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<p>F 0554</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Allow residents to self-administer drugs if determined clinically appropriate.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 37280</b></p> <p>Based on observations, record review, staff and Resident interviews the facility failed to assess the resident for the ability to self-administer medications for 1 of 1 resident (Resident #25) reviewed for self-administration of medication.</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>Resident #25 was admitted to the facility on [DATE].</p> <p>A review of Resident #25's physician orders revealed an order dated 04/01/23 for Fluticasone Propionate Nasal Suspension 50 micrograms per activation (mcg/act) 2 sprays, in both nostrils one time a day for allergies. The order did not include the Resident could self-administer the medication.</p> <p>A further review of Resident #25's physician orders revealed there were no orders for over the counter pain patches or an albuterol sulfate inhaler.</p> <p>There was no Self Administration assessment for an inhaler or pain patch.</p> <p>A review of Resident #25's quarterly Minimum Data Set assessment dated [DATE] revealed she was cognitively intact.</p> <p>A review of Resident #25's medical record revealed a Self-Administration assessment dated [DATE] that indicated the Resident was mentally and physically able to self-administer the Fluticasone Nasal Spray. The assessment was completed by Nurse #1.</p> <p>On 04/29/24 at 4:06 PM an observation and interview were conducted with Resident #25 in her room. On the Resident's over bed table was a bottle of Fluticasone Nasal Spray that the Resident explained she used every day for her allergies. Resident #25 also had a pain patch on her right knee, and she explained that she kept them in her cabinet and only used it when she had pain in her knee. The Resident removed a box of over the counter pain patches to show there were two remaining in the box. Resident #25 explained that she also had an inhaler in her purse that she used when she needed to and produced an Albuterol Sulfate inhaler.</p> <p>During an interview with Resident #25 on 04/30/24 at 8:56 AM the Resident explained again the use of the nasal spray which was sitting on her over bed table, the pain patch and the inhaler and stated they were still in her room.</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 0554</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>An interview was conducted with Nurse #1 on 04/30/24 at 3:02 PM. The Nurse explained that she remembered assessing Resident #25's ability to administer her nasal spray but stated she took the nasal spray to the Resident in the morning when she gave her morning medications to her and allowed the Resident to administer the nasal spray. Nurse #1 stated she was not aware that the Resident kept pain patches and an inhaler in her room and stated she did not have an order for them. She indicated she would need to obtain an order for the inhaler and pain patches and assess her ability to administer them.</p> <p>During an interview with the Director of Nursing (DON) on 04/30/24 at 3:12 PM she explained that the Resident should have been assessed for the ability to self-administer every medication that she kept in her room and there needed to be an order for that medication as well. The DON also stated the staff needed to be educated to monitor medications at the Residents' bedside.</p>		

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<p>F 0636</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Assess the resident completely in a timely manner when first admitted, and then periodically, at least every 12 months.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> 35789</p> <p>Based on record review and staff interviews, the facility failed to complete Care Area Assessments (CAAs) comprehensively to address the underlying causes and contributing factors of the triggered areas for 2 of 5 sampled residents (Residents #67 and #32).</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>Resident #67 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnosis that included depression.</p> <p>Review of a physician order dated 01/11/24 read; Fluoxetine HCL (antidepressant) 10 mg by mouth every day for depression.</p> <p>Review of the comprehensive admission Minimum Data Set (MDS) dated [DATE] revealed Resident #67 was cognitively intact and had no behaviors, rejection of care, or wandering and no signs of delirium were noted during the assessment reference period. The MDS indicated that Resident #67's diagnosis included depression and that he had taken an antidepressant during the assessment reference period.</p> <p>Review of the triggered Care Area Assessment (CAA) worksheet for Psychosocial wellbeing dated 01/23/24 had the following boxes checked: resident says or indicated they feel lonely and indicted that Resident #67 had diagnosis of depression. Health status factors that may inhibit social involvement had the following boxes checked: decline in functional abilities, mood or behavior problem, health problems such as fall, and change in communication. The nature of the problem contained no information describing Resident #67's psychosocial needs, behaviors, medications, or how the facility would address and meet Resident #67's psychosocial needs. The care plan decision was made to proceed. The CAA was completed by MDS Nurse #1.