced. He said maintenance was responsible for repairing or replacing items in the facility, and that some of the overhead lights were not working and needed new ballasts.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with the Administrator on 02/18/25 at 1:50 PM. He revealed they were making progress and were improving residents' living environment to make it more home-like, and that it would take time. He said there were still areas in the facility that still needed to be addressed, and they were actively putting plans in place to address areas concern observed during the survey. The Administrator stated it was his expectation for all the residents to have a safe and homelike environment that was clean and in good repair.</p>		

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<p>F 0600</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Protect each resident from all types of abuse such as physical, mental, sexual abuse, physical punishment, and neglect by anybody.</p> <p>40044</p> <p>Based on observations, record review, and staff interviews, the facility failed to protect a residents' right to be free from neglect when a nurse (Nurse#5) failed to perform the daily wound care to an infected Stage IV left heel pressure wound and an unstageable right heel pressure wound both of which were facility acquired. This failure occurred for 1 of 3 residents reviewed for neglect.</p> <p>Findings included.</p> <p>This tag is cross referenced to:</p> <p>F686: Based on observations, record review, staff, the Medical Director and the Wound Physician interviews, the facility failed to provide wound care according to the physician's order for a Stage IV pressure ulcer on the left heel and an unstageable deep tissue injury on the right heel. This occurred for 1 of 3 residents (Resident #60) reviewed for wound care.</p>

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<p>F 0677</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Provide care and assistance to perform activities of daily living for any resident who is unable.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 40044</p> <p>Based on observations, record review, and staff interviews, the facility failed to provide bathing and showers (Resident #39, Resident #53, and Resident #60) and incontinence care (Resident #7) to residents who were dependent on staff assistance with activities of daily living (ADL). This occurred for 4 of 5 residents reviewed for ADL care.</p> <p>Findings included.</p> <p>1a.) Resident #39 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnosis including Alzheimer's disease.</p> <p>The Minimum Data Set (MDS) admission assessment dated [DATE] revealed Resident #39 was severely cognitively impaired. She had no rejection of care. She had impaired range of motion in her bilateral upper and lower extremities and was dependent on staff for activities of daily living (ADL).</p> <p>A care plan dated 1/16/25 revealed Resident #39 had ADL self-care performance deficit related to her diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease, primary osteoarthritis, diabetes, and hypertension. Interventions included to encourage participation in tasks.</p> <p>During an interview on 2/16/25 at 5:00 PM Nurse #5 stated Resident #39 did not receive her scheduled shower last night on Saturday 2/15/25. She stated it was reported to her this morning when she came on duty by the night nurse and Resident #39 still had not had a shower as of now. She indicated she did not know why the showers weren't done by the Nurse Aides. She stated Resident #39 was scheduled for showers to be given on night shift on Wednesday and Saturday nights.</p> <p>During a phone interview on 3/4/25 at 8:30 PM Nurse Aide #9 stated he was the assigned Nurse Aide on 2/15/25 from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM. He stated baths were not given to any residents during his shift on 2/15/25 because he was the only Nurse Aide assigned on the locked unit that day and there was no time to give baths.</p> <p>During an interview on 2/18/24 at 3:00 PM Nurse Aide #7 stated he worked Saturday night 2/15/25 on the locked unit from 7:00 PM until 7:00 AM. He stated he was an agency nurse aide, and he was made aware of who needed showers when he came on shift. He stated three residents were supposed to get showered that night but stated he was busy during the shift and just didn't get the showers done on any of the three residents which included Resident #39. He stated there were two nurse aides on duty and assigned to the locked unit along with the nurse on Saturday night from 7:00 PM until 7:00 AM which was the usual number of staff on the locked unit.</p> <p>During an interview on 2/16/25 at 2:51 PM Nurse Aide #5 stated she was the assigned Nurse Aide on the locked unit today and was scheduled to work from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM. She stated the second Nurse Aide who was scheduled this shift called out this morning, so it was just her and the nurse until approximately 10:00 AM. She stated Resident #39 had not been given a bath today at this point because there was no time this morning to give baths.</p> <p>b.) Resident #53 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses including dementia.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0677</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>A care plan dated 11/25/24 revealed Resident #53 had an ADL self-care deficit related to dementia. Interventions included assistance by staff with bathing and showering.</p> <p>The Minimum Data Set (MDS) quarterly assessment dated [DATE] revealed Resident #53 had severely impaired cognition. She required extensive assistance by staff with activities of daily living.</p> <p>During an interview on 02/16/25 at 5:00 PM Nurse #5 stated Resident #53 did not receive her scheduled shower last night (Saturday 2/15/25). She stated that was reported to her this morning when she came on duty by the night nurse. She stated Resident #53 still had not had a shower as of now. She stated she did not know why the showers weren't done by the Nurse Aides. She stated Resident #53 was scheduled for showers to be given on night shift on Wednesday and Saturday nights.</p> <p>During a phone interview on 3/4/25 at 8:30 PM Nurse Aide #9 stated he was the assigned Nurse Aide on 2/15/25 from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM. He stated baths were not given to any residents during his shift on 2/15/25 because he was the only Nurse Aide assigned on the locked unit that day and there was no time to give baths.</p> <p>During an interview on 2/18/24 at 3:00 PM Nurse Aide #7 stated he worked Saturday night 2/15/25 on the locked unit from 7:00 PM until 7:00 AM. He stated he was an agency nurse aide and stated he was made aware of who needed showers when he came on shift. He stated he was busy during the shift and just didn't get the showers done on any of the three residents who were scheduled which included Resident #53.</p> <p>During an interview on 2/16/25 at 2:51 PM Nurse Aide #5 stated she was the assigned Nurse Aide on the locked unit today and was scheduled to work from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM. She stated Resident #53 had not been given a bath today at this point because there was no time this morning to give baths.</p> <p>c.) Resident #60 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses including dementia.</p> <p>A care plan revised 11/25/24 revealed Resident #60 had an ADL self-care deficit related to dementia with agitation. Interventions included to encourage resident to participate to the fullest extent.</p> <p>The Minimum Data Set (MDS) quarterly assessment dated [DATE] revealed Resident #60 had moderately impaired cognition. She required extensive assistance by staff with activities of daily living. She had no rejection of care.</p> <p>During an interview on 02/16/25 at 5:00 PM Nurse #5 stated Resident #60 did not receive her scheduled shower last night (Saturday 2/15/25). She stated Resident #60 still had not had a shower as of now. She stated she did not know why the showers weren't done by the Nurse Aides. She stated Resident #60 was scheduled for showers to be given on night shift on Wednesday and Saturday nights.</p> <p>During a phone interview on 3/4/25 at 8:30 PM Nurse Aide #9 stated he was the assigned Nurse Aide on 2/15/25 from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM. He stated baths were not given to any residents during his shift on 2/15/25 because he was the only Nurse Aide assigned on the locked unit that day and there was no time to give baths.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>

