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<p>F 0600</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Protect each resident from all types of abuse such as physical, mental, sexual abuse, physical punishment, and neglect by anybody.</p> <p>31846</p> <p>Based on review of facility policy, record review and interview, the facility failed to protect Resident (R)1 from physical abuse by Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)1. Specifically, CNA1 slapped R1's bilateral stumps to ensure his stumps were flat on the bed, for 1 of 3 residents reviewed for abuse.</p> <p>On 03/20/25 at 2:00 PM the Administrator and the Director of Nursing were notified that the failure to protect a resident from physical abuse constituted Immediate Jeopardy (IJ) at F600.</p> <p>On 03/20/25 at 2:00 PM, the survey team provided the Administrator with a copy of the CMS Immediate Jeopardy (IJ) Template and informed the facility IJ existed as of 03/02/25. The IJ was related to 483.12 Freedom from Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation.</p> <p>On 03/20/25 at 7:20 PM, the facility provided an acceptable IJ Removal Plan. On 03/20/25, the survey team, validated the facility's corrective actions and removed the IJ. The facility remained out of compliance at F600 at a lower scope and severity of D.</p> <p>An extended survey was conducted in conjunction with the Complaint Survey for non-compliance at F600, constituting substandard quality of care.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>Review of the facility policy titled Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation, states, Abuse means the willful infliction of injury, unreasonable confinement, intimidation, or punishment with resulting physical harm, pain or mental anguish, which can include staff to resident abuse and certain resident to resident altercations. Abuse also includes the deprivation by an individual, including a caretaker, of goods or services that are necessary to attain or maintain physical, mental and psychosocial well-being. Instances of abuse of all residents, irrespective of any mental or physical condition, cause physical harm, pain or mental anguish. It includes verbal abuse, sexual abuse, physical abuse and mental abuse including abuse facilitated or enabled through the use of technology . Physical Abuse includes but is not limited to hitting, slapping, punching, biting, and kicking. It also includes controlling behavior through corporal punishment.</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 0600</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>The facility admitted R1 on 06/27/24, with diagnoses including but not limited to: respiratory failure with hypoxia, dependent on renal dialysis for ESRD (End Stage Renal Disease), peripheral vascular disease and left and right below the knee amputations. R1 has a dialysis catheter to his right upper chest area.</p> <p>Review of R1's Quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS) with an Assessment Reference Date of 01/22/25, revealed a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) score of 15 out of 15, which indicates R1 was cognitively intact.</p> <p>Review of R1's Care Plan revealed R1 has a self care deficit related to activities of daily living (ADLs), impaired mobility, muscle weakness, and lack of coordination, with pulmonary edema, and incontinence of bowel and bladder. R1 is receiving oxygen therapy related to acute and chronic congestive heart failure, restrictive lung disease and cardiomyopathy.</p> <p>During an interview on 03/17/25 at 11:58 AM, the Social Services Director (SSD) stated that R1 had told her that CNA1 was rough with him and overly aggressive. The SSD further stated R1 has bilateral amputations and when he lays back his stumps will raise up a little, CNA1 slapped R1's legs for him to put them down. When CNA1 slapped his legs, R1 swung at him. Then the CNA1 grabbed both of the resident's hands, held them and pressed them against R1's upper chest and neck area. The SSD further stated CNA1 told the resident, You are not going to hit me. The SSD stated that CNA1 held down R1's hands while he performed incontinent care for R1. The SSD concluded that R1 became distressed and was very upset and felt abused by the act.</p> <p>During an interview on 03/17/25 at 12:18 PM, the Director of Nursing (DON) stated, The CNA is arrogant and out spoken and is in the military Reserves. The DON further stated that CNA1 had informed the DON that he grabbed both of the resident's hands and with one of his hands he held them down across his upper chest and neck area. CNA1 said to the DON, I had no choice but to restrain him.</p> <p>During an interview on 03/17/25 at 2:25 PM, CNA1 stated, The resident [R1] put on his call light, as he does several times during the night and was whining. I was not assigned to the resident, his CNA was busy taking care of another resident. I went in to see if I could help him. I was turning him over to loosen his brief and he swung at me and hit me. I tried blocking his hand with my hands and he stopped for a minute and I continued changing him and left the room. CNA1 did not mention the slapping of R1's legs and restraining him by holding his hands pressed against his upper chest.