</p> <p>MDS Nurse #1 was interviewed via phone on 05/02/24 at 9:47 AM. MDS Nurse #1 explained that when completing the CAA, she gathered the information from what she used to complete the MDS assessment, which included chart review, therapy notes, and doctor notes. Once the information was gathered, she would go into the CAA and check any applicable boxes and then make the care plan decision and develop the care plan. MDS Nurse #1 was asked if she had had ever been told that she needed to thoroughly assess each resident and their condition that was applicable to each CAA that triggered, she replied, I honestly felt like stating to proceed and then addressing it in the care plan was sufficient enough and that was why she did not further elaborate in the CAA.</p> <p>The Director of Nursing (DON) was interviewed on 05/02/24 at 3:16 PM. She stated that she would expect the CAA to be comprehensive and thorough and give the appropriate information to paint a picture of the resident, their condition, and their identified needs.</p> <p>37280</p> <p>2. Resident #32 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses that included Alzheimer's disease, dementia, amnesia, mood disturbance and psychotic disorder.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0636</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>A review of Resident #32's significant change Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment dated [DATE] revealed the Resident's cognition was coded as moderately impaired. A review of section V of the MDS (care areas triggered for assessment to indicate need for care plan) revealed the care area of psychotropic drug use was triggered but the facility did not include information in the analysis of findings that described the Resident's problems, possible causes and contributing factors, risk factors related to the care area and reasons to proceed to care planning.</p> <p>A review of Resident #32's medical record revealed the last gradual dose reduction of antipsychotic medication was 08/23/23 for Risperdal 1 milligram (mg) by mouth once a day to 0.5 mg by mouth once a day for psychotic disorder.</p> <p>A review of Resident #32's quarterly MDS dated [DATE] revealed her cognition was moderately impaired and she had no behaviors or rejection of care. The MDS also indicated Resident #32 received an antipsychotic medication.</p> <p>A review of Resident #32's April Medication Administration Record for 04/2024 revealed the Resident received a daily antipsychotic medication.</p> <p>On 05/01/24 at 4:57 PM during an interview with the Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner (NP) the NP explained that she routinely visited with Resident #32 for auditory hallucinations and paranoia in that someone was trying to get to her. She continued to explain that the Resident required an antipsychotic medication that in the past the gradual dose reductions had failed and recently (08/23/23) the medication was reduced again. She indicated she would continue to consult with the Resident.</p> <p>MDS Nurse #1 was interviewed via phone on 05/02/24 at 9:47 AM. MDS Nurse #1 explained that when completing the CAA, she gathered the information from what she used to complete the MDS assessment, which included chart review, therapy notes, and doctor notes. Once the information was gathered, she would go into the CAA and check any applicable boxes and then make the care plan decision and develop the care plan. MDS Nurse #1 was asked if she had ever been told that she needed to thoroughly assess each resident and their condition that was applicable to each CAA that triggered, she replied, I honestly felt like stating to proceed and then addressing it in the care plan was sufficient enough and that was why she did not further elaborate in the CAA.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with the Director of Nursing (DON) on 05/02/24 at 3:16 PM. The DON explained that she expected the care area assessments to be comprehensive and thorough and give the appropriate information to paint a picture of the residents, their condition and their identified needs.</p> <p>During an interview with the Social Worker (SW) on 05/02/24 at 3:22 PM the SW explained that Resident #32 was seen by psychiatric services because she was refusing to take her medications and started to be fixated on her roommate and would not let the staff in her room. She indicated the Resident was stable at present and psychiatric services would continue.</p>		