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<p>F 0677</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>During an interview on 2/18/24 at 3:00 PM Nurse Aide #7 stated he worked Saturday night 2/15/25 on the locked unit from 7:00 PM until 7:00 AM. He stated he was an agency nurse aide and stated he was made aware of who needed showers when he came on shift. He stated he was busy during the shift and just didn't get the showers done on either of the three residents who were scheduled which included Resident #60.</p> <p>During an interview on 2/16/25 at 2:51 PM Nurse Aide #5 stated she was the assigned Nurse Aide on the locked unit today and was scheduled to work from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM. She stated Resident #60 had not been given a bath today at this point because there was no time this morning to give baths.</p> <p>During a phone interview on 2/18/24 at 4:00 PM Nurse #7 stated she was the assigned nurse on the locked unit on Saturday night 2/15/25. She stated she was an agency nurse, and it was her very first night working in the facility. She indicated she was aware showers were scheduled on night shift but did not know why the nurse aides on duty Saturday night didn't do them. She indicated she reported this to the oncoming nurse the next morning.</p> <p>During the survey three attempts were made to contact Nurse Aide #8 who was on duty in the locked unit from 7:00 PM until 7:00 AM on Saturday night 2/15/25. There was no response.</p> <p>During an interview on 02/19/25 at 11:24 AM the Director of Nursing (DON) stated she was made aware of the three residents who did not get showered on their scheduled shower day on Saturday night 2/15/25. She stated she did confirm after talking with Nurse Aide #7 and Nurse Aide #8 who were the nurse aides on duty that showers weren't given. She stated they chose not to do the showers, and they received disciplinary action and were pulled from the locked unit. She stated they typically had two nurse aides assigned to each shift on the locked unit and there were two nurse aides on duty from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM. She stated the showers should have been given.</p> <p>35173</p> <p>2) Resident #7 was admitted to the facility on [DATE]. Diagnoses included history of urinary tract infections, muscle wasting and atrophy, and need for assistance with personal care.</p> <p>The Minimum Data Set (MDS) quarterly assessment dated [DATE] revealed Resident #7 was cognitively intact and was coded for impairments to both sides of upper and lower extremities and dependent with one staff physical assistance for ADL care. Resident #7 was always incontinent of bowel and bladder.</p> <p>A care plan updated on 02/11/25 for Resident #7 revealed a plan of care was in place for incontinent care and required staff assistance with toileting and bowel and bladder incontinence. The goal of care was to receive the appropriate level of staff assistance for toileting and incontinence care. Interventions included providing one person assistance with toileting and incontinence care. A plan of care was in place for limited physical mobility related to weakness, impaired mobility and incontinence with a goal that resident would be free of complications related to immobility to include skin breakdown. Interventions included observing for any signs or symptoms of skin breakdown. A plan of care updated on 02/13/25 revealed the resident had a Stage IV pressure ulcer to her coccyx (a small bone at the base of the spinal column above the buttocks) related to immobility and incontinence with a goal that the pressure ulcer would show signs of healing and remain free from infection. Interventions included observing any changes in skin status.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0677</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>An observation and interview with Resident #7 on 02/16/25 at 10:30 AM revealed an alert and oriented resident lying in bed on her back. Resident #7 reported that her brief had not been changed since early this morning and stated it was well before breakfast. Resident #7 stated she was wet with urine at this time and wanted to be changed. Resident #7 stated she would ring her call bell to get assistance.</p> <p>A follow up observation and interview was conducted with Resident #7 on 02/16/25 at 1:15 PM. Resident #7 stated she rang her call bell and told the Nurse Aide (NA) #2 that she needed her brief to be changed. The call light was not sounding upon entry to Resident #7's room. Resident #7 reported NA #2 stated she would be right back but she did not come back. Resident #7 stated she believed it was about 10:30 AM or so when she pressed her call bell, but she could not remember the actual time. Resident #7 stated she wanted her brief to be changed, but she did not want to keep bothering the nurse aide.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with Nurse Aide (NA) #2 on 02/16/25 at 1:15 PM. NA #2 was asked when the last time was that she checked on and changed Resident #7's brief. NA #2 responded I don't know, I don't keep track of that. I am so busy with the 18 residents on my hall. NA #2 stated she did not recall Resident #7 ringing her call bell to ask for assistance or telling Resident #7 she would be back. NA #2 stated she would check Resident #7 at this time.</p> <p>An observation of NA #2 was conducted on 02/16/25 at 1:15 PM. NA #2 was noted to have checked Resident #7's brief and it was noted to be saturated with a significant amount urine. NA #2 was observed changing Resident #7's brief at this time. Resident #7's dressing to her coccyx was noted to be intact.</p> <p>A follow up interview was conducted with NA #2 on 02/16/25 at 1:45 PM. NA #2 stated she was doing the best she could with keeping up with changing her residents. NA #2 stated she tried to check her residents every 2 - 3 hours per the facility protocol to see if the residents needed to be changed, but that Resident #7 had gone over 4 hours before she was changed again. NA #2 stated she did not remember when she first changed Resident #7 but she thought it was at the start of her shift around 7:30 AM. NA #2 stated she should have checked her for incontinence again after 2-3 hours since she was one of her residents known to urinate a lot.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with the Administrator on 02/21/25 via phone at 1:35 PM. The Administrator stated he would have expected the nurse aides to check and change all residents on their assignment every 2 - 3 hours to ensure they were kept dry and clean to maintain the resident's skin integrity.</p>		

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<p>F 0686</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide appropriate pressure ulcer care and prevent new ulcers from developing.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 40044</p> <p>Based on observations, record review, and staff, the Medical Director and the Wound Physician interviews, the facility failed to provide wound care according to the physician's order for a Stage IV pressure ulcer on the left heel and an unstageable deep tissue injury on the right heel. This occurred for 1 of 3 residents (Resident #60) reviewed for wound care.</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>Resident #60 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses including peripheral arterial disease, diabetes, hypertension, and dysphagia.</p> <p>A care plan dated 11/18/24 revealed Resident #60 had deep tissue injuries to her left and right heel and was at risk for further decline and infection. Interventions included in part to administer wound care treatments as ordered and monitor for effectiveness.</p> <p>The Minimum Data Set (MDS) quarterly assessment dated [DATE] revealed Resident #60 had moderately impaired cognition. She had two deep tissue injuries. She had no rejection of care.</p> <p>The wound physician's note dated 2/12/25 revealed Resident #60 was evaluated for Stage IV pressure wound to the left heel. The wound measured 4.2 centimeters (cm) x 8 cm x 0.2 cm. The wound had 60% thick adherent devitalized necrotic tissue. The wound progress was not at goal. The treatment plan was Santyl (debriding ointment) daily for 16 days and alginate (absorbent protective dressing) daily for 23 days.</p> <p>The wound physician note dated 2/12/25 revealed Resident #60 was evaluated for an unstageable full thickness wound to the right heel. The wound measured 2.6 centimeters (cm) x 5.2 cm x 0.1 cm. The wound had 40% thick adherent black necrotic tissue (eschar). The wound progress was not at goal. The treatment plan was Santyl (debriding ointment) daily for 23 days and alginate (absorbent protective dressing) daily for 23 days.</p> <p>A physician's order dated 2/13/25 for Resident #60 revealed Santyl ointment 250 units per gram. Apply to left heel daily. Cleanse with normal saline, pat dry. Apply Santyl to wound bed, apply oil emulsion to wound bed, and apply calcium alginate and cover with gauze daily.</p> <p>A physician's order dated 2/13/25 for Resident #60 revealed Santyl ointment 250 units per gram. Apply to right heel daily. Cleanse with normal saline, pat dry. Apply Santyl to wound bed, then apply calcium alginate to wound bed and cover with gauze daily.</p> <p>A physician's order dated 2/13/25 for Resident #60 revealed Doxycycline (antibiotic) oral tablets 100 milligrams (mg). Give 1 tablet by mouth two times a day for wound infection for 10 days.</p> <p>A care plan dated 2/14/25 revealed Resident #60 had a Stage 4 pressure ulcer on her left heel and was at risk for further decline in skin integrity and infection. Interventions included in part to administer wound care treatments as ordered and monitor for effectiveness.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0686</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Review of the Treatment Administration Record (TAR) dated February 2025 for Resident #60 revealed the daily wound treatment of Santyl to bilateral heels was not signed off as administered on 2/15/25.</p> <p>During an observation on 02/16/25 at 4:50 PM Resident #60 was sitting up in her wheelchair in the common area of the locked dementia unit. She was not oriented to person, place, or time. Heel protector boots were in place on both feet. Nurse #5 removed the heel protector boots which revealed bilateral soiled dressings on the heels that were falling off. The dressings on both heels were dated 2/14/25.</p> <p>During an interview on 2/16/25 at 4:50 PM Nurse #5 stated she worked Saturday 2/15/25 from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM and today Sunday 2/16/25 from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM. She stated Resident #60 had a Stage IV left heel wound and an unstageable wound to her right heel and had orders to receive daily dressing changes. When asked if the wound care had been completed over the weekend, Nurse #5 stated no she did not complete the wound treatment on Saturday because she was going to have the night shift nurse (Nurse #7) change the dressing during Resident #60's shower which was scheduled to be given Saturday night. She stated when she returned to work Sunday morning at 7:00 AM she discovered Resident #60's wound care had not been completed during the night. Nurse #5 stated the wound care to Resident #60's heels had not been done since day shift Friday 2/14/25 when the wound nurse did the treatment. When Nurse #5 was asked why the dressings had not been changed today and it was near the end of her shift and had been over 48 hours since the last dressing change, she stated she had been busy and just had not done them yet.</p> <p>Review of the Treatment Administration Record (TAR) on 2/17/25 for Resident #60 revealed the wound treatment of Santyl to bilateral heels was signed off as administered after 6:00 PM on 2/16/25.</p> <p>A phone interview was conducted on 2/17/25 at 3:00 PM with Nurse #7 the night shift nurse who worked 7:00 PM on 2/15/25 until 7:00 AM on 2/16/25. She stated she was an agency nurse and 2/15/25 was the first night she had ever worked in the facility. She stated it was not reported to her that Resident #60's wound care had not been completed on day shift on 2/15/25. She stated it did not populate in the electronic medical record for her to complete a dressing change for Resident #60 during her shift.</p> <p>During an interview on 2/17/25 at 10:00 AM the Wound Nurse stated she completed Resident #60's wound care to her bilateral heels early on Friday 2/14/25. She indicated it was before 12:00 PM. She stated the assigned nurse was responsible for wound care over the weekends when she was off. She was not aware that the heel dressings were not changed on 2/15/25 and not until late in the day on 2/16/25. She stated Resident #60 was followed by the wound care physician and had orders for daily dressing changes. She stated Resident #60's wound care was scheduled to be completed on day shift. She stated she was also currently receiving antibiotics beginning 2/13/25 due to a wound infection.</p> <p>During an interview on 2/18/25 at 2:00 PM the Medical Director stated Resident #60 had chronic wounds and was followed weekly by the wound care physician. She stated wound care should be completed according to the physician orders.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0686</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>During an interview on 02/19/25 at 03:13 PM the Wound Care Physician stated Resident #60's wounds were evaluated by her weekly. She stated Resident #60 had bilateral heel wounds and orders to complete daily dressing changes using Santyl to both heels. She stated Resident #60 had poor vasculature which impacted her wound healing and potentially causing the wounds to take longer to heal. She stated she was currently receiving the antibiotic Doxycycline for wound infection of the Stage IV on the left heel. She stated she was made aware that Resident #60 missed the wound care treatment over the weekend. She stated the wound had not deteriorated due to not getting the treatment done on 2/15/25. She indicated that it was important for daily wound care to be completed to promote healing and reduce the risk for further infection.</p> <p>During an interview on 2/20/25 at 3:00 PM the Director of Nursing (DON) stated she was made aware that Resident #60's wound care was not completed by Nurse #5 on Saturday 2/15/25. She stated the wound care populated in the electronic medical record to be completed during day shift and she expected the day shift nurse to complete the treatment. She stated when Nurse #5 returned to work Sunday 2/16/25 and realized the dressing change had not been completed since Friday 2/14/25 the nurse should have completed the dressing change sooner than later. She indicted going over 48 hours between daily dressing changes was not acceptable especially since the wound was being treated for infection. She stated education would be provided to staff.</p> <p>During a phone interview on 3/4/25 at 2:00 PM the Medical Director stated Resident #60 was admitted to the facility in March 2024. When she came in, she was frail and in need of a higher level of care. Over the course of a few months, she had weight loss. Labs were done during that time which showed no acute findings. She was also diabetic, and they tried to adjust some of her diabetic medications. She stated overall during the course of several months Resident #60 started to decline due to advanced dementia, and weight loss. When she developed the deep tissue injuries (DTIs) on her heels they ordered a doppler ultrasound (imaging studies to determine blood flow). The doppler study showed severe peripheral arterial disease (narrowed arteries causing reduced blood flow to the arms or legs). She stated Resident #60's multiple comorbidities contributed to her wound development. She stated her overall decline could not have been avoided. She indicated that due to her overall decline in health along with severe peripheral arterial disease these wounds were not avoidable.</p>