</p> <p>Review on 03/17/25 at 2:35 PM, of the original statement written by CNA1 documented, Resident put on his call light, I, myself went in and asked what was wrong and he said he needed a brief change. So, I told him the CNA working with him would be with him and he said ok. I left the room to finish my rounds, and the resident started to whine. His CNA for the night was falling behind so I went in his room and told him I was going to change him and he swung at me so I restrained him until he cooled down. He let me change him and I left the room. He threatened me and disrespected me physically and vocally.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0600</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>During an interview on 03/17/25 at 3:28 PM, R1 stated, The CNA came in my room when I rang the call bell, he just started hitting my stumps. My left stump is still tender because it has not been long since I had the amputation. The CNA went out of the room so I called again. He came back in and grabbed me and held my hands down around the upper part of my chest. I was scared he would pull out my dialysis catheter, so I just quit struggling with him. In a little while he quit holding me down. I never hit him or pushed him. I could not believe he was doing me like that. My CNA, a female, that usually helped me was helping someone else at the time. That is why he came in my room in the first place.</p> <p>During an interview on 03/20/25 at 10:40 AM, Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)1 stated she was the nurse coming on duty for the day shift on 03/02/25. R1 started calling for this nurse as soon as he saw she was there. LPN1 stated that R1 was very upset and it took a few minutes to calm him down. She stated that R1 was not crying, but he was very upset. I informed him that he was safe and that the CNA would not be back and could not hurt him. After he appeared calmer, I left the room for a few minutes to go and report what the resident had told me. The resident was adamant about calling his family and wanting to press charges against the CNA.</p> <p>On 03/20/25 at 7:20 PM, the facility provided an acceptable IJ Removal Plan, which included the following:</p> <p>Please accept this as our plan for abatement of the Immediate Jeopardy with a date of compliance of 03/20/25.</p> <p>Actions taken for the affected resident:</p> <p>On 03/02/2025 at approximately 07:15 AM, Resident #1 reported to the Licensed Practical Nurse #1 (LPN1) the he (R1) wanted to call the police to press charges against CNA #1. The resident then went on to disclose how CNA#1 was rough with him and smacked his leg. LPN1 informed the Unit Manager and the Director of Nursing.</p> <p>On 03/02/2025 at approximately 07:30 AM, the Director of Nursing (DON) was contacted by LPN1 and was notified of the allegation. LPN1 remained with the resident pending the arrival of the DON to start the investigation.</p> <p>On 03/02/2024 at approximately 07:45 AM, the DON contacted CNA1 via phone and suspended him. The DON requested that CNA1 provide a written statement regarding his interactions with R1. The DON interviewed CNA1 in which he admitted that he (CNA1) restrained the resident.</p> <p>On 03/02/2025 at approximately 08:04 AM, the DON provided notification to the South Carolina Department of Public Health of the allegation of abuse.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0600</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>On 03/02/2025 at approximately 08:30 AM, the DON interviewed resident (R1) as a part of the investigation. She completed a body audit that was negative for marks or bruises. Resident (R1) disclosed that he was lying on his back with his legs bent. He (R1) demonstrated and it was observed that due to amputations his legs point up into the air. Resident #1 states that when CNA1 entered the room. CNA1 hit his (R1s) legs and told him to put them down if he wanted to be changed. The resident did not disclose pain or injury from the open-handed contact but it made him mad and then he, R1, took a swing at CNA1. The resident then demonstrated how CNA1 crossed the residents arms on his upper chest and held his arms.</p> <p>On 03/02/2025 at approximately 09:30 AM, the DON notified the local police authorities. Officers responded and statements were taken and a report was filed.</p> <p>On 03/02/2025 at approximately 08:45 AM, the DON contacted the family and left a message. At approximately 09:00 AM the family returned the call and spoke with LPN1 regarding the allegations.</p> <p>On 03/02/2025 at approximately 07:25 AM, LPN1 notified the Attending Physician of the allegation of abuse.</p> <p>On 03/02/2025 at approximately 9:00 AM, the DON began providing education to staff regarding Abuse Neglect and Restraints. The SDC took over the training after arriving to the facility.</p> <p>On 03/02/2025, the Social Service Director began to monitor the resident (R1) for residual and latent effects. She reports no latent effects and that the resident (R1) is glad that CNA1 not longer works here.</p> <p>Actions taken to identify other residents potentially affected:</p> <p>On 03/05/2025, the Social Services Director interviewed other residents able to be interviewed and no pattern was noted. No residents reported abuse or being restrained.