

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 395480	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 04/10/2025
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Mahoning Valley Nursing and Re		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 397 Hemlock Drive Lehighton, PA 18235	

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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** 26142</p> <p>Based on observation, a review of clinical records and facility investigative reports, resident and staff interview it was determined the facility failed to consistently provide care and services consistent with professional standards of practice, to prevent the development of pressure ulcers for one resident out of 10 sampled residents. (Resident 1)</p> <p>Findings:</p> <p>According to the US Department of Health and Human Services, Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality, the pressure ulcer best practice bundle incorporates three critical components in preventing pressure ulcers: Comprehensive skin assessment, Standardized pressure ulcer risk assessment and care planning and implementation to address the areas of risk.</p> <p>The American College of Physicians (ACP) is a national organization of internists, who specialize in the diagnosis, treatment, and care of adults. The largest medical-specialty organization and second-largest physician group in the United States) Clinical Practice Guidelines indicate that the treatment of pressure ulcers should involve multiple tactics aimed at alleviating the conditions contributing to ulcer development (i. e. support surfaces, repositioning and nutritional support); protecting the wound from contamination and creating and maintaining a clean wound environment; promoting tissue healing via local wound applications, debridement and wound cleansing; using adjunctive therapies; and considering possible surgical repair.</p> <p>A review of Resident 1's clinical record revealed the resident was admitted to the facility on [DATE], with diagnoses including dementia, respiratory failure, and a history of falling at home. Resident 1 was discharged home on March 13, 2025.</p> <p>A review of a quarterly Minimum Data Set assessment (MDS - a federally mandated standardized assessment process conducted periodically to plan resident care) dated February 5, 2025, indicated the resident was moderately impaired with a BIMS score of 3(brief interview for mental status, a tool to assess the residents attention, orientation and ability to register and recall new information, a score of 00-07 equates to severe cognitive impairment). The MDS further identified the resident as requiring staff assistance for activities of daily living (ADLs) and at risk for pressure ulcer development.</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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