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<p>F 0692</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Provide enough food/fluids to maintain a resident's health.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 40044</p> <p>Based on record review, and staff, Registered Dietician and Physician interviews, the facility failed to provide a nutritional supplement ordered twice a day for 30 days for wound healing to a resident who was at risk for malnutrition and had a facility acquired unstageable deep tissue injury of the right heel and a deep tissue injury to the left heel that developed into a Stage IV pressure wound. This occurred to 1 of 10 residents (Resident #60) reviewed for nutrition.</p> <p>Findings included.</p> <p>Resident #60 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses including muscle wasting with atrophy, dysphagia, and dementia.</p> <p>A wound physician's report dated 11/20/24 revealed Resident #60 had bilateral deep tissue injuries to her left and right heels.</p> <p>A care plan revised 11/25/24 revealed Resident #60 was at nutritional risk due to cognitive decline associated with dementia, dysphagia with a modified diet order, age-related physiological decline and debility, skin breakdown, diabetes, and aphasia. She was at risk for malnutrition, and for hydration alterations and weight fluctuations secondary to diuretic use. Interventions included in part: to observe for signs of malnutrition and provide and serve supplements as ordered. The Registered Dietician will evaluate and make diet change recommendations as needed.</p> <p>The Registered Dietician review note dated 12/17/24 revealed that she evaluated Resident #60. The head-to-toe skin review indicated that Resident #60 had a suspected deep tissue injury on the right and left heel. The current weight on 12/4/24 was 111 pounds, which was up over the past month. The Registered Dietician recommended for wound healing Arginaid twice a day for 30 days. (Arginaid is a nutritional supplement in a powder or drink mix that contains arginine. Arginine is an amino acid that's essential for wound healing. It stimulates the release of growth hormone and insulin-like growth factor, which can improve wound healing.)</p> <p>Review of the Medication Administration Record (MAR) and the Treatment Administration Record (TAR) dated December 2024 revealed no documentation that Arginaid nutritional supplement was administered to Resident #60.</p> <p>Review of Resident #60's progress notes from 12/17/24 through 12/31/24 revealed no documentation as to why Arginaid was not administered.</p> <p>Review of the Medication Administration Record (MAR) and the Treatment Administration Record (TAR) dated January 2025 revealed no documentation that Arginaid nutritional supplement was administered to Resident #60.</p> <p>Review of Resident #60's progress notes from 1/1/25 through 1/17/25 revealed no documentation as to why Arginaid was not administered.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0692</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>The Minimum Data Set (MDS) quarterly assessment dated [DATE] revealed Resident #60 had moderately impaired cognition. She had two deep tissue injuries. She had no rejection of care.</p> <p>A wound physician's report dated 2/12/25 for Resident #60 revealed the deep tissue injury to the left heel had now revealed itself to be a Stage IV pressure injury. The right heel wound remained unstageable due to necrosis.</p> <p>The Registered Dietician review note dated 2/13/25 revealed that she evaluated Resident #60 for pressure areas and weight loss. The wound report indicated Resident #60 had wounds to the left and right heel. The Registered Dietician recommended for wound healing and weight stability Arginaid twice a day for 90 days.</p> <p>Review of the Medication Administration Record (MAR) and the Treatment Administration Record (TAR) dated February 2025 revealed no documentation that Arginaid was administered to Resident #60.</p> <p>Review of Resident #60's progress notes from 2/1/25 through 2/28/25 revealed no documentation as to why Arginaid was not administered.</p> <p>Review of the Medication Administration Record (MAR) and the Treatment Administration Record (TAR) dated March 2025 revealed no documentation that Arginaid was administered to Resident #60 as of 3/5/25.</p> <p>During an interview on 2/17/25 at 2:30 PM Nurse #8 stated she was consistently assigned to care for Resident #60. She stated Resident #60 had pressure wounds, but she did not recall Resident #60 receiving Arginaid at any time since December 2024. She stated she did not see the order on the MAR or the TAR for Arginaid for Resident #60 in December 2024, or January 2025 or through today 2/17/25.</p> <p>During an interview on 02/18/25 at 2:44 PM the Registered Dietician stated she last evaluated Resident #60 on 2/13/25. The progress notes indicated Resident #60 continued with deep tissue injuries and Stage III and Stage IV pressure wounds. She stated she was not aware that the Arginaid recommendation for wound healing was not implemented in December 2024, but a new recommendation was made for Arginaid on 2/13/25. She stated she did not enter her recommendations as orders. She stated when she wrote the recommendations, she emailed them to the Director of Nursing, then the physician would sign off on the order then the nursing staff would enter it into the resident's electronic medical record to be implemented.</p> <p>During an interview on 02/20/25 at 1:04 PM the Director of Nursing (DON) stated that when the Registered Dietician made recommendations following her evaluations, she emailed the recommendations to her. She stated she would then forward the email to the Unit Manager to complete the order process. She indicated that she gave the recommendations made by the Registered Dietician to Unit Manager #1 following the December 2024 evaluation of Resident #60.</p> <p>During a phone interview on 02/21/25 at 2:05 PM Unit Manager #1 stated she gets the Registered Dietician recommendations from the DON. She stated once she gets the recommendation, she sends it to the Nurse Practitioner or the Physician to be signed off, then she would enter the order into the electronic medical record, and it would flow to the Medication Administration Record. She stated she looked back for the recommendation for Resident #60 from December 2024 for Arginaid and she could not find where the recommendation was sent to her. She indicated it was missed and was never implemented.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0692</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>During a phone interview on 3/4/25 at 2:00 PM the Physician stated Resident #60 had an unstageable deep tissue injury on her right heel and a Stage IV pressure wound on her left heel. She stated Resident #60 had multiple comorbidities that contributed to her wound development and the wounds were unavoidable. She stated she was made aware of the Arginaid order not getting entered for Resident #60 following the onsite survey period. She stated Arginaid had not been used in the facility for several years, however if it was recommended by the Registered Dietician then she would have signed off on the recommendation and expected the order to be entered and administered to the resident.</p> <p>A phone interview was conducted on 3/5/25 at 2:00 PM with the Registered Dietician, along with the Administrator and the Corporate Nurse. The Registered Dietician stated her recommendations had to have approval by the Physician before they were entered as an order. She stated she made another recommendation for Arginaid for Resident #60 during her last evaluation on 2/13/25 to aid in wound healing. The Corporate Nurse stated there had been an issue with the Registered Dieticians emails getting transmitted to the DON. The Administrator stated they just ordered the Arginaid for Resident #60, and it arrived at the facility on Monday 3/3/25. He stated Resident #60 would get the Argnaid by tomorrow 3/6/25.</p>

