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<p>F 0585</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Honor the resident's right to voice grievances without discrimination or reprisal and the facility must establish a grievance policy and make prompt efforts to resolve grievances.</p> <p>41088</p> <p>Based on South Dakota Department of Health (SD DOH) facility-reported incident (FRI), interview, and policy review, the provider failed to follow their grievance policy regarding a complaint filed by a family member on behalf of resident 2 who had received services from the facility.</p> <p>Findings revealed:</p> <p>1. Review of the provider's 8/14/24 SD DOH FRI revealed:</p> <p>*On 8/14/24 the daughter of resident 2 had voiced concerns regarding services provided to her mother (resident 2) which included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Potential staff improper use of mechanical lifts with resident transfers which may have resulted in resident 2 having a dislocated hip that was later discovered while she was hospitalized .</li> <li>-Short staffing.</li> <li>-Long call light wait times.</li> <li>-A COVID-19 positive resident wandering the facility and possibly infecting others.</li> <li>-Resident 2 had symptoms of black/tarry bowel movements.</li> </ul> <p>*The report had not indicated nursing followed-up with the physician in response to resident 2's black/tarry bowel movement symptoms.</p> <p>Review of resident 2's electronic medical record revealed:</p> <p>*On 7/7/24 at 8:37 p.m. there was a nurse progress note that indicated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Resident continued to complain of stomach pain.</li> <li>-She had a poor appetite and ate very little at meals.</li> <li>-She had needed more assistance from staff with transfers.</li> </ul> <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 0585</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>8. All written grievance decisions will include the date the grievance was received, a summary statement of the resident's grievance, the steps taken to investigate the grievance, a summary of the pertinent findings, or conclusions regarding the resident's concerns [s], a statement as to whether the grievance was confirmed or not confirmed, any corrective action to be taken by the facility as a result of the grievance, and the date the written decision was issued.</p> <p>9. If grievance is confirmed, the facility will take appropriate corrective action.</p> <p>10. The facility will maintain results for 3 years.</p>		

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<p>F 0609</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Timely report suspected abuse, neglect, or theft and report the results of the investigation to proper authorities.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> 32355</p> <p>Based on South Dakota Department of Health (SD DOH) complaint online report, document review, interview, and policy review, the provider failed to provide report to the SD DOH for one of one sampled resident (1) who was given two long-acting insulins at the same time for four days, had episodes of hypoglycemia (low blood sugars), and required evaluation at the emergency department (ED). Findings include:</p> <p>1. Review of the SD DOH 12/12/24 intake information revealed:</p> <p>*I am writing to file a complaint regarding [long-term care provider's name]. There was a sentinel event [not anticipated] that could have ended a resident's life.</p> <p>*[Resident 1] (4/5/1956) was transported to [name of hospital] on 12/12/24 for complaints of hypoglycemia and altered mental status. It was reported by [registered nurse (RN) K] (nursing home staff) that the patient's blood sugar was 24 at their facility. No interventions were completed by the nursing home staff at that time, only waiting for [ambulance name] to arrive. [RN K] reported that the patient has been having hypoglycemic episodes for the past 5 days.</p> <p>*Upon inspection of the MAR [medication administration record] sent with the patient to our facility, it was discovered that the patient was getting dosed with two different types of long-acting insulin types. The insulins that were administered were Touje [Toujeo] SoloStar 44 IU [international units] daily and Tresiba Flex INJ [injection] 40 IU daily.</p> <p>*The pharmacist at [hospital's name], [pharmacist's name], spoke with [provider's pharmacy name] regarding the two prescriptions for long-acting insulin. It was made to light that the brand of insulin was changed due to insurance funding issues. The patient was to change from Touje [Toujeo] to Tresiba because his insurance did not cover Touje [Toujeo]. There was a delay from when the Tresiba order was signed and when the medication arrived at the facility. Per [provider's pharmacy name], the facility was supposed to non-administer the Tresiba until the entirety of the Touje [Toujeo] insulin pen was administered. On 12/6/24 and 12/7/24 the Tresiba was non-administered by their pharmacy's directions. However, on 12/8/24 the patient started to receive both the Tresiba and Touje [Toujeo] every day until 12/12/24 when the Touje [Toujeo] order was discontinued per the estimated length of time for the pen to run out per [provider's pharmacy name]. Patient received both the insulins from 12/8-12/11/24.