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<p>F 0656</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Develop and implement a complete care plan that meets all the resident's needs, with timetables and actions that can be measured.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> 37280</p> <p>Based on observation, record review and interviews the facility failed to develop a care plan that included an area of focus for a urinary catheter for 1 of 3 residents (Resident #17) reviewed for urinary catheters.</p> <p>The finding included:</p> <p>Resident #17 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with a cumulative diagnosis including urinary retention.</p> <p>A review of Resident #17's quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment dated [DATE] revealed the Resident's cognition was moderately impaired and she was always incontinent of urine. The MDS was coded as not having an indwelling urinary catheter.</p> <p>A review of Resident #17's care plan last reviewed on 04/24/24 revealed there was no care plan for a urinary catheter.</p> <p>A review of a Urology consult dated 04/12/24 revealed a #16 urinary catheter with 10 cubic centimeters (cc) was inserted into the bladder for significant history of Parkinson Disease, urinary infections, incontinence of bladder and bowel and immobility. Change urinary catheter monthly at nursing facility.</p> <p>A review of Resident #17's physician orders dated 04/17/24 revealed orders for a) urinary catheter, b) change catheter as needed (prn), c) stabilizing device, d) privacy bag, e) catheter care and f) keep catheter below bladder.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with Minimum Data Set (MDS) Nurse #2 on 05/02/24 at 9:00 AM. The Nurse explained that her coworker (MDS Nurse #1) normally attended the clinical meetings in the morning and would have been the MDS Nurse who should have initiated a care plan for Resident #17's urinary catheter but MDS Nurse #1 was out on leave, so the care planning was up to her. MDS Nurse #2 stated that she did not know that Resident #17 had a urinary catheter placed.</p> <p>Attempts were made to interview MDS Nurse #1, but the attempts were unsuccessful.</p> <p>On 05/02/24 at 2:37 PM during an interview with the Director of Nursing (DON) she stated Resident #17 went for a urology consult and came back with a urinary catheter. The DON explained that the catheter should have been care planned.</p>		

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<p>F 0690</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Provide appropriate care for residents who are continent or incontinent of bowel/bladder, appropriate catheter care, and appropriate care to prevent urinary tract infections.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> 37280</p> <p>Based on observations, record reviews and interviews, the facility failed to prevent urinary catheter bags from touching the floor for 2 of 3 residents (Resident #11 and Resident #17) reviewed for urinary catheters.</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Resident #17 with a cumulative diagnosis that included urinary retention.</li> </ol> <p>A review of Resident #17's quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment dated [DATE] revealed the Resident's cognition was moderately impaired and she was always incontinent of urine. The MDS was also coded as not having an indwelling urinary catheter.</p> <p>A review of Resident #17's care plan revealed there was no care plan for a urinary catheter.</p> <p>A review of a Urology consult dated 04/12/24 revealed a #16 urinary catheter with 10 cubic centimeters (cc) was inserted into the bladder for significant history of Parkinson Disease, urinary infections, incontinence of bladder and bowel and immobility. Change the urinary catheter monthly at nursing facility.</p> <p>A review of Resident #17's physician orders dated 04/17/24 revealed orders for a) urinary catheter, b) change catheter as needed (prn), c) stabilizing device, d) privacy bag, e) catheter care and f) keep catheter below bladder.</p> <p>Multiple observations were made during the survey of Resident #17's urinary catheter bag positioned on the floor. The observations were as noted:</p> <p>-04/30/24 at 12:00 PM Resident #17 was sitting in the dining room in her wheelchair with the catheter bag mounted under the wheelchair and the catheter bag was positioned on the floor. Multiple staff were observed walking around in the dining room.</p> <p>-04/30/24 at 12:27 PM Resident #17 was sitting in the dining room in her wheelchair with the catheter bag positioned on the floor. Multiple staff were observed walking around in the dining room.</p> <p>-04/30/24 at 12:57 PM Resident #17 remained in the dining room sitting in her wheelchair. Multiple staff walked by the Resident while the catheter bag was positioned on the floor.</p> <p>-04/30/24 at 3:32 PM Resident #17 was observed sitting in her wheelchair in the activity room with staff present. The catheter bag was mounted under the wheelchair and the catheter bag was positioned on the floor.</p> <p>05/01/24 10:55 AM Resident #17 was observed in her room sitting in her wheelchair with the catheter bag mounted under the wheelchair and positioned on the floor.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0690</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>05/01/24 at 11:09 AM accompanied staff into the Resident #17's room for interview and observation of the transfer of Resident #17 being put into bed by Nurse Aide (NA) #1 and NA #2. Both NAs noted the Resident's catheter bag positioned on the floor under the wheelchair. NA #1 explained that she mounted the catheter bag under the wheelchair because she did not have anywhere else to attach it. The NA continued to explain that it was not touching the floor when she hung it there and stated it should not be on the floor because it could cause infection.