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<p>F 0725</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide enough nursing staff every day to meet the needs of every resident; and have a licensed nurse in charge on each shift.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 35173</p> <p>Based on observations, record review, staff, and resident interviews the facility failed to provide sufficient nursing staff to provide incontinence care to a dependent resident (Resident #7). Nurse Aide #2 reported she changed Resident #7's brief at approximately at 7:30 AM and had not checked the resident for incontinence needs again until 1:15 PM. This occurred for 1 of 24 residents reviewed for sufficient staffing.</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>Resident #7 was admitted to the facility on [DATE]. Diagnoses included history of urinary tract infections, muscle wasting and atrophy, and need for assistance with personal care.</p> <p>The Minimum Data Set (MDS) quarterly assessment dated [DATE] revealed Resident #7 was cognitively intact and was coded for impairments to both sides of upper and lower extremities and dependent with one staff physical assistance for ADL care. Resident #7 was always incontinent of bowel and bladder.</p> <p>A review of the staffing assignment sheet on 02/16/25 revealed there was one nurse aide assigned to each of the 100 hall, 200 hall, 300, and 400 hall from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM, one nurse aide on the 500 hall (locked unit) due to a call out, and 2 nurse aides from 10:00 AM until 7:00 PM.</p> <p>The facility census (number of residents residing in the facility) posting on 02/16/25 was 81 residents.</p> <p>The staffing assignment sheets on 02/16/25 revealed the following:</p> <p>Nurse Aide #2 assigned to the 100 Hall with 16 residents</p> <p>Nurse Aide #3 assigned to the 200 Hall with 15 residents</p> <p>Nurse Aide #4 assigned to the 300 Hall with 17 residents</p> <p>Nurse Aide #1 assigned to the 400 Hall with 17 residents</p> <p>Nurse Aide #5 and Nurse Aide #6 assigned to the 500 hall with 16 residents</p> <p>The total number of nurse aides working on 02/16/25 during the 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM was 6. There was a medication aide who was not working as a nurse aide who was administering medications on the 200 hall.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0725</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>An observation and interview with Resident #7 on 02/16/25 at 10:30 AM revealed an alert and oriented resident lying in bed on her back. Resident #7 reported that her brief had not been changed since early this morning and stated it was well before breakfast. Resident #7 stated she was wet with urine at this time and wanted to be changed. Resident #7 stated she would ring her call bell to get assistance.</p> <p>A follow up observation and interview was conducted with Resident #7 on 02/16/25 at 1:15 PM. Resident #7 stated she rang her call bell and told Nurse Aide (NA) #2 that she needed her brief to be changed. The call light was not sounding upon entry to Resident #7's room. Resident #7 reported NA #2 stated she would be right back but she did not come back. Resident #7 stated she believed it was about 10:30 AM or so when she pressed her call bell, but she could not remember the actual time. Resident #7 stated she wanted her brief to be changed, but she did not want to keep bothering the nurse aide.</p> <p>An observation of NA #2 was conducted on 02/16/25 at 1:15 PM. NA #2 was noted to have checked Resident #7's brief and it was noted to be saturated with a significant amount urine. NA #2 was observed changing Resident #7's brief at this time.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with NA #2 on 02/16/25 at 1:15 PM. NA #2 was asked when she last checked and changed Resident #7's brief. NA #2 responded I don't know, I don't keep track of that. I am so busy with the 18 residents on my hall. NA #2 stated she did not recall Resident #7 ringing her call bell to ask for assistance or telling Resident #7 she would be back. NA #2 stated she had 18 residents and it was very difficult to meet all the needs of the residents, and she was not always able to meet their needs during her shift. NA #2 stated she was working from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM on this hall. She stated she could not always find a staff member to assist her because the other aides were busy too. She stated 18 residents on the 100 hall were a lot of residents to care for during the day and evening shift and it was difficult to do it alone and provide the care needed.</p> <p>A follow up interview was conducted with NA #2 on 02/16/25 at 1:45 PM. NA #2 stated she was doing the best she could with keeping up with changing her residents. NA #2 stated she tried to check her residents every 2 - 3 hours per the facility protocol to see if the residents needed to be changed, but that Resident #7 had gone over 4 hours before she was changed again. NA #2 stated she did not remember when she first changed Resident #7 but she thought it was at the start of her shift around 7:30 AM. NA #2 stated she should have checked her for incontinence again after 2-3 hours since she was one of her residents known to urinate a lot. At this time, the actual number of residents she was assigned was confirmed by Nurse Aide to be 16 residents on 02/16/25. NA #2 stated 16 residents on day shift was a lot of care to provide with one nurse aide.</p> <p>An interview with the Scheduler on 02/18/25 at 1:30 PM revealed on day shift (7:00 AM until 7:00 PM) she was allocated to have 7 nurse aides. The scheduler stated if a staff member called off, they had to try and replace the call out. She stated normal scheduling was based on the facility census and with the census being 81, she would schedule 7 nurse aides but someone almost always called out.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0725</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>During an interview on 02/18/25 at 11:55 AM Nurse Aide #1 stated it was difficult for her to get all of her care done for the residents when she worked the 400 hall by herself. Nurse Aide #1 stated she usually had at least 17 residents on day shift on her assignment. Nurse Aide #1 stated a lot of her residents on the 400 hall required two person assistance or the need for a mechanical lift and it was not easy to find the second person to help. Nurse Aide #1 stated she would ask the upper management staff to assist, but they were not always available to assist. Nurse Aide #1 stated she would then not be able to get the residents out of bed until she found help.</p> <p>During a phone interview on 03/04/25 at 8:00 PM Nurse Aide #14 stated they needed more Nurse Aides assigned to all the halls. NA #14 stated care to the residents was not always getting done such as incontinence care when there was not enough staff. NA #14 stated he had worked each hall and it was always staffed with the bare minimum (1 nurse aide per hall) and it was hard to get care done for the residents.</p> <p>A phone interview was conducted with the Administrator on 02/21/25 at 1:35 PM. The Administrator stated the census on 02/16/25 was 81 and he had scheduled 7 Nurse Aides. He stated they were allocated 7 Nurse Aides on day shift, and they scheduled seven but that included a Medication Aide as well. He stated the 7th person was a Nurse Aide/Medication Aide and was assigned to a medication cart on the 02/16/25 which left only 6 Nurse Aides for 81 residents. The Administrator stated he did not feel it was a concern and that one Nurse Aide to 16 - 17 residents was a manageable assignment. The Administrator stated the assignment was tough but doable.</p>		

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<p>F 0727</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Have a registered nurse on duty 8 hours a day; and select a registered nurse to be the director of nurses on a full time basis.</p> <p>37673</p> <p>Based on record review and staff interviews, the facility failed to provide 8 hours of Registered Nurse (RN) coverage for 13 of 275 days reviewed for staffing (04/6/24, 04/20/24, 04/21/24, 07/13/24, 07/27/24, 08/17/24, 09/07/24, 09/08/24, 09/28/24, 09/29/24, 10/05/24, 10/28/24, and 12/03/24).</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>The PBJ (Payroll Based Journal) Staffing Data Report Fiscal Year - Quarter 1, 2024 (October 1 - December 31) documented the facility had no RN Coverage on 10/08/24, 11/19/24, 12/03/24, and 12/31/24. In addition, the PBJ Staffing Data Report Fiscal Year - Quarter 3, 2024 (April 1 - June 30) documented the facility had no RN Coverage on 04/06/24, 04/07/24, 04/20/24, and 04/21/24.</p> <p>In an interview with the Human Resources Director on 02/18/25 at 1:50 PM she stated she verified by reviewing the daily employee timecard punches that an Agency RN had worked 8 hours on the following dates: 04/07/24, 10/08/24, 11/19/24, 12/31/24. She could not explain why the PBJ report did not recognize the hours worked by the Agency RN because she did not punch the time clock. The Human Resources Director verified by reviewing the timecard punches that the facility did not have 8 hours of RN coverage on the following dates: 04/06/24, 04/20/24, 04/21/24, 07/13/24, 07/27/24, 08/17/24, 09/07/24, 09/08/24, 09/28/24, 09/29/24, 10/05/24, 10/28/24, and 12/03/24. She explained the facility advertised through the internet and social media, participated in local college skills fairs, and placed a sign in facility yard in an effort to hire RN's.</p> <p>In an interview with the Administrator on 02/20/25 at 9:56 AM he explained the facility had a hard time hiring RNs and the Agency also had trouble supplying licensed RNs for the facility. He felt the facility offered a competitive wage. He noted a new scheduler had been hired on 12/06/24 and the scheduling had improved.</p>

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<p>F 0732</p> <p>Level of Harm - Potential for minimal harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Post nurse staffing information every day.</p> <p>37673</p> <p>Based on record review and staff interviews, the facility failed to accurately document the Daily Nursing Hours' postings on 4 of 324 days reviewed (6/8/24, 6/9/24, 8/17/24 and 12/3/24).</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>Review of the Daily Nursing Hours Report from 4/1/24 through 2/18/25 revealed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. On 6/8/24 the report was blank. b. On 6/9/24 the report was blank. c. On 08/17/24 the report had no data recorded for third shift (11:00 pm-7:00 am). d. On 12/03/24 the posting documented 8 hours of RN (Registered Nurse) coverage when there was none for that 24 hour period. <p>In an interview with the Human Resources Director on 02/18/25 at 1:50 PM she verified by reviewing the employee timecard punches that there had been no RN coverage in the building on 12/03/24 and that the Daily Nursing Hours posting was incorrect.</p> <p>In an interview with the Administrator on 02/20/25 at 9:56 AM he stated there was no excuse for the two postings that were blank. He explained he had assigned himself to review the daily postings to ensure accuracy but had quit checking them 3 or 4 months after their last recertification survey. He noted he spent 2 weeks training a new scheduler that had been hired on 12/06/24 and there had been no errors on the Daily Nursing Hours Report since then.</p>

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<p>F 0756</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Ensure a licensed pharmacist perform a monthly drug regimen review, including the medical chart, following irregularity reporting guidelines in developed policies and procedures.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 40044</p> <p>Based on record review, and Physician and Consultant Pharmacist's interviews, the Pharmacist failed to identify and address during the monthly medication regimen review that a residents Carvedilol 3.125 milligrams prescribed for hypertension was held 17 out of 31 days during December 2024. This occurred for 1 of 5 residents (Resident #54) reviewed for medication administration.</p> <p>Findings included.</p> <p>Resident #54 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses to include hypertension.</p> <p>A physician's order dated 6/10/24 for Resident #54 revealed Carvedilol (antihypertensive) 3.125 milligram tablets. Give one tablet orally two times a day for hypertension. There were no parameters on the order to hold the medication.</p> <p>Review of the Medication Administration Record (MAR) dated December 2024 for Resident #54 revealed Carvedilol 3.125 milligram tablets. Give one tablet orally two times a day for hypertension to be administered at 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM. There were no parameters on the MAR to hold the medication. The medication was signed off on the following dates and times with either a chart code of 4 meaning vital signs were outside of the parameters or a chart code of 5 meaning the medication was held:</p> <p>12/3/24 at 8:00 AM the blood pressure was 120/51 millimeters of mercury (mmHg) and signed off with chart code of 5 by Nurse #5.</p> <p>12/6/24 at 8:00 AM the blood pressure was 103/57 millimeters of mercury (mmHg) and signed off with chart code of 5 by Nurse #5.</p> <p>12/7/24 at 8:00 AM the blood pressure was 108/63 millimeters of mercury (mmHg) and signed off with chart code of 4 by Nurse #5.</p> <p>12/8/24 at 8:00 AM the blood pressure was 108/63 millimeters of mercury (mmHg) and signed off with chart code of 4 by Nurse #5.</p> <p>12/8/24 at 8:00 PM the blood pressure was 105/50 millimeters of mercury (mmHg) and signed off with chart code of 5 by Nurse #11.</p> <p>12/11/24 at 8:00 AM the blood pressure was 110/51 millimeters of mercury (mmHg) and signed off with chart code of 5 by Nurse #5.</p> <p>12/11/24 at 8:00 PM the blood pressure was 105/57 millimeters of mercury (mmHg) and signed off with chart code of 5 by Nurse #11.</p> <p>12/12/24 at 8:00 AM the blood pressure was 100/55 millimeters of mercury (mmHg) and signed off with chart code of 4 by Nurse #5.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>

