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NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Highland Square Nursing and Rehabilitation		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 1211 W Market St Akron, OH 44313	
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F 0678 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety Residents Affected - Few	<p>Provide basic life support, including CPR, prior to the arrival of emergency medical personnel , subject to physician orders and the resident's advance directives.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 35768</p> <p>THE FOLLOWING DEFICIENCY REPRESENTS AN INCIDENT OF PAST NON-COMPLIANCE THAT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY CORRECTED PRIOR TO THIS SURVEY.</p> <p>Based on closed record review, review of the facility's investigation, review of facility timeline, review of emergency medical services (EMS) run report, staff interview, and policy review, the facility failed to provide basic life support (BLS), including Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) to Resident #61 per the resident's advance directive, when the resident was found unresponsive on the toilet. This resulted in Immediate Jeopardy and serious life-threatening harm and the subsequent of death of Resident #61 beginning on [DATE] when Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) staff alerted Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) #341 who assessed Resident #61 and found the resident to be unresponsive. Instead of providing immediate care, LPN #341 contacted LPN #346 who was working on another floor for guidance. LPN #346 then contacted Unit Manager #354, who was at home asking for guidance related to finding Resident #61's advanced directives. LPN #341 had a difficult time finding the resident's advanced directives as LPN #341 denied having immediate access to the computer and the resident's hard medical chart. EMS was contacted and arrived on-site at which time Resident #61 was pronounced deceased ; EMS staff indicated it was too late for CPR. This affected one resident (#61) of four residents reviewed for death in the facility.</p> <p>On [DATE] at 10:33 A.M. the Administrator, Regional Nurse, Regional Administrator and [NAME] President of Operations were notified Immediate Jeopardy began on [DATE] at approximately 11:30 P.M. when upon answering Resident #61's call light, CNA #329 and CNA #368 observed Resident #61 in the bathroom sitting on the toilet in distress. The CNA staff alerted LPN #341 who assessed Resident #61 and found the resident to be unresponsive. Instead of providing immediate care, LPN #341 contacted LPN #346 who was working on another floor for guidance. LPN #346 then contacted Unit Manager #354, who was at home asking for guidance related to finding Resident #61's advanced directives. LPN #341 had a difficult time finding the resident's advanced directives as LPN #341 denied having immediate access to the computer and the resident's hard medical chart. EMS was contacted and arrived on-site at which time the resident was pronounced deceased as EMS staff indicated it was too late for CPR. The staff had left Resident #61 slumped over on the toilet until EMS arrived (at approximately 11:45 P.M. per the facility timeline).</p> <p>The Immediate Jeopardy was removed on [DATE] and subsequently corrected on [DATE] when the facility implemented the following corrective actions.</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 0678</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>On [DATE] between 12:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M., the Director of Nursing (DON) provided education on Advance Directives, location of advanced directives, change of condition, and immediate response of CPR. The education was provided to all staff that were in-house and those not in-house received training via phone. Training was verified by review of sign in sheets.</p> <p>On [DATE] the DON and Administrator interviewed and/or collected statements from all staff working at the time of the incident involving Resident #61. All staff involved were on site for these interviews.</p> <p>On [DATE] at 1:35 P.M., a whole house audit of all residents was completed by the Regional Director of Clinical Services (RDCS) verifying code status, care plans and signed Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) forms. No concerns were identified.</p> <p>On [DATE] at 2:30 P.M. the Human Resource Director reviewed all nursing staff files to verify cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certifications were valid. All certifications were valid and up to date.</p> <p>On [DATE] at 2:35 P.M. the RDCS verified all laptops on the units were accounted for. Three laptops and two desktops were available. (One desktop at first and third floor nurse stations and three laptops on three of the six medication carts [one on each unit. One nurse passes medications for the entire unit. The nurse takes the laptop from one medication cart to the other]). This was verified via surveyor observation.</p> <p>On [DATE] at 4:30 P.M. the DON audited crash carts and all equipment was in place.</p> <p>On [DATE] at 7:30 P.M., an ADHOC Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI) meeting was completed to discuss Advance Directives for all residents. The outcome of the meeting was the development of education pertaining to Advance Directives, location of advanced directives, change in condition, immediate response of CPR. All interdisciplinary team members including the Administrator, DON, Unit Manager, Maintenance Director, Activities Director, Dietary Director, Business Office Manager and Admission Director were in attendance with the Medical Director in attendance via phone.</p> <p>On [DATE] at 11:30 A.M. a second ADHOC QAPI meeting was held. Discussion included but was not limited to the different code status levels and how staff were expected to respond and implementation of the corrective action plan and if any adjustments were required.</p> <p>On [DATE] at 11:45 A.M., staff received education on advanced directives, location of the advanced directives, immediate response of CPR and change in condition by The RDCS and DON. Any staff who were unable to attend in-house were trained via telephone. Completion of this training was verified via review of staff sign-in sheets and random interviews with staff.</p> <p>Beginning [DATE] at 3:10 P.M. the facility implemented a plan for the DON/Designee to conduct Code Blue drills and location of advance directives on alternating shifts three times a week for four weeks then weekly thereafter. Audit completion was reviewed and confirmed via review of auditing documentation sheets beginning on [DATE].</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0678</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Beginning [DATE] at 3:10 P.M. the facility implemented a plan for the Administrator/Designee to audit all deaths that occurred to ensure resident's advanced directives were honored per preference five times a week for four weeks, then weekly thereafter. Auditing was confirmed via review of auditing documentation sheets (there were three deaths reviewed (one occurred on [DATE], one on [DATE] and one on [DATE])); two residents had advance directives for a DNRCCA status, and one resident was a DNR-CC).</p> <p>Beginning on [DATE] at 3:10 P.M. the facility implemented a plan for the DON/Designee to conduct audits to ensure that residents' change in conditions were addressed five times a week for four weeks, then weekly thereafter. Audit completion was reviewed and confirmed via review of auditing documentation sheets beginning on [DATE].</p> <p>Beginning on [DATE] at 3:10 P.M. the facility implemented a plan for the DON/Designee to conduct audits to ensure each unit had a laptop for nursing access five times a week for four weeks. Audit completion was reviewed and confirmed via review of auditing documentation sheets beginning on [DATE].</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>Review of Resident #61's closed medical record revealed the resident was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses including cognitive social or emotional deficit following an unspecified cerebrovascular disease, mild vascular dementia, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, atrial fibrillation (irregular heart rhythm), congestive heart failure, polyosteoarthritis, and old myocardial infarction (MI).</p> <p>Review of the physician's orders revealed an advance directive order dated [DATE] indicating the resident was a full code status.</p> <p>Review of Resident #61's care plan with a creation date of [DATE] revealed Resident #61 desired to be a full code (advance directives). A full code status indicates a resident wants all life-saving measures used in a medical emergency.</p> <p>Review of the admission Minimum Data Set assessment with an assessment reference date of [DATE] revealed Resident #61 had range of motion impairment to upper and lower extremities on one side and required substantial/maximal (staff) assistance with toilet transfers. Resident #61 utilized a manual wheelchair for mobility.</p> <p>Review of an untimed progress note dated [DATE] revealed Resident [Resident #61] expired [DATE] at 00:00. R [resident] assessed by nurse and other nurse in building. Contacted MD, DON, sister. Contacted summit county corner (sic) spoke with (name provided) at 00:16 gave permission to release r [resident] to funeral home. Contacted (name of funeral home) spoke with (name provided). Funeral home picked r [resident] up at 01:27 exited on elevator gave copy of face sheet & medication list.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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