</p> <p>05/01/24 at 11:13 AM An interview was conducted with Nurse #5 who was assigned to care for Resident #17 on 05/01/24. The Nurse explained that she did not know the specific reason for Resident #17's catheter but she did know that Resident #17 went for a urology consult last week (04/12/24) and came back with the catheter. She stated the Resident had numerous complaints of burning on urination and was tested monthly for urinary tract infections. Nurse #5 also explained that the catheter bag should not be on the floor due to the potential for infection. She stated that she did not notice the catheter bag was on the floor when she worked with her, but she stated she did not specifically look for it either.</p> <p>On 05/02/24 at 2:37 PM during an interview with the Director of Nursing (DON) she stated Resident #17 went for a urology consult and came back with a urinary catheter. She stated the catheter bag should not be positioned on the floor for infection control reasons.</p> <p>38515</p> <p>2. Resident #11 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses that included presence of urogenital implants, history of urinary tract infections, history of falling and urinary retention.</p> <p>Review of Resident #11's quarterly Minimum Data Set assessment dated [DATE] revealed her to be cognitively intact without delirium, behaviors, or rejection of care. Resident #11 was coded as not having a catheter at the time and was occasionally incontinent of bladder and always continent of bowel.</p> <p>An observation of Resident #11 on 04/29/24 at 12:19 PM revealed her to be in her room, in bed resting. Resident #11's catheter bag was observed to be 3/4 full and resting on the floor causing the bag to fold in on itself.</p> <p>Another observation of Resident #11 was completed on 04/30/24 at 11:51 AM. Resident #11 was observed to be in her room, in bed asleep. Resident #11's catheter bag was observed to be laying flat on the floor due to her bed being placed in the lowest possible position.</p> <p>An interview with NA #4 on 04/30/24 at 12:31 PM revealed she had been assigned to Resident #11 on 04/29/24 and 04/30/24. She reported Resident #11 required to be kept with her bed in the lowest position due to her being a fall risk. She reported she was aware Resident #11 had a catheter and indicated resident's catheter bag being on the floor was due to her having to be in the lowest position. NA #4 reported she was aware that the catheter bag would be resting on the floor when Resident #11's bed was placed in the lowest position.</p> <p>An interview with Nurse #3 on 04/30/24 at 12:40 PM revealed Resident #11 was a fall risk and was required to keep her bed in the lowest position. Nurse #3 also reported that she was aware Resident #11 had a catheter and that Resident #11's bed should be kept in the lowest possible position that prevented the catheter bag from resting on the floor.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0761</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Ensure drugs and biologicals used in the facility are labeled in accordance with currently accepted professional principles; and all drugs and biologicals must be stored in locked compartments, separately locked, compartments for controlled drugs.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> 35789</p> <p>Based on observations, record review, and staff interviews, the facility failed to ensure a controlled substance medication ordered for a resident was safely stored and secured using a double lock feature for 1 of 4 medication storage refrigerators observed (Resident #65). A controlled substance has an accepted medical use, a potential for abuse, ranging from low to high, and may also lead to physical or psychological dependence. The facility also failed to date an open vial of insulin on 1 of 2 medication carts reviewed (300/400 hall medication cart) and failed to date a vial of Tuberculin Serum (used to conduct tuberculosis screening) and failed discard the Tuberculin serum after 30 days in 2 of 4 medication rooms reviewed 300/400 hall medication cart and 500/600 hall medication cart).</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>Review of a facility policy titled Storage and Expiration Dating of Medications, Biologicals revised last on 08/07/23 read in part, facility should store Schedule II-V controlled substances in a separate compartment within the locked medication carts and should have a different key or access device. Store all drugs and biologicals in locked compartments, including the storage of scheduled II-V medications in separately locked, permanently affixed compartments permitting only authorized personnel to have access.</p> <p>1. Resident #65 was admitted to the facility on [DATE].</p> <p>Review of a physician order dated 04/03/24, Lorazepam (schedule IV antianxiety) 2 milligrams (mg)/1 milliliter (ml), give 0.5 mg by mouth at bedtime for anxiety.