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<p>F 0756</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>12/14/24 at 8:00 PM the blood pressure was 110/70 millimeters of mercury (mmHg) and signed off with chart code of 4 by Nurse #8.</p> <p>12/16/24 at 8:00 AM the blood pressure was 108/78 millimeters of mercury (mmHg) and signed off with chart code of 4 by Nurse #5.</p> <p>12/19/24 at 8:00 PM the blood pressure was 118/60 millimeters of mercury (mmHg) and signed off with chart code of 4 by Nurse #8.</p> <p>12/23/24 at 8:00 AM the blood pressure was 128/60 millimeters of mercury (mmHg) and signed off with chart code of 4 by Nurse #8.</p> <p>12/23/24 at 8:00 PM the blood pressure was 104/64 millimeters of mercury (mmHg) and signed off with chart code of 4 by Nurse #8.</p> <p>12/24/24 at 8:00 AM the blood pressure was 110/56 millimeters of mercury (mmHg) and signed off with chart code of 4 by Nurse #8.</p> <p>12/25/24 at 8:00 AM the blood pressure was 105/93 millimeters of mercury (mmHg) and signed off with chart code of 5 by Nurse #5.</p> <p>12/26/24 at 8:00 AM the blood pressure was 116/54 millimeters of mercury (mmHg) and signed off with chart code of 4 by Nurse #5.</p> <p>12/30/24 at 8:00 PM the blood pressure was 106/90 millimeters of mercury (mmHg) and signed off with chart code of 5 by Nurse #11.</p> <p>Review of the monthly Pharmacy medication regimen review for January 2025 revealed no recommendations to address Resident #54's Carvedilol 3.125 milligrams being held 17 times during the previous month of December 2024.</p> <p>During a phone interview on 2/21/25 at 10:00 AM the Physician stated she was not aware that Resident #54's Carvedilol was being held so many times. She stated she did not usually put hold parameters on blood pressure medications. She stated Resident #54 has had no significant outcome from not receiving the medication.</p> <p>During a phone interview on 02/21/25 at 11:54 AM the Consultant Pharmacist stated the facility made her aware of the medication error today regarding the Carvedilol. She indicated the medication should not have been held unless the resident was symptomatic. She stated the physician should have been notified after the first held dose since there were no parameters and there was enough concern to hold the medication. She indicated she did not realize the number of times the Carvedilol was held during the month of December 2024 and didn't make recommendations to address Resident #54's Carvedilol being held frequently during the January 2025 monthly medication review.</p>		

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<p>F 0759</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Ensure medication error rates are not 5 percent or greater.</p> <p>35173</p> <p>Based on observations, record review and staff interviews the facility failed to maintain a medication error rate of less than 5%. There were 3 medication errors observed out of 25 opportunities which resulted in a medication error rate of 12%. This occurred for 2 of 4 residents reviewed during a medication pass observation (Resident #79 and #66).</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>1). A medication pass observation on 02/19/25 a 8:30 AM with Nurse #6 revealed Resident #79 was administered Metoprolol (medication to treat high blood pressure) 25 milligrams (mg). Nurse #6 was not observed obtaining Resident #79's blood pressure prior to administering the Metoprolol 25 mg tablet. Nurse #6 stated she completed her medication pass for Resident #79 at 8:45 AM on 02/19/25.</p> <p>The medication reconciliation on 02/19/25 of Resident #79's medications revealed Resident #79 had an order for Metoprolol 25 mg with an order to hold the blood pressure medication if the systolic blood pressure (SBP) was less than 110 mm/Hg (millimeters of mercury).</p> <p>An interview was conducted with Nurse #6 on 02/19/25 at 10:35 AM. Nurse #6 stated she had not obtained a blood pressure from Resident #79. Nurse #6 reviewed the medication administration record and confirmed the order indicated to hold the Metoprolol 25 mg if the SBP was less than 110 mm/Hg. Nurse #6 stated she overlooked that portion of the order and did not obtain a blood pressure as ordered. Nurse #6 took Resident 79's blood pressure at this time and it was noted to be 126/72 mm/Hg.</p> <p>2). A medication pass observation on 02/19/25 at 9:25 AM with Medication Aide (MA) #1 revealed MA #1 dispensed the following medications for Resident #66 into a medication cup: Vitamin D12 (supplement) 25 micrograms (mcg) 1000 international units (IU) 2 tablets, Folic Acid (supplement) 1 milligram (mg) one tablet, Isosorbide (medication to treat high blood pressure) 30 mg one tablet, Flomax (medication to treat enlarged prostate) 0.4 mg one tablet, Thiamin BI (supplement) 100 mg one and 1/2 tablet. MA #1 removed the Losartan (medication to high blood pressure) 25 mg medication card from the medication cart and then returned it back to the cart without dispensing the medication into the medication cup and she also removed the Multivitamin bottle from the medication cart and returned it back to the cart without dispensing any of the medication into the medication cup.</p> <p>An interview with MA #1 on 02/19/25 at 9:28 AM revealed MA #1 stated she was completed with putting all of the ordered medications in the medication dispensing cup and entered Resident #66's room. MA #1 proceeded to administer Resident #66's medications. MA #1 was asked if she had all of Resident #66's medications to be administered and she replied Yes. MA #1 went back to her medication cart and realized she omitted two medications: Losartan 25 mg one tablet and Multivitamin 1 tablet. MA #1 added the two medications she had omitted to the medication cup and stated she missed the two pills because she was nervous. MA #1 administered all the ordered medications to Resident #66.</p> <p>The medication reconciliation on 02/19/25 of Resident #66's medications revealed Resident #66 had an order for Vitamin D12 50 mcg 2000 IUs daily, Folic Acid 1 mg one tablet daily, Isosorbide 30 mg one tablet daily, Flomax 0.4 mg one tablet daily, Thiamin BI (supplement) 150 mg one and 1/2 tablet daily, Losartan 25 mg one tablet daily and Multivitamin 1 tablet daily.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0759</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>An interview was conducted with the Administrator via phone on 02/21/25 at 1:30 PM. The Administrator stated he expected his nursing staff to administer the medications as ordered and to read the orders carefully for any further direction. The Administrator stated the parameters for the blood pressure were in place to monitor the resident's blood pressure to ensure the resident was not receiving the medication when the blood pressure was below the parameters.</p>		