</p> <p>*The facility was updated when the patient was admitted for his hypoglycemia and blood sugar monitoring. A nursing report was given to [RN K] at [provider's name] and she stated she had no idea the patient was receiving two types of long-acting insulin. However, upon inspection of their MAR it seems that she potentially gave the does on 12/9/24 and 12/10/24 per their MAR user abbreviations.</p> <p>Review of resident 1's 12/12/24 ED note revealed:</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0609</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>*[AGE] year-old male with type 2 diabetes on insulin presented to [hospital's ED name] via EMS [emergency medical services] due to being unresponsive secondary to hypoglycemia. Blood sugar was initially reported by nursing home staff to be 24. Blood sugar increased to 73 after receiving D10 [dextrose] by EMS. Patient was responsive and answering questions. He ate toast without difficulty. Serum blood sugar reading was 41. Suspected that patient may be receiving multiple long-acting insulin medications unintentionally which occurred related to insurance requesting changing insulin options and having to re-order new medication, apparently both Toujeo and Tresiba were administered for 4 days.</p> <p>*He last received double coverage of insulin yesterday morning. Concerned that he may have persistent hypoglycemia until insulin wears off. Recommended admission to [hospital's name] for observation to ensure his blood sugar levels return to baseline and adjust his diabetes medication.</p> <p>Review of resident 1's electronic medical record (EMR) from 12/6/24 through 12/12/24 revealed:</p> <p>*On 12/6/24 at 2:57 p.m. there was a nurse progress note (PN) that indicated the resident to be given Tresiba Flex [insulin] 40 units once a day starting the next morning.</p> <p>-There was no documentation that supported the Tresiba should not have been given until the Toujeo insulin supply was all gone.</p> <p>*On 12/7/24 at 8:36 a.m. RN E documented that she had administered only the Toujeo.</p> <p>-There was no documentation that supported why she only administered the Toujeo.</p> <p>-There was no documentation that she had contacted the physician or the pharmacy department for clarification of the two long-acting insulin orders.</p> <p>*On 12/9/24 at 7:49 a.m. RN K gave the resident 6 ounces (oz) of orange juice.</p> <p>-There was no documentation that supported why she had given him orange juice.</p> <p>-The MAR documentation indicated that:</p> <p>--His blood sugar level had been checked and was low at 62.</p> <p>--She administered both the Toujeo and Tresiba insulins shortly after she had given him orange juice for a low blood sugar level.</p> <p>*On 12/10/24 the physician had seen the resident and decreased the Toujeo by 2 units.</p> <p>-There was no documentation that those two long-acting insulins had been clarified with the physician.</p> <p>*On 12/12/24 at 3:30 a.m. a certified nursing assistant (CNA) had observed the resident in the doorway of a shared bathroom. Another resident had been attempting to hold him up and telling him to hang on. The CNA attempted to direct the resident to sit down on the toilet but he could not follow directions. He was alert but unable to speak. The nurse and CNA were able to assist him to sit down in the wheelchair (w/c).</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0609</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>-His blood sugar level had been checked and was low at 45.</p> <p>-The nurse administered a glucose injection into his abdomen per physician orders.</p> <p>-His blood sugar continued to drop to 40 and remained low at 44.</p> <p>-The nurse administered another glucose injection. He was able to drink a glass of orange juice and eat 1/2 a cup of ice cream.</p> <p>-His blood sugar level continued to rise from 49, 57, and 73. By 4:45 a.m. his blood sugar level had risen to 101.</p> <p>-A note regarding the resident's hypoglycemic episode was sent to the physician.</p> <p>*On 12/12/24 at 8:51 a.m. social services designee L had written a PN that the wife of the resident was called and informed he was sent to the ED due to being nonresponsive and a low blood sugar.