</p> <p>An observation of the 700/800 hall medication room refrigerator was made on 04/30/24 at 3:29 PM along with Nurse #1 revealed the small medication room refrigerator did not have a lock device on it. Once opened the refrigerator had a small permanently affixed container but the lock was not present and only contained a small hole where the lock used to be. The permanently affixed container was opened by inserting a finger into the lock hole and opening the container. Inside the container was a box labelled with Resident #65's name and directions. The medication was Lorazepam 2mg/1ml that contained approximately 12 ml of medication in it.</p> <p>The Director of Nursing (DON) was interviewed on 04/30/24 at 3:57 PM. The DON was asked to observe the 700/800 hall medication room refrigerator. She stated that she was unaware that the lock was broken on the refrigerator and on the small permanently affixed container. She stated she was aware that the Lorazepam needed to be secured and she would get a lock installed immediately.</p> <p>Nurse #1 was interviewed on 04/30/24 at 4:10 PM who stated the lock on the medication room refrigerator in the medication room had been broken for months and she had reported it several people but could not recall who all she had reported to. Nurse #1 explained that the lock on the refrigerator had been broken since last week and she had not report that to anyone. She added that the lock that was on the refrigerator was so flimsy and was hanging on by a thread and then eventually just fell off sometime last week.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0761</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>2. Review of a facility policy titles Storage and Expiration Dating of Medications, Biologicals revised last on 08/07/23 read in part, facility staff should record the date opened on the primary medication container (vial, bottle, inhaler) when the medication has a shortened expiration date once opened or opened.</p> <p>An observation of the 300/400 hall medication cart was made on 05/01/24 at 10:00 AM along with Nurse #2. The observation revealed an opened via of Humalog insulin that contained no date of when it was opened.</p> <p>Nurse #2 was interviewed on 05/01/24 at 10:10 AM, she stated she was not sure when the vial had been opened as she only worked one day a week. She indicated that she would discard the vial of insulin.</p> <p>The Director of Nursing (DON) was interviewed on 04/30/24 at 3:49 PM, who stated that the third shift staff were expected to go through the medication room and carts at least weekly and then of course the nurses should be going through the medication carts on a daily basis as they were medicating residents to ensure that everything was dated and labelled correctly. The DON stated insulin vials were good usually for 28 days after being opened and coming out of the refrigerator and the nurses should be keeping track of the 28 days by dating the insulin vial or pen when it was opened.</p> <p>The Administrator was interviewed on 05/02/24 at 3:29 who stated that all insulin vials should be dated when they were opened.</p> <p>3. Review of a facility policy titles Storage and Expiration Dating of Medications, Biologicals revised last on 08/07/23 read in part, facility staff should record the date opened on the primary medication container (vial, bottle, inhaler) when the medication has a shortened expiration date once opened or opened.</p> <p>A. An observation of the 500/600 hall medication room refrigerator was made on 04/30/24 at 3:34 PM along with Nurse #3. The observation revealed a vial of Tuberculin serum that was dated as being opened on 03/12/24.</p> <p>B. An observation of the 300/400 hall medication room refrigerator was made on 04/30/24 at 3:46 PM along with Nurse #4. The observation revealed an opened vial of Tuberculin serum that had no date of when it was opened.</p> <p>Nurse #4 was interviewed on 04/30/24 at 4:00 PM, she stated she was fairly new to the facility, and she was not sure about the vial of serum and would have to ask the Director of Nursing (DON).</p> <p>The DON was asked to observe the 500/600 hall medication room refrigerator and the 300/400 hall medication room refrigerator on 04/30/24 at 3:57. The DON stated she was not aware that the vials of Tuberculin serum were undated and were kept past the 30-day shelf life after opening. The DON again confirmed that the tuberculin serum was good for 30 days after opening and then should be discarded.</p> <p>The Administrator was interviewed on 05/02/24 at 3:29 PM who stated he expected the staff to follow the facility policy and procedures for dating vials of medication and removing them by their use by or expiration date.</p>		