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<p>F 0760</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Ensure that residents are free from significant medication errors.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 40044</p> <p>Based on record review, and staff, Physician, Nurse Practitioner, and the Consultant Pharmacist interviews the facility failed to 1.)administer the antihypertensive medication Carvedilol 3.125 milligrams prescribed twice a day for hypertension. Resident #54 experienced no significant outcome by not receiving the medication. 2.) hold the blood pressure medication Midodrine (prescribed to increase blood pressure) when the systolic blood pressure was greater than 130 millimeters of mercury (mmHg). Resident #43 experienced no significant outcome from receiving the additional doses. This occurred for 2 of 5 residents (Resident #54 and Resident #43) reviewed for medication administration.</p> <p>Findings included.</p> <p>1.) Resident #54 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses to include hypertension.</p> <p>A physician's order dated 6/10/24 for Resident #54 revealed Carvedilol (antihypertensive) 3.125 milligram tablets. Give one tablet orally two times a day for hypertension. There were no parameters on the order to hold the medication.</p> <p>Review of the Medication Administration Record (MAR) dated December 2024 for Resident #54 revealed Carvedilol 3.125 milligram tablets. Give one tablet orally two times a day for hypertension to be administered at 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM. There were no parameters on the MAR to hold the medication. The medication was signed off on the following dates and times with either a chart code of 4 meaning vital signs were outside of the parameters or a chart code of 5 meaning the medication was held:</p> <p>12/3/24 at 8:00 AM the blood pressure was 120/51 millimeters of mercury (mmHg) and signed off with chart code of 5 by Nurse #5.</p> <p>12/6/24 at 8:00 AM the blood pressure was 103/57 millimeters of mercury (mmHg) and signed off with chart code of 5 by Nurse #5.</p> <p>12/7/24 at 8:00 AM the blood pressure was 108/63 millimeters of mercury (mmHg) and signed off with chart code of 4 by Nurse #5.</p> <p>12/8/24 at 8:00 AM the blood pressure was 108/63 millimeters of mercury (mmHg) and signed off with chart code of 4 by Nurse #5.</p> <p>12/8/24 at 8:00 PM the blood pressure was 105/50 millimeters of mercury (mmHg) and signed off with chart code of 5 by Nurse #11.</p> <p>12/11/24 at 8:00 AM the blood pressure was 110/51 millimeters of mercury (mmHg) and signed off with chart code of 5 by Nurse #5.</p> <p>12/11/24 at 8:00 PM the blood pressure was 105/57 millimeters of mercury (mmHg) and signed off with chart code of 5 by Nurse #11.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0760</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>1/18/25 at 8:00 AM the blood pressure was 112/58 millimeters of mercury (mmHg) and signed off with chart code of 4 by Nurse #5.</p> <p>1/19/25 at 8:00 AM the blood pressure was 108/59 millimeters of mercury (mmHg) and signed off with chart code of 5 by Nurse #5.</p> <p>1/21/25 at 8:00 AM the blood pressure was 112/58 millimeters of mercury (mmHg) and signed off with chart code of 4 by Nurse #5.</p> <p>1/22/25 at 8:00 AM the blood pressure was 108/54 millimeters of mercury (mmHg) and signed off with chart code of 4 by Nurse #5.</p> <p>Review of the progress notes for Resident #54 from 1/1/25 through 1/31/25 revealed no documentation as to why the Carvedilol was held or that the physician was notified with the exception of 1/5/25.</p> <p>A progress note dated 1/5/25 during the day shift, Nurse #5 documented Carvedilol 3.125 milligrams was held, and the Nurse Practitioner was notified. There was no documentation that Resident #54 was symptomatic.</p> <p>Review of the Medication Administration Record (MAR) dated February 2025 for Resident #54 revealed Carvedilol 3.125 milligram tablets. Give one tablet orally two times a day for hypertension to be administered at 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM. The medication was signed off on the following dates and times with either a chart code of 4 meaning vital signs were outside of the parameters or a chart code of 5 meaning the medication was held:</p> <p>2/5/25 at 8:00 AM the blood pressure was 94/54 millimeters of mercury (mmHg) and signed off with chart code of 4 by Nurse #5.</p> <p>2/7/25 at 8:00 AM the blood pressure was 112/56 millimeters of mercury (mmHg) and signed off with chart code of 4 by Nurse #5.</p> <p>2/9/25 at 8:00 AM the blood pressure was 104/62 millimeters of mercury (mmHg) and signed off with chart code of 4 by Nurse #5.</p> <p>2/10/25 at 8:00 PM the blood pressure was 107/56 millimeters of mercury (mmHg) and signed off with chart code of 4 by Nurse #5.</p> <p>2/11/25 at 8:00 AM the blood pressure was 90/52 millimeters of mercury (mmHg) and signed off with chart code of 4 by Nurse #5.</p> <p>2/12/25 at 8:00 AM the blood pressure was 120/52 millimeters of mercury (mmHg) and signed off with chart code of 4 by Nurse #5.</p> <p>2/14/25 at 8:00 AM the blood pressure was 104/66 millimeters of mercury (mmHg) and signed off with chart code of 4 by Nurse #5.</p> <p>2/15/25 at 8:00 AM the blood pressure was 92/58 millimeters of mercury (mmHg) and signed off with chart code of 4 by Nurse #5.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>

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<p>F 0760</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>2/17/25 at 8:00 AM the blood pressure was 108/64 millimeters of mercury (mmHg) and signed off with chart code of 4 by Nurse #5.</p> <p>2/18/25 at 8:00 AM the blood pressure was 114/58 millimeters of mercury (mmHg) and signed off with chart code of 4 by Nurse #5.</p> <p>Review of the progress notes for Resident #54 from 2/1/25 through 2/18/25 revealed no documentation as to why the Carvedilol was held or that the physician was notified of the medication being held.</p> <p>During an interview on 2/20/25 at 2:00 PM Nurse #5 stated Resident #54 had an order for Carvedilol twice a day. She stated she did hold the medication if his blood pressure was low. She stated there were no parameters on the MAR to hold the medication if the blood pressure was low but thought it was the right thing to do. She stated she thought she did notify the Nurse Practitioner once or twice that she had held Resident #54's Carvedilol but that was over a month ago. She indicated she should not have held the Carvedilol without parameters to hold it without notifying the Nurse Practitioner or the Physician for instructions on whether to hold it or administer the medication.</p> <p>During an interview on 2/20/25 at 12:27 PM the Nurse Practitioner indicated there were no hold parameters on the Carvedilol for Resident #54. She stated she was not aware the medication had been held so frequently. She stated Resident #54 had no outcome due to the medication not being administered and had not been symptomatic for low blood pressure. She stated she would have expected to be notified after one or two doses of the medication being held.</p> <p>During a phone interview on 2/21/25 at 10:30 AM Nurse #8 stated she would hold Resident #54's Carvedilol if his blood pressure was low. She stated she was not sure if there were hold parameters on the order or not. She stated she didn't recall Resident #54 being symptomatic, such as weakness or lethargy. She stated she did not notify the physician when the residents' blood pressure was low to get orders on whether or not to give the medication or hold it.</p> <p>During a phone interview on 2/21/25 at 1:40 PM Nurse #11 stated she has held Resident #54's Carvedilol if his blood pressure was low. She stated she did not call the physician to get further instructions to hold it or give the medication.</p> <p>During an interview on 2/20/25 at 3:00 PM the Director of Nursing (DON) stated she was not aware the Carvedilol was held so frequently by the nurses. She stated if there were no hold parameters on the order then the physician should have been notified that the medication was held so that further instruction or orders could have been given. She stated there was no protocol as to when to call the physician if medications were being held. She stated education would be provided.</p> <p>During a phone interview on 2/21/25 at 10:00 AM the Physician stated she was not aware that Resident #54's Carvedilol was being held so many times. She stated she did not usually put hold parameters on blood pressure medications. She stated Resident #54 has had no significant outcome from not receiving the medication. The Physician stated she should have been notified that the medication was being held so frequently.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0812</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Procure food from sources approved or considered satisfactory and store, prepare, distribute and serve food in accordance with professional standards.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 37673</p> <p>Based on observations and staff interviews the facility failed to ensure that food items that were stored for use in 1 of 1 walk-in refrigerator, 1 of 1 reach-in refrigerator and the dry goods storage pantry were labeled, dated, or discarded when expired. This deficient practice had the potential to affect food served to residents.</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>An observation on [DATE] at 10:20 AM of the kitchen's walk-in refrigerator with the Dietary Manager in training revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. (2) small glasses of nectar orange juice with no opened date b. (1) partially used plastic bucket of pears with no opened date c. (4) hot dogs in a zip lock bag with an expiration date of [DATE] d. (1) partially used container of apple juice with an open date of [DATE] (expired on [DATE]) e. (1) tub of chocolate pudding partially used with no opened date f. (1) pitcher of partially used fruit punch with an expiration date of [DATE] g. (1) partially used container of thickened sweet tea with lemon with no opened date h. (1) partially used small bowl of apple sauce with no opened date i. (1) partially used bowl of pudding with no opened date j. (1) white tubular package of thawed ground meat with no label and no opened date. k. (3) bowls of mixed fruit with no opened date l. (1) bowl of green Jello with no opened date <p>Additionally, an observation of the reach in refrigerator revealed (1) partially used tub of pimento spread with an expiration date of [DATE].</p> <p>An observation of the dry storage pantry on [DATE] at 11:00 AM revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. (1) partially used container labeled yellow cake mix with no expiration date b. (1) partially used zip lock bag labeled breadcrumbs with no expiration date <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0812</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>In an interview with the Dietary Manager in training on [DATE] at 11:10 AM she stated it was her first day as the Dietary Manager. She could not explain why foods had not been labeled and expired foods had not been discarded. She stated the kitchen staff were supposed to inventory all food storage areas daily to ensure food was properly labeled and expired foods were discarded.</p> <p>In an interview with the Certified District Manager on [DATE] at 12:10 PM he stated that all stored foods were to be labeled, dated, and discarded when expired. He explained the current CDM had resigned (effective [DATE]) and that he would be working full time at the facility until the Dietary Manager in training completed the food safety course and became certified.</p> <p>In an interview with the Administrator on [DATE] at 9:56 AM he stated he did not know why foods were stored with no labels and expired foods had not been discarded. He expected all foods to be properly labeled and expired foods to be discarded daily.</p>		