</p> <p>Systemic Changes:</p> <p>Based on the following facts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Resident interviews indicated that this was an isolated event.</li> <li>2) Resident #1's skin audit was negative for marks or bruises.</li> <li>3) CNA1 admitted both verbally and in his written statement to having restraining R1.</li> </ol> <p>The allegation was substantiated.</p> <p>On 03/02/2025, the Staff Development Coordinator (SDC) began education on Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation for staff. Education will be provided upon hire, annually and as needed.</p> <p>All education will be completed by Staff on or before 03/20/2025. Staff will not be allowed to work without completing the training.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0600</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>On 03/20/2025, The Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Policy was reviewed by the DON, the Administrator and the Corporate Nurse Consultant. No Policy Revision needed at this time.</p> <p>The SDC will audit new hire Orientation Packets Monthly x 6 months and then quarterly to ensure that employees were provided training on restraints. The SDC will track and trend and report the results of the audits monthly x 6 months and then quarterly.</p> <p>Annually, the SDC, DON, or Designee will provide education to staff regarding Restraints. Annually, the SDC will audit all employee training records to ensure that all staff have received annual training. The SDC will track and trend her annual education audit and report to QAPI at least annually.</p> <p>QAPI</p> <p>On 03/20/2025, an Ad Hoc QAPI Committee meeting was held with the Medical Director attending via phone. The plan of actions taken were reviewed and it was determined that the appropriate preventative actions had been take. The Committee approved the addition of restraints as a focus to the new hire process and annual education.</p> <p>The Committee will monitor the results of the new hire and the annual training audits and make recommendations and modifications as needed to ensure continued compliance.</p>		

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<p>F 0604</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Ensure that each resident is free from the use of physical restraints, unless needed for medical treatment.</p> <p>31846</p> <p>Based on review of facility policy, record review and interview, the facility failed to protect Resident (R)1 from being physically restrained by Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)1. Specifically, CNA1 grabbed both of R1's hands, held them crossed against R1's upper chest during incontinence care, for 1 of 3 residents reviewed.</p> <p>On 03/20/25 at 2:00 PM the Administrator and the Director of Nursing were notified that the failure to protect a resident from being physically restrained constituted IJ at F604.</p> <p>On 03/20/25 at 2:00 PM, the survey team provided the Administrator with a copy of the CMS Immediate Jeopardy (IJ) Template and informed the facility IJ existed as of 03/02/25. The IJ was related to 483.12 Freedom from Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation.</p> <p>On 03/20/25 at 7:20 PM, the facility provided an acceptable IJ Removal Plan. On 03/20/25, the survey team, validated the facility's corrective actions and removed the IJ. The facility remained out of compliance at F604, at a lower scope and severity of D.</p> <p>An extended survey was conducted in conjunction with the Complaint Survey for non-compliance at F604, constituting substandard quality of care.</p> <p>The findings include:</p> <p>Review of the facility policy titled, Restraint Free Environment, documents, It is the policy of this facility that each resident shall attain and maintain his/her highest practicable well-being in an environment that prohibits the use of physical or chemical restraints for discipline or convenience and limits restraint use to circumstances in which the resident has medical symptoms that warrant the use of restraints . Physical Restraint, refers to any manual method or physical or mechanical device, material, or equipment attached or adjacent to the resident's body that the individual cannot remove and restricts freedom of movement or normal access to one's body. Physical restraints may include but are not limited to . Holding down a resident in response to behavioral symptoms, during the provision of care if the resident is resistive or refusing the care.</p> <p>The facility admitted R1 on 06/27/24 with diagnoses including but not limited to, respiratory failure with hypoxia, dependent on renal dialysis for ESRD (End Stage Renal Disease), peripheral vascular disease and left and right below the knee amputations. Further review revealed, R1 has a dialysis catheter to his right upper chest area.</p> <p>Review of R1's Quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS) with an Assessment Reference Date (ARD) of 01/22/25, revealed a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) score of 15 out of 15, indicating R1 was cognitively intact. Further review of the MDS revealed R1 is not scored for moods and behaviors.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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