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<p>F 0804</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Ensure food and drink is palatable, attractive, and at a safe and appetizing temperature.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> 35789</p> <p>Based on test tray observations, resident, and staff interviews the facility failed to serve food that was palatable in taste for 7 of 7 residents reviewed for food (Resident #25, Resident #26, Resident #30, Resident #47, Resident #77, Resident #124, and Resident #126). This practice had the potential to affect other residents.</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>1a. Resident #25 was admitted to the facility 10/14/21.</p> <p>A review of Resident #25's quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment dated [DATE] revealed she was cognitively intact and required set up assistance with eating activity.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with Resident #25 on 05/01/24 at 2:50 PM. The Resident was sitting in her wheelchair at her bedside and when asked about her lunch she remarked that they served her beef stir fry, rice and a roll with mango mousse for dessert. The Resident explained that she could not eat the beef stir fry because it was too salty, so she ate the rice, roll and the mousse. The Resident stated she would have to wait until supper to eat again.</p> <p>b. Resident #26 was admitted to the facility on [DATE].</p> <p>Review of the quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS) dated [DATE] revealed that Resident #26 was cognitively intact and required set up assistance with eating.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with Resident #26 on 05/01/24 at 1:10 PM. Resident #26 was sitting in his wheelchair on the front porch of the facility. When asked how his lunch was, Resident #26 shook his head and stated, I could not eat it, it was too salty. When asked if he had eaten anything Resident #26 stated he had not and stated he would be ok until dinner time.</p> <p>c. Resident #30 was admitted [DATE].</p> <p>A review of Resident #30's quarterly Minimum Data Set assessment dated [DATE] revealed she was cognitively intact, and she required set up assistance with eating activity.</p> <p>During an interview with Resident #30 on 05/01/24 at 4:10 PM the Resident explained that she was served beef stir fry and rice for lunch, but she could not eat the beef because it was too salty. The Resident stated luckily, they brought her baked chicken, or she would not have eaten any meat until supper.</p> <p>d. Resident #47 was admitted to the facility on [DATE].</p> <p>A review of Resident #47's quarterly Minimum Data Set assessment dated [DATE] revealed her cognition was moderately impaired and she was independent with her eating activity.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0804</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>During an interview with Resident #47 on 05/01/24 at 4:15 PM the Resident explained that she was given beef stir fry and rice for lunch, but she could not eat the beef stir fry because it was too salty and spicy for her taste. She stated she would have to wait for supper before she would eat again.</p> <p>e. Resident #77 was admitted to the facility on [DATE].</p> <p>A quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS) dated [DATE] revealed that Resident #77 was cognitively intact and required set up assistance with eating. The MDS also indicated that Resident #77 received a therapeutic diet during the assessment reference period.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with Resident #47 on 05/01/24 at 3:01 PM. Resident #47 was up in her wheelchair in her room. She stated, lunch was terrible, I took a couple of bites, and it was too salty, and I could not take it. Resident #47 stated she had not asked the staff for anything else, she just snacked on some things that that she had in her room to tide her over until dinner.</p> <p>f. Resident #124 was admitted to the facility on [DATE].</p> <p>The admission Minimum Data Set (MDS) dated [DATE] revealed that Resident #124 was cognitively intact and required set up assistance with eating. The MDS further revealed that Resident #124 received a therapeutic diet during the assessment reference period.</p> <p>An observation and interview were conducted with Resident #124 on 05/01/24 at 3:00 PM. Resident #124 was resting in bed in a gown. She was observed to have a package of pecan wheels on her bedside table and 2 had been eaten. Resident #124 stated she could not eat the beef stir fry because it was full of salt and then there was clump of rice with no gravy or anything on it. It was terrible. Resident #124 stated she had eaten 2 pecan wheels because she had to have something to eat all I had for breakfast was a small box of cereal.</p> <p>g. Resident #126 was admitted to the facility on [DATE].</p> <p>The admission Minimum Data Set (MDS) dated [DATE] indicated that Resident #126 was cognitively intact and required no assistance with eating.</p> <p>An observation and interview were conducted with Resident #126 on 05/01/24 at 5:30 PM. Resident #126 was sitting in her wheelchair in room visiting with her family member. There was a cup that had a milkshake in it on her bedside table. Resident #126 stated she could not eat the beef stir fry that was served for lunch because it was too salty. She stated someone from the facility had brought her some chicken nuggets and her family member had brought her a milkshake so she was full but again stated that lunch was just too salty, and she could not eat it.