

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  396074	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  03/11/2026
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER  Allied Services Skilled Nursing Center		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE  303 Smallacombe Drive Scranton, PA 18501	

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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><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> Based on a review of clinical records, hospital records prior to admission, select facility policies and procedures, facility-provided investigative documentation, and staff interview, it was determined the facility failed to accurately assess pressure injury risk, failed to implement appropriate preventative interventions, and failed to conduct timely and thorough skin assessments to prevent the development of pressure injuries for one resident (Resident CR1) of five residents reviewed. Findings include: According to the US Department of Health and Human Services, Agency for Healthcare Research &amp; 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. 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. A review of a facility policy titled Wound Management/Pressure Reduction last reviewed July 2025 revealed it is the policy of the facility to assess each resident's potential for skin breakdown based on clinical risk factors. The policy revealed upon discovery of a pressure ulcer, the investigation will be initiated, a plan of care will be established, the nurse will notify the wound nurse, and the residents will have a prevention or specialty mattress as needed. The policy further noted the Braden scale (a standardized assessment tool used to determine a resident's risk for developing pressure injuries by evaluating six risk factors including sensory perception, moisture, activity, mobility, nutrition, and friction/shear; scores range from 6-23, with lower scores indicating greater risk) will be done for every admission to the facility, and then every week for four (4) weeks. The policy details that weekly body checks will be done and recorded appropriately by certified nurse aides. The policy defines an unstageable pressure ulcer as ulcers that are covered with slough (a yellow, stringy material made of devitalized tissue, meaning dead tissue that has lost its blood supply) and eschar (a thick layer of dead tissue) and true depth cannot be determined. Once the ulcer is debrided (dead or damaged tissue removed) of slough and/or eschar such that the tissues involved can be determined, then the ulcer can be reclassified with proper ulcer stage (the true depth and extent of tissue damage can be determined). The ulcer does not have to be completely debrided or free of all slough and/or eschar in order to reclassify the stage. The policy detailed that if a skin area is identified, the information will reflect the type of skin impairment, the location, size, description, shape, drainage, odor, or necrosis. The policy indicated that if an unstageable pressure ulcer is identified, staff is to apply moist saline dressings every shift with dry sterile dressings, consult the wound care nurse, consult the physician, and consult the dietician for recommendations. A review of Resident CR1's clinical record revealed the resident was admitted to the facility on [DATE], with (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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