</p> <p>*On 12/12/24 at 9:03 a.m. RN K documented:</p> <p>-This RN went into this resident room after being notified by [nurse consultant A], [director of nursing (DON) B] instructed me to call the ED to give report, this RN left the room to call the [local ED] to give report on this resident being sent to ER for hypoglycemia, this RN updated this resident's name, birthdate, &amp; is having hypoglycemia episodes to the ER nurse, [DON B] was in the room with this resident until the ambulance arrived, this resident's blood sugar was taking [taken] by the [DON B], [DON B] stated this resident blood sugar was 24, the blood sugar was stated to the ER nurse that it was 24, the ER nurse state you need to recheck the blood sugar &amp; if it is still low give him some honey or glucose, or something, you can't send him here with a low blood sugar, so they need to recheck the blood sugar, this RN let the ER nurse know that a call back will be given, resident is in &amp; out of consciousness &amp; is not able to swallow at this time, the ambulance is here for transport, resident left by ambulance, resident's spouse was phone called, no answer left a voice mail on her phone message to call facility for update &amp; this resident is being transferred to the [hospital's ED].</p> <p>-At 12:40 p.m. the ED had called to inform RN K that the resident was admitted for observation due to hypoglycemia and a urinary tract infection.</p> <p>Review of resident 1's 12/6/24 through 12/12/24 MAR revealed he had been given both the Tresiba and Toujeo insulins everyday at the same time on 12/8/24, 12/9/24, 12/10/24, and 12/11/24. There was no documentation that supported those nurses had contacted the physician or the provider's pharmacy for clarification of the insulin orders.</p> <p>Interview on 12/18/24 at 8:00 a.m. with resident 1 regarding the incident on 12/12/24 revealed he:</p> <p>*Was alert and oriented to self and place.</p> <p>*Remembered being sent to the hospital and that his insulin had to be adjusted.</p> <p>*Was not able to recall why he had been hospitalized .</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0760</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Ensure that residents are free from significant medication errors.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> 32355</p> <p>Based on South Dakota Department of Health (SD DOH) complaint online report, interviews, records review, and policy review, the provider failed to ensure one of one resident (1) had been free from a significant medication error when he was administered two long-action insulins at the same time for four consecutive days. Findings include:</p> <p>1. Review of the SD DOH 12/12/24 intake information revealed:</p> <p>*I am writing to file a complaint regarding [long-term care provider's name]. There was a sentinel event [not anticipated] that could have ended a resident's life.</p> <p>*[Resident 1] (4/5/1956) was transported to [name of hospital] on 12/12/24 for complaints of hypoglycemia and altered mental status. It was reported by [registered nurse (RN) K] (nursing home staff) that the patient's blood sugar was 24 at their facility. No interventions were completed by the nursing home staff at that time, only waiting for [ambulance name] to arrive. [RN K] reported that the patient has been having hypoglycemic episodes for the past 5 days.</p> <p>*Upon inspection of the MAR [medication administration record] sent with the patient to our facility, it was discovered that the patient was getting dosed with two different types of long-acting insulin types. The insulins that were administered were Touje [Toujeo] SoloStar 44 IU [international units] daily and Tresiba Flex INJ [injection] 40 IU daily.</p> <p>*The pharmacist at [hospital's name], [pharmacist's name], spoke with [provider's pharmacy name] regarding the two prescriptions for long-acting insulin. It was made to light that the brand of insulin was changed due to insurance funding issues. The patient was to change from Touje [Toujeo] to Tresiba because his insurance did not cover Touje [Toujeo]. There was a delay from when the Tresiba order was signed and when the medication arrived at the facility. Per [provider's pharmacy name], the facility was supposed to non-administer the Tresiba until the entirety of the Touje [Toujeo] insulin pen was administered. On 12/6/24 and 12/7/24 the Tresiba was non-administered by their pharmacy's directions. However, on 12/8/24 the patient started to receive both the Tresiba and Touje [Toujeo] every day until 12/12/24 when the Touje [Toujeo] order was discontinued per the estimated length of time for the pen to run out per [provider's pharmacy name]. Patient received both the insulins from 12/8-12/11/24.</p> <p>*The facility was updated when the patient was admitted for his hypoglycemia and blood sugar monitoring. A nursing report was given to [RN K] at [provider's name] and she stated she had no idea the patient was receiving two types of long-acting insulin. However, upon inspection of their MAR it seems that she potentially gave the does on 12/9/24 and 12/10/24 per their MAR user abbreviations.</p> <p>Review of resident 1's 12/12/24 ED note revealed:</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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