

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 415072	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 12/16/2024
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Elmwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 225 Elmwood Avenue Providence, RI 02907	

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<p>F 0658</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Ensure services provided by the nursing facility meet professional standards of quality.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 46118</p> <p>Based on record review and staff interview it has been determined that the facility failed to ensure that residents receive treatment and care in accordance with professional standards of practice, relative to oxygen administration during an acute medical event for 1 of 2 residents reviewed, Resident ID #1.</p> <p>Findings are as follows:</p> <p>Record review of a community reported complaint submitted to the Rhode Island Department of Health on 12/13/2024, alleged that the resident was on oxygen and when emergency medical service (EMS) arrived to the facility, the oxygen was not on. The complaint further alleged that the resident was brought to the hospital with hypoxia (low levels of oxygen in your body tissues).</p> <p>According to [NAME] 9th Edition, Nursing Procedures page 621, which states in part, Oxygen administration helps relieve hypoxemia and maintain adequate oxygenation of tissues and vital organs .Indications for oxygen administration include .oxygen saturation .less than 90% on room air .Monitor the patient's oxygen saturation level using pulse oximetry [a noninvasive method for monitoring blood oxygen saturation] to assess the response to oxygen therapy .</p> <p>Record review revealed that the resident was readmitted to the facility in August of 2024 with diagnoses including, but not limited to, dementia and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (a lung condition caused by damage to the lungs).</p> <p>Record review of a Nurse Practitioner (NP) encounter note dated 12/12/2024 at 4:00 PM, revealed the resident was assessed to be having acute respiratory failure with hypoxia and presented with signs of mild respiratory distress, tachypnea (increased respiratory rate), tachycardia (increased heart rate), and slight expiratory wheezing. Further review revealed oxygen therapy was initiated for oxygen saturation less than 91%, with a goal of 90 to 97%. Additional review revealed the nursing staff was informed of the plan of care.</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 0658</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Record review of a late entry nursing progress note, authored by Registered Nurse (RN), Staff A revealed that on 12/12/2024 at approximately 7:00 PM the resident appeared lethargic with increased weakness, a delayed response and an oxygen saturation of 85% on room air. Further review indicated the nurse put the resident on 2 liters (L) of oxygen via nasal canula (tubing that delivers oxygen through the nose) to improve the resident's breathing. Additional review revealed the resident's family member requested that resident be sent to the hospital for an evaluation, at which time the NP was contacted, and the resident was sent to the hospital via 911.</p> <p>Review of the EMS Patient Care Report dated 12/12/2024 at 7:28 PM revealed that upon arrival to the facility, the resident's oxygen was turned off and his/her oxygen saturation was 84% on room air. Further review revealed the resident's oxygen saturation improved to 95% on 6 L of oxygen and the resident became alert to verbal stimuli.</p> <p>Record review of hospital documentation dated 12/13/2024 revealed the resident was admitted to the hospital on 12/12/2024 with hypoxia and was being evaluated for sepsis (an infection in the blood stream).</p> <p>During a surveyor interview on 12/16/2024 at 10:57 AM with Nursing Assistant (NA), Staff B, she indicated that she was working on the resident's unit on 12/12/2024, 3:00 PM -11:00 PM shift, and saw that the resident was sick and put on oxygen. She further indicated that the concentrator started beeping so she informed the nurse who went into the resident's room to turn the concentrator off and on again. Additionally, she indicated that the concentrator continued beeping and the nurse was aware that it was not working appropriately. Staff B indicated that RN, Staff A stated to her it's okay [s/he] is going to the hospital anyway.</p> <p>During a surveyor interview on 12/16/2024 at 12:26 PM with RN, Staff A, she indicated that she was the resident's nurse on 12/12/2024 and had been made aware of the resident's condition by the resident's family member. She further indicated that she obtained the resident's vital signs including oxygen saturation which was 85% on room air. Additionally, she indicated that she placed the resident on 2 L of oxygen via a concentrator which started beeping but then stopped. Furthermore, she acknowledged that she did not reevaluate the resident after placing the resident on oxygen.</p> <p>During a surveyor interview on 12/16/2024 at 1:44 PM with the Director of Nursing Services, she indicated that she would expect the resident to be placed on oxygen and that the nurse would assess the resident's oxygen saturation after applying the oxygen.</p> <p>Cross reference F-726.</p>		

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<p>F 0726</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p>	<p>Ensure that nurses and nurse aides have the appropriate competencies to care for every resident in a way that maximizes each resident's well being.</p> <p>46118</p> <p>Based on record review and staff interview, it has been determined that the facility failed to ensure that nursing staff have the appropriate competencies and skill sets to provide nursing and related services to assure resident safety to attain or maintain the highest practicable physical, mental, and psychosocial wellbeing of each resident, as determined by resident assessments and individual plans of care and considering the number, acuity and diagnoses of the facility's resident population in accordance with the facility assessment as required for 1 of 1 staff reviewed, Registered Nurse, Staff A .</p> <p>Findings are as follows:</p> <p>Record review of the facility assessment states that the resident population diagnoses include, but are not limited to, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (a lung condition caused by damage to the lungs) and acute respiratory failure with hypoxia (low levels of oxygen in your body tissues). Further review revealed nurse competencies should be completed upon hire and annually, and as dictated by the care needs of residents.</p> <p>Record review failed to reveal evidence of competencies and skill sets for acute respiratory failure with hypoxia on orientation relative to the use of oxygen therapy for Staff A, with a hire date of 6/25/2024.</p> <p>During a surveyor interview on 12/16/2024 at 2:12 PM with the Director of Nursing Services, she indicated that the facility does not complete education, or competencies specifically related to administering oxygen for any of their nursing staff.</p> <p>Cross reference F-658.</p>		