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<p>F 0825</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide or get specialized rehabilitative services as required for a resident.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 35173</p> <p>Based on observations, record review, and staff, Nurse Practitioner, Rehabilitation Director, and Registered Dietician interviews, the facility failed to implement a written order for occupational therapy evaluation for 1 of 10 residents (Resident #7) reviewed for nutrition.</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>Resident #7 was admitted to the facility on [DATE]. Diagnoses included history of diabetes, protein calorie malnutrition, gastrostomy (the insertion of a feeding tube via the stomach) and need for assistance with personal care.</p> <p>The Minimum Data Set quarterly assessment dated [DATE] revealed Resident #7 was cognitively intact and had impairments to both sides to upper and lower extremities. She was required to be set up with clean up assistance with meals. Resident #7 had a feeding tube and was on a mechanically altered diet and therapeutic diet. Resident #7 was receiving 51% or more through the feeding tube and 501 milliliters (ml) per day of fluid through the feeding tube.</p> <p>A care plan review updated on 01/07/25 revealed a plan of care was in place for at risk for nutrition due to dysphagia (difficulty with swallowing) and diabetes. Resident #7 was on a modified diet in order to facilitate oral intake, adult failure to thrive, history of weight loss and risk for malnutrition with a goal that Resident's intake would meet her nutritional needs. Interventions included, in part, observe for signs or symptoms of dysphagia, pocketing food, choking, coughing, drooling, holding food in mouth, or refusing to eat, and provide and serve diet with adaptive feeding equipment as ordered and monitor weight per protocol.</p> <p>Review of Resident #7's weight record revealed her weight was stable for the last 6 months (August 5, 2024, thru February 06, 2025) fluctuating between 192 pounds and 199 pounds.</p> <p>A physician's order written by the Nurse Practitioner (NP) on 01/30/25 revealed an order for Occupational Therapy (OT) to evaluate and treat and an order for Enteral (provide nutrition via a tube) feeding three times a day via a bolus (a single portion of feeding given all at once) of Jevity 1.5 calorie/250 milliliters (ml) with 60 milliliters of water flushes before and after bolus and with meals for diet. Hold bolus feed if resident consumes over 50% of meal.</p> <p>A review of the resident's electronic medical record revealed there were no occupational therapy notes to indicate Resident #7 had been evaluated on 01/30/25.</p> <p>An observation and interview with Resident #7 on 02/16/25 at 1:20 PM revealed resident was attempting to eat her meal with a regular fork that was provided from the kitchen and had bilaterally contracted hands where her fingers were fixed in an extended position pointing upwards. Resident was unable to bend her fingers. Resident #7 stated she was able to eat independently and did not like to use the adaptive equipment because it was too heavy.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0825</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>An interview with Nurse Aide #2 on 02/16/24 at 1:30 AM revealed Resident #7 was able to eat independently with her meals once she was set up to include opening any containers, placing the meal tray in front of her and making sure she had her eating utensils. NA #2 stated she did not use her adaptive equipment which included a fork and spoon because she did not like them. NA #2 stated Resident #7 would usually eat about 25 - 50% of her meal.</p> <p>An observation of Resident #7 on 02/18/25 at 12:30 PM revealed resident had her mechanical soft meal tray in front of her which included a fruit bowl, and on the plate included ground protein, string beans and mashed potato with a covered gravy bowl on the side. Resident #7 was observed using a regular spoon (not adaptive) while eating her fruit with some difficulty noted. Resident #7 attempted to eat the mashed potatoes which was placed a little further than the fruit cup but was unable to get the food on the spoon. Resident #7 was unable to open the gravy bowl provided.</p> <p>During the observation on 02/18/25 at 12:45 PM, Nurse Aide (NA) #1 entered the room and was observing Resident #7. NA #1 was asked if Resident #7 needed assistance with eating. NA #1 replied she seemed to need assistance with her meals. NA #1 stated that she was a new nurse aide at the facility and she was told by other nurse aides that Resident #7 could eat with set up assistance only. NA #1 assisted Resident #7 at this time with her meal tray.</p> <p>An interview with NA #1 on 02/18/25 at 1:10 PM revealed Resident #7 ate all of her fruit cup and bites of the mashed potatoes only while she was assisting her and she stated she did not want anymore. Nurse Aide #1 stated she would let the nurse know that Resident #7 needed assistance with her meals.</p> <p>An interview with the Occupational Therapist on 02/18/25 at 3:30 PM revealed she was not aware of an order for occupational therapy evaluation for Resident #7 and that Resident #7 was not currently being followed by occupational therapy.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with the Rehabilitation Director on 02/18/25 at 4:00 PM. The Rehabilitation Director stated if there was a decline in a resident, it was up to nursing to notify the doctor and get a therapy order. The Rehabilitation Director revealed he was responsible for the therapy orders but that he was not aware of the order. He stated he would usually get a Hey Therapy form or a verbal order to let him know that there was an order for therapy. The Rehabilitation Director stated the Hey Therapy form was a two part form that consisted of a white page and a yellow page titled Hey Therapy. He stated the nursing staff would complete the 2 part form and send the white page to the Therapy Department and maintain the yellow page for their records.</p> <p>An interview with Nurse #4 on 02/18/25 at 4:17 PM revealed she was not aware that Resident #7 needing assistance with eating until she was told today by the Nurse Aide. Nurse #4 stated Resident #7 usually would eat on her own once her food tray was set up. Nurse #4 stated Resident #7 had an order if she ate more than 50% of her meal to hold her bolus tube feeding and the resident received her bolus tube feeding today because she was told by the Nurse Aide the resident ate less than 50%. Nurse #4 stated if a resident had a change that required therapy she would just tell the therapy department verbally and let the physician know and then an order would be put in the electronic record. Nurse #4 stated she did not say anything to the facility therapy department regarding Resident #7 at this time. Nurse #4 stated she was not aware of what a Hey Therapy form was and never heard of it.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0825</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>A follow up interview with the Rehabilitation Director on 02/19/25 at 11:15 AM revealed he did not review the physician orders to see if any orders were written for therapy. He stated he would have go patient by patient to check orders. He stated the process that was in place for a therapy order was that nursing would write an order and communicate the order to the facility via a Hey Therapy form. He stated if the nursing staff do not relay this order to him verbally or via a Hey Therapy, the order would get missed.</p> <p>An interview with the Registered Dietician (RD) on 02/19/25 at 2:54 PM revealed Resident #7's weight had been stable for last 6 months. The RD stated staff should be encouraging the resident to eat first and if she consumes less than 50% to administer the tube feeding bolus. The RD stated she had only been at the facility for 2 months and was not aware of Resident's history but stated due to her contractures she needed supervision and cueing after setting up the tray, and to monitor to make sure she got started and continued to eat. The RD stated she was not aware of the occupational order to evaluate and treat on 01/30/25 and she was not aware resident was requiring more assistance to eat.</p> <p>An interview with the Nurse Practitioner (NP) on 02/20/25 at 12:26 PM. The NP stated she put the order in the electronic record on 01/30/25 because she observed Resident #7 needing assistance with eating and felt she needed to be evaluated. The NP stated that usually after putting in the order, nursing would ensure that the therapy department was aware of the order, but added, that also the therapy department had access to the physician orders and should have seen the order for the occupational therapy evaluation.</p> <p>An interview with Unit Manager #1 on 02/20/25 at 12:35 PM revealed if there was an order for therapy written by the provider, the nurses were to complete a Hey Therapy form and bring the form to the Therapy Department. She stated most of the time therapy would already know the order because it was in the electronic record. Unit Manger #1 stated she was the nurse who noted the order and she believed she completed the Hey Therapy form which was a two part form. Unit Manager #1 stated nursing would keep the yellow copy and bring the white copy to therapy. The Unit Manager #1 was unable to provide the yellow copy of the Hey Therapy form for 01/30/25.</p> <p>A follow up interview was conducted with the Occupational Therapist on 02/19/25 at 11:42 AM. The OT stated she evaluated Resident #7 during her breakfast on 02/19/25 and brought in several different adaptive utensils such as a built up spoon and a smaller spoon than what was provided ordinarily from the kitchen. The OT stated the built up spoon was too heavy, and that Resident #7 did well with the smaller spoon. The OT stated Resident #7 took 3 bites at the beginning of her meal by herself but required assistance after that as she fatigued easily and required the OT's assistance. The OT stated Resident #7 was able to take 3 bites by herself at the end of the meal after being assisted with feeding. The OT stated after she completed the evaluation, she determined Resident #7 would be added to the therapy case load for strengthening her upper extremities and working with gross and fine motor coordination with a goal to improve her ability to feed herself at least 50% to 75% of her meal and to give her increased independence. The OT stated Resident #7 would be getting therapy 3 to 5 times per week as she required assistance from OT in order to have sufficient intake due to the fatigue. The OT stated she would let the nursing staff know that Resident #7 would be dependent with feeding at this point because Resident #7 was fatiguing too quickly and oral intake would not be adequate.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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F 0825 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	An interview with the Administrator on 02/21/25 via phone at 1:30 PM revealed if there was an order in place to evaluate and treat for occupational therapy he would have expected the order to be followed through on. The Administrator stated he would have expected the order to be addressed to avoid any further decline for the resident that may have affected her nutrition.		

