

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 345565	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 08/20/2024
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<p>F 0580</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p> <p>Note: The nursing home is disputing this citation.</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>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 49295</p> <p>Based on record review, observations, interviews with staff, Dermatologist, and Medical Director, the facility staff failed to notify medical provider of a change in condition for a nonverbal resident with a diagnosis of diabetes when new skin wounds were observed on 7/22/24. The Medical Director was notified on 7/23/24 and Resident #1 was sent to the Emergency Department (ED) on 07/23/24 and was diagnosed with deep partial thickness burns to the anterior (front) and medial thighs bilaterally as well as the mons pubis (fatty tissue that covers the pubic bone). Resident #1 was hospitalized from 07/23/24 to 07/25/24, had an indwelling catheter inserted to help with wound healing, had daily wound care treatment with Silvadene cream (a topical antibiotic used in partial thickness and full thickness burns to prevent infection) and was administered oxycodone (opioid pain medication used to treat severe pain) for pain. This deficient practice occurred for 1 of 3 resident reviewed for accidents (Resident #1).</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>Resident #1 was admitted to the facility on [DATE], with diagnosis that included lumbar degenerative disc disease, fibromyalgia, foot drop, right hand contracture, diabetes, heart failure, chronic kidney disease, and vascular dementia without behavioral disturbance.</p> <p>Review of the quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment dated [DATE] indicated that Resident #1 was severely cognitively impaired and rarely/never made self-understood and sometimes understood others (responds adequately to simple, direct communication only).</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 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p> <p>Note: The nursing home is disputing this citation.</p>	<p>Nurse Aide electronic documentation (Documentation Survey Report) revealed on 07/21/24, Nurse Aide (NA) #5 noted that Resident #1 did not have any behaviors observed. Documentation revealed that for the task monitor skin observation, NA #5 noted that Resident #1 had none of the above (scratched, red area, discoloration, skin tear, open area) observed.</p> <p>An interview was conducted on 08/05/24 at 3:48 PM with NA #5. NA #5 indicated that she provided care to Resident #1 on 07/21/24 during the evening shift (3:00 PM to 11:00 PM). NA #5 indicated that Resident #1 did not have any skin issues. NA #5 stated that Resident #1 did not have any verbal or nonverbal signs or symptoms of pain.</p> <p>Skin only evaluation assessment that was completed on 07/22/23 at 6:33 PM by Nurse #3 was reviewed. The documentation indicated that Resident #1 skin was warm and dry, skin color within normal limits, and turgor was normal. The documentation further indicated Resident #1 had dryness noted to all extremities and treatment was applied per orders.</p> <p>Written statement from NA #1 dated 07/23/24 was reviewed. On Monday 07/22/24 Resident #1 was due for a shower. So, with help the NA student help with cleaning her bowel movement. We cleaned her and ready her for the shower. We put her on a gurney to be transported by stretcher (gurney) to shower room. While in the shower room the student aides had to leave. So I was left with task on going to get the body wash after I had wet Resident #1 body. I hung up the running shower head on the wall. Resident #1 had been digging between her legs. Having washed her before I thought it would be alright to proceed to clean where she had been scratching which was nothing new, she had done it before while being clean. This time I notice her skin began to peel as I washed with a washcloth. I finish cleaning all body part and hair. I lower the temperature to remove the excess bowel movement between her legs and dried her off. Reported to the nurse.</p> <p>An interview with the facility Administrator was conducted on 08/06/23 at 11:18am. The Administrator explained that NA #1 had requested to be taken off the schedule on 07/24/24 and asked to leave facility while at work. Administrator stated that NA #1 had not returned or communicated with the facility since 07/24/24 even after multiple attempts.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p> <p>Note: The nursing home is disputing this citation.</p>	<p>An observation was made on 08/06/24 at 1:40 PM of the [NAME] spa room where Resident #1 received her shower on 07/22/24 from NA #1. To get to the storage room you would exit the spa room and go right down the hall, then make a left onto another hallway, walk a couple of steps, and make a left onto a third hallway to get to the storage room. It took the surveyor approximately 45 seconds to walk from the [NAME] spa room to storage room and back to the storage room, without entering the storage room.