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0804</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Cook #1 was interviewed on 05/02/24 at 12:24 PM. Cook #1 confirmed that she had prepared lunch on 05/01/24 and confirmed that it was beef vegetable stir fry. She stated that she had prepared the meat on the flat top grill and chopped the meat and vegetables (broccoli, green beans, peas, cauliflower, and red peppers) together. Once the meat was cooked and vegetables chopped, she added the soy sauce. Cook #1 stated that the recipe called for 2 cups of soy sauce for 50 people, and she was preparing for 100 people so added 4.5 to 5 cups of soy sauce. She stated that before she added the soy sauce, she tasted the stir fry and it tasted perfect, but she had not tasted it after she added the soy sauce. Cook #1 confirmed that the soy sauce was not low sodium and that she thought it was a lot of soy sauce but stated I thought it would balance out since I was cooking a big portion.</p> <p>2. An observation of the test tray was conducted on 05/01/24 at 12:46 PM along with the Administrator and Dietary Manager (DM). The tray was served on a plate that was enclosed on an insulated plate bottom and covered with an insulated lid. When the lid was lifted off the plate there was visible steam noted. The plate contained a portion of rice and beef stir fry. There was no egg roll or dessert (mango mousse) served with the test tray. The test tray was sampled and noted to be hot, the rice was a bit mushy, and the stir fry was very salty. The DM indicated that the beef stir fry was too salty for her as well but stated that they had followed the recipe that called for 2 cups of soy sauce for 50 people, and they doubled it since they were preparing for 100 people.</p> <p>The Administrator was interviewed on 05/02/24 at 3:36 PM. He stated that the DM had been at the facility since it opened but recently just moved into the manager role. He stated that he had worked with her closely for about a month then that allowed her to take over and run the show. He stated that they were getting some feedback from the residents that required them to take a step back and look at the whole operation of the kitchen. He stated for palatability the kitchen staff were required to send him a picture of the meals and he had accumulated over 200 pictures of the meals that were served to the residents. The Administrator did state that he did not conduct test trays and had not eaten the food at the facility.</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>Set up an ongoing quality assessment and assurance group to review quality deficiencies and develop corrective plans of action.</p> <p>35789</p> <p>Based on observations, record reviews, and staff interviews, the facility's Quality Assessment and Assurance (QAA) committee failed to maintain implemented procedures and monitor interventions the committee put into place following the recertification and complaint survey conducted on 06/04/21. This failure was for two deficiencies that were originally cited in the areas of Resident Assessment (F636) and Pharmacy Services (F761) that were subsequently recited on the current recertification and complaint investigation survey of 05/02/24. The repeat deficiencies during two federal surveys of record showed a pattern of the facility's inability to sustain an effective QA program.</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>This tag is cross referred to:</p> <p>F636: Based on record review and staff interviews, the facility failed to complete Care Area Assessments (CAAs) comprehensively to address the underlying causes and contributing factors of the triggered areas for 2 of 5 sampled residents (Residents #67 and #52).</p> <p>During the recertification and complaint survey of 06/04/21 the facility failed to complete the Minimum Data Set (MDS) within 14 days of a resident's admission for 1 of 5 sampled residents.</p> <p>F761: Based on observations, record review, and staff interviews, the facility failed to ensure a controlled substance medication ordered for a resident was safely stored and secured using a double lock feature for 1 of 4 medication storage refrigerators observed (Resident #65). A controlled substance has an accepted medical use, a potential for abuse, ranging from low to high, and may also lead to physical or psychological dependence. The facility also failed to date an open vial of insulin on 1 of 2 medication carts reviewed (300/400 hall medication cart) and failed to date a vial of Tuberculin Serum (used to conduct tuberculosis screening) and failed discard the Tuberculin serum after 30 days in 2 of 4 medication rooms reviewed (300/400 hall medication cart and 500/600 hall medication cart).</p> <p>During the recertification and complaint survey of 06/04/21 the facility failed to ensure a controlled substance medication ordered for a resident was safely stored and secured using a double locked feature for 1 of 2 medication storage refrigerators observed. A controlled substance has an accepted medical use, a potential for abuse, ranging from low to high, and may also lead to physical or psychological dependence. The facility also failed to remove medications placed at bedside for 1 of 1 resident were reviewed for medications left at bedside.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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