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<p>F 0867</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Set up an ongoing quality assessment and assurance group to review quality deficiencies and develop corrective plans of action.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 32968</p> <p>Based on record review and staff interviews, the facility failed to ensure the Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI) program established and implemented effective systems to monitor and evaluate action plans previously developed to correct identified deficiencies. This failure resulted in the facility being unable to sustain compliance at F584, F677, F727, F732, and F812. During a complaint investigation and follow up survey of [DATE], the facility failed to maintain hot water temperatures in a shower room used by residents (F584). During a complaint investigation survey of [DATE], the facility failed to provide incontinent care to dependent residents (F677). During a recertification and complaint investigation survey of [DATE], failed to provide 8 hours of a Registered Nurse (RN) coverage (F727), accurately document the Daily Nursing Hours staff postings (F732), and ensure that food items that were stored for use were labeled (F812). On the current recertification and complaint investigation survey these identical deficient practices were repeated. The continued failure during three federal surveys of record showed a pattern of the facility's inability to sustain an effective QAPI program.</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>a. On the current recertification and complaint investigation survey the facility failed to maintain hot water temperatures in two shower rooms used by residents. During the complaint investigation and follow up survey of [DATE] the facility failed to maintain hot water temperatures in a shower room used by residents.</p> <p>An interview was conducted on [DATE] at 12:00 PM with the Administrator. The Administrator confirmed he was responsible for providing a safe and homelike environment for all residents, and for making sure the plan of correction (POC) that was in place for the cold shower citation of F584 was effective for sustaining compliance. The Administrator stated both he and the Maintenance Director were responsible for reassessing the POC for F584 to see if the plan that was implemented was working. The Administrator stated he believed the POC was not working because as of [DATE], their paper water temperature logs were no longer being used since they updated to the electronic maintenance system and hired a new Maintenance Director who was not tracking the shower water temperatures. The Administrator added that their new electronic maintenance water testing log did not include testing water temperatures in the shower rooms which resulted in the shower room water temperatures not being monitored and, because of this, they inadvertently forgot to add the 3 shower rooms to the electronic maintenance weekly water temperature testing form. He stated once they realized the water temperatures in the showers were not monitored during this recertification survey, they added shower rooms #1, #2, and #3 onto the electronic water temperature tracking form on [DATE] to document shower room water temperatures. The Administrator stated they were not aware of the cold-water concerns in the showers.</p> <p>35173</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0867</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>b. On the current recertification and complaint investigation survey the facility failed to provide incontinence care to a resident who required assistance with activities of daily living (ADLs). During the complaint investigation survey of [DATE] the facility failed to provide incontinence care to 4 residents who were unable to carry out activities of daily living without staff assistance that were reviewed for needing assistance with ADLs.</p> <p>An interview with the Administrator conducted via phone on [DATE] at 1:30 PM revealed the Director of Nursing was responsible for making sure rounds were being completed to ensure residents were being changed if they were incontinent as part of the plan of correction (POC) that was written for F677. The Administrator stated he was responsible for reviewing the results of the audits to ensure the care was being provided and that the audits may have needed to be in place for a longer period of time. The Administrator stated after the initial audits were completed for the previous citation, there was no further assessing done to see if the plan of correction for providing incontinence care was working. He indicated there should have been further assessing. The Administrator stated he was not aware that incontinence care was delayed for a resident.</p> <p>The Director of Nursing was not available for an interview on [DATE].</p> <p>37673</p> <p>c. On the current recertification and complaint investigation survey the facility failed to provide 8 hours of Registered Nurse (RN) coverage for 13 of 275 days reviewed. During the recertification and complaint investigation survey of [DATE] the facility failed to provide 8 hours of Registered Nurse (RN) coverage for 28 of 45 days reviewed.</p> <p>An interview with the Administrator on [DATE] at 9:56 AM revealed that the facility had a hard time hiring full and part time RN's and the Agency they used also had trouble providing licensed RNs for the facility. Additionally, the Administrator stated that the facility had several as needed (PRN) RNs but those nurses were not scheduling any days to work. The Administrator stated he was not sure why there were days in [DATE] that had no RN coverage because the new POC was in effect and the schedule was being reviewed every morning in the daily staff meeting. The Administrator stated when it was discovered that there was no RN on the schedule, himself and the DON should have been notified immediately, but they were not. The Administrator added, he and the DON even reviewed the weekend schedules every Friday in the morning meeting to ensure there was an RN on the schedule and discussed that in the event of a last minute call out, himself and the DON should have been notified immediately. The Administrator stated he could not understand how this continued to happen because the schedule was also scrutinized daily to ensure they were within the budget and stated that a RN weekend supervisor was hired on [DATE] and this had helped.</p> <p>d. On the current recertification and complaint investigation survey the facility failed to accurately document the Daily Nursing Hours postings on 4 of 324 days reviewed. During the recertification and complaint investigation survey of [DATE] the facility failed to accurately document the Daily Nursing Hours staff postings for 2 days.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0867</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>An interview with the Administrator on [DATE] at 9:56 AM revealed that he stated there was no excuse for the two postings that were blank. The Administrator explained he had assigned himself to review the daily postings to ensure accuracy but had quit checking them 3 or 4 months after their last recertification survey. The Administrator stated he had not done his due diligence as the reviewer and needed to do better to fix the problem. The Administrator added he spent 2 weeks training a new scheduler that was hired on [DATE] and there had been no errors on the Daily Nursing Hours Report since then.</p> <p>e. On the current recertification and complaint investigation survey the facility failed to ensure that food items that were stored for use in a walk-in refrigerator, a reach-in refrigerator and the dry goods storage pantry were labeled, dated, or discarded when expired. During the recertification and complaint investigation survey completed on [DATE] the facility failed to ensure refrigerated food items that were stored for use in the walk-in refrigerator were dated and sealed.</p> <p>An interview with the Administrator on [DATE] at 9:56 AM revealed that the Dietary Manager was responsible for visually inspecting the kitchen freezer and cooler for open, undated items twice daily, 5 days per week Monday through Friday. He stated the Dietary Manager had quit abruptly giving him less than a week's notice. The Administrator stated the previous plan of correction was not working and he believed it was due to poor leadership in the kitchen.</p>

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<p>F 0880</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Provide and implement an infection prevention and control program.</p> <p>40044</p> <p>Based on observations, record review, and staff interviews, the facility failed to implement the facility's infection control policy and procedures for Enhanced Barrier Precautions (EBP) when 1.) Nurse #5 provided direct care for Resident #60's Stage IV and unstageable chronic foot wounds without applying the necessary personal protective equipment (PPE) and; 2.) when two nurse aides (Nurse Aide #1 and Nurse Aide #2) provided care to Resident #7 without applying the necessary PPE who had a stage IV pressure ulcer and tube feeding port. This occurred for 3 of 3 staff (Nurse #5, Nurse Aide #1 and Nurse Aide #2) observed for infection control practices.</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>Review of the facility's policy for Enhanced Barrier Precautions updated October 2024 revealed Enhanced Barrier Precautions (EBP) requires the use of gown and gloves only for high contact resident care activities. High contact resident care activities in the residents' rooms included dressing, bathing/showering, transferring, providing hygiene, changing linens, changing briefs or assisting with toileting, device care or use such as central lines, urinary catheters, feeding tubes, tracheostomy/ventilator use, and wound care.</p> <p>1.) During an observation on 02/16/25 at 4:50 PM Resident #60 was observed sitting up in her wheelchair in the common area of the locked dementia unit. Resident #60 was not oriented to person, place, or time. Heel protector boots were in place on both feet. Nurse #5 sat down on the floor in the common area and removed the bilateral heel boots from Resident #60's feet. The gauze dressing on both feet were observed not intact and hanging from the wounds. The wounds to her bilateral heels were not completely covered and revealed a Stage IV wound on the left heel and unstageable wound on the right heel. Nurse #5 lifted the left heel and removed part of the soiled dressing with her bare hand. She lifted the right heel and removed part of the soiled dressing with her bare hand. The surveyor stopped Nurse #5 at that point and told her that she needed to wear gloves while handling soiled dressings, and that gowns were also to be worn when providing direct care to a wound. Nurse #5 stopped and stated she would apply gloves and gown before removing more of the soiled dressing and proceeding with her wound care.</p> <p>During an interview on 2/16/25 at 4:50 PM Nurse #5 stated she was aware that Resident #60 had a chronic Stage IV wound, and an unstageable heel wound to her feet. She stated that she thought that she was only going to look at the wounds and not complete the dressing change and that was why she did not apply gloves or a gown prior to handling the wounds. She stated once she removed the heel protectors and saw that the dressing was soiled and falling off, she should have applied gloves and gown prior to removing part of the dressing on Resident #60's feet. She stated she had received infection control training and was aware of the requirement for Enhanced Barrier Precautions.</p> <p>During an interview on 2/20/25 at 1:00 PM the Infection Control Preventionist Nurse stated staff had been trained on Enhanced Barrier Precautions and were aware that gloves and gown were to be applied prior to providing direct care to residents with chronic wounds.</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 - Some</p>	<p>During an interview on 2/20/25 at 2:00 PM the Director of Nursing (DON) stated Resident #60 had chronic heel wounds. She stated staff were aware that gloves and gown were to be worn when providing direct care to a resident with chronic wounds. She stated education would be provided to all nursing staff including Nurse #5.</p> <p>35173</p> <p>2a) An observation of Resident #7's room door revealed a sign posted on the front of the door Enhanced Barrier Precautions. Additionally, a storage cart was located outside the resident's room beside her door containing PPE to include gloves and gowns.</p> <p>An observation of Nurse Aide (NA) #2 was conducted on 02/16/25 at 1:15 PM. NA #2 was noted to apply gloves and no gown upon entering the resident's room. NA #2 proceeded to remove Resident #7's brief and began to provide incontinence care. The brief was noted to be saturated with a significant amount urine. NA #2 was observed changing Resident #7's brief at this time with the use of gloves only.</p> <p>An interview with NA #2 on 02/16/25 at 1:25 PM revealed she thought she was only suppose to wear gloves. She stated she did not think she had to wear a gown. NA #2 read the sign on the door and stated she knew Resident #7 had a wound and had a g-tube (gastroctomy tube inserted in the abdomen to provide nutrition). NA #2 stated she would wear the appropriate PPE to include gown and gloves whenever she entered the room from now on.</p> <p>2b) An observation of NA #1 was conducted on 02/18/25 at 11:30 AM. NA #1 was observed completing incontinence care for Resident #7 while she secured the resident's brief and disposed of the soiled brief and was noted to have on gloves only.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with NA #1 on 02/18/25 at 11:30 AM. NA #1 was asked if she wore a gown while she provided incontinence care to Resident #7 and she stated No, I thought I was only suppose to wear gloves. NA #1 stated she was aware that Resident #7 had a pressure ulcer and a g-tube (gastroctomy tube inserted in the abdomen to provide nutrition).</p> <p>An interview was conducted with the Administrator via phone on 02/21/25 at 1:30 PM. The Administrator stated all staff needed to follow the policy and the signage on the door for residents with Enhanced Barrier Precautions in order to protect themselves and other residents from the potential of getting an infection. He stated education was given to every staff member regarding EPB upon hire and when the EPB was first initiated, but that more education was needed to be provided regarding enhanced barrier precautions.</p>