</p> <p>Nurse Aide electronic documentation revealed that on 07/22/24 at 10:38 PM NA #1 provided shower to Resident #1. Documentation confirmed on 07/22/24 at 10:28 PM, NA #1 noted that Resident #1 did not have any behaviors observed. Documentation revealed that for the task monitor skin observation, on 07/22/23 at 10:38 PM, NA #1 noted that Resident #1 had a skin alteration observed.</p> <p>Incident report dated 07/22/24 at 10:00 PM, completed by Nurse #1 was reviewed. The report revealed, on 07/22/24 at 10:00 PM Nurse Aide (NA) #1 notified Nurse #1 that Resident #1 had skin tears to both thighs noted during resident's scheduled shower. NA #1 stated that Resident #1 was scratching inner thighs during shower. NA #1 attempted to prevent Resident #1 from scratching; however, each opportunity that arose (while NA #1 bathed other parts of body/obtained wash cloth towel, etc.) Resident #1 continued to scratch at both thigh areas and in between legs. NA #1 stated that once the skin broke, it could be visually seen that the skin was 'rolling up' causing the exposed areas. Nurse #1 went into resident's room and assessed Resident #1 skin. Both Left and Right upper thighs had redness and thin layer of skin off thigh areas at time of assessment- rectangular in shape. There was small square shape reddened area in the middle of the mons pubic area. Resident #1 was still attempting to scratch when nurse was assessing areas of injury. Resident #1 was encouraged to not scratch and given one of her teddy bears to hold as a possible deterrent from scratching. Resident #1 shows no signs of discomfort not pain; no verbal responses to pain nor facial grimaces displayed. Area was cleaned with saline and covered with dressing in an attempt to prevent infection and also to prevent further scratching by resident.</p> <p>Nurse Aide electronic documentation revealed that on 07/22/24 at 10:28 PM, NA #3 noted that Resident #1 did not have any behaviors observed. Documentation revealed that for the task monitor skin observation, NA #3 noted that Resident #1 had none of the above (scratched, red area, discoloration, skin tear, open area) observed.</p> <p>Written statement from NA #3 dated 07/23/24 documented while putting Resident #1 back to bed, I did not notice anything. I changed her and her skin was fine. Resident #1 legs and groin area was normal.</p> <p>Multiple attempts were made to reach NA #3 for an interview were unsuccessful.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p> <p>Note: The nursing home is disputing this citation.</p>	<p>An interview was conducted with Nurse #2 on 08/06/24 at 8:38 AM. Nurse #2 confirmed that she worked an 8-hour shift (11:00 PM to 7:00 AM) on 07/22/24 and she relieved Nurse #1. Nurse #2 stated that Resident #1 was not known to have any wounds or skin alterations prior to 7/22/24. Nurse #2 confirmed that Resident #1 was nonverbal. Nurse #2 stated that Resident #1 did not have a history of scratching, and no one had reported any concerns about any new behaviors. Nurse #1 reported to Nurse #2, that Resident #1 had an incident where she was rubbing her thighs in the shower according to NA #1. Nurse #1 told her Resident #1 had ABD pads to her bilateral upper thighs and the areas were red but not inflamed. Nurse #2 explained that she went with NA #3 at about 11:30 PM to assess Resident #1. Nurse #2 confirmed Resident #1's pubic area had red patchy areas, and pubic hair had fallen out. Nurse #2 indicated that Resident #1 did not have any nonverbal signs of pain. Nurse #2 stated that she did not do anything else for Resident #1 throughout her shift. Nurse #2 indicated that by morning (7:00 AM) on 07/23/24, the areas on Resident #1's genitalia and bilateral upper thighs was more reddened and irritated. Nurse #2 confirmed that at the end of her shift on 07/23/24 at 07:00 she reported Resident #1's wounds to Wound Nurse and Nurse #3. Nurse #2 indicated on 07/23/24 at about 7:30 AM she assessed Resident #1 with the Wound Nurse and Nurse #3, after which she left as her shift had ended.</p> <p>Nurse Aide electronic documentation revealed that on 07/23/24 at 12:44 AM, NA #2 noted that Resident #1 did not have any behaviors observed. Documentation revealed that for the task monitor skin observation, NA #2 noted that Resident #1 had none of the above (scratched, red area, discoloration, skin tear, open area) observed.</p> <p>Written statement from NA #2 dated 07/23/24 revealed, I arrived at work at 11:00 PM, the NA from second shift took me to show me what happened to Resident #1 when he gave a shower earlier. Resident #1 thigh and part of her pubic area was gone. It was pink area in color. I had the Nurse #2 to come and look at it as well.</p> <p>Multiple attempts were made to reach NA #2 for an interview were unsuccessful.</p> <p>Progress note completed on 07/23/24 at 7:52 AM by Nurse #3 was reviewed. The documentation indicated, Prior nurse reports of red area to groin, pubic area, and blister noted to inside of left dorsal/lateral thigh. Nurses enter room noting skin peeling, beefy red, in bilateral groin areas, front of upper thigh, fluid filled blister to dorsal/lateral left thigh. Wound nurse notified and assessed resident with new order to send to hospital for further evaluation.</p> <p>Written statement from Nurse #3 dated 07/23/24 at 7:40 AM stated: this nurse completed skin check between 1315-1330 (1:15 PM and 1:30 PM) with no wound noted to skin. Resident had not yet had shower due to 3-11pm shower. No CNAs reported to this nurse no new areas to skin after skin check completed.</p> <p>A second written statement from Nurse #3 dated 07/28/24 documented: prior to this nurse notifying 911 for transport of Resident #1, I asked Wound Nurse what Resident #1 was being transferred to ED for and how to word injury. I notified 911 for transport to [local hospital] for skin injury to groin and pubic area being treated as abuse investigation. 911 operator asked this nurse if I thought it was abuse or sexual I stated no. When EMS arrives to transport Resident #1, they asked how the injury occurred. I could only give information passed from prior nursing report. That resident was given a shower late the night before the NA that was assisting reported to the 3:00 PM to 11:00 PM nurse Resident #1 was scratching upper thigh area, skin tear reported that nurse treated area with wound spray and completed incident report.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p> <p>Note: The nursing home is disputing this citation.</p>	<p>An interview was conducted with Wound Nurse on 08/06/24 at 12:03 PM. The Wound Nurse confirmed that Resident #1 did not have any wounds or skin alterations prior to being discharged to hospital on 07/23/24. The Wound Nurse stated on 07/23/24 she was notified by Nurse #3 to come urgently to Resident #1's room. The Wound Nurse stated that she assessed Resident #1 in the presence of Nurse #3 and Resident #1's brief was open to air to avoid it from touching the wounds on her bilateral thighs, groin and pubic area. Wound Nurse explained the skin on Resident #1's bilateral thighs was peeled, raw and red approximately the same size (both wounds were approximately the same shape and size) from the inner thighs to the medial lateral side (from the inside of the thighs to the middle of the thighs) of the upper thigh. The Wound Nurse noted Resident #1's pubic area had patchy areas of missing skin and hair, and the dorsal (upper side) side of the left leg had an intact blister about 2 inches wide. Wound Nurse indicated that there was a little bit of drainage to bilateral upper thighs and pubic areas wounds. The Wound Nurse indicated that Resident #1 was nonverbal and did not have any nonverbal signs of pain during the assessment.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with the ADON on 08/06/24 at 12:19 PM. The ADON indicated that she received a call on 07/23/24 at 7:15 AM from the Wound Nurse stating something had happened to Resident #1 and things were not adding up. ADON indicated that Wound Nurse described the areas were on Resident #1's bilateral upper thighs and had quite a large area of skin peeled off and raw tissue exposed, pubic area had patches of skin peeled off and pubic hair fallen off and the back of her thigh had an intact blister. The ADON indicated that at that time they did not have an idea of what was the cause. The ADON stated she got more information that it was in relation to a shower and self-inflicted scratching from an interview she conducted with NA #1. The ADON explained she interviewed NA #1 in the presence of the Administrator and MDS Nurse #1. ADON stated that NA #1 indicated that he took Resident #1 to the spa room to give her a shower on 07/22/24, on a shower bed. NA #1 indicated that he turned on the handheld shower and began to rinse Resident #1 and he did not have any soap and had to leave Resident #1 in the shower room alone and unattended to get soap. NA #1 indicated that when he returned to the spa room, Resident #1 was scratching her genital area. NA #1 reported the skin started to peel off Resident #1's bilateral upper thighs and he continued to wash her with a washcloth. NA #1 indicated after completing shower, he returned Resident #1 to her room and notified Nurse #1. NA #1 indicated to them he wanted to finish showering Resident #1 then notify the nurse. The ADON indicated that she was concerned that NA #1 left Resident #1 alone in the spa room with water running on her skin. ADON indicated that NA#1 knew not to leave a severely impaired resident alone and unattended in the spa room. The ADON noted after the Wound Nurse communicated with her on 07/23/24 at about 7:30am, she notified the provider of Resident #1 new wounds, per the description she obtained from Wound Nurse.</p> <p>Progress note completed by Nurse #3 on 07/23/24 stated: Prior nurse reports of red area to groin, pubic area, and blister noted to inside of left dorsal/lateral thigh. Nurses enter room noting skin peeling, beefy red, in bilateral groin areas, front of upper thigh, fluid filled blister to dorsal/lateral left thigh. Wound nurse notified and assessed resident with new order to send to hospital for further evaluation.</p> <p>Progress note that was completed on 07/23/24 at 9:00 AM by Nurse #3 was reviewed. The documentation indicated that EMS was notified at 08:00 AM. The note further revealed that EMS transferred resident onto stretch and departed the facility at 8:35 AM.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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