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F 0760 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Some	Ensure that residents are free from significant medication errors. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on South Dakota Department of Health (SD DOH) facility-reported (FRI), observation, interview, record review, and policy review, the provider failed to ensure: Ten of forty-six sampled residents (3,4,5,6,7,8,10,11, and 13) had received their hour of sleep (HS) medications and Two of forty -six sampled residents (9 and 12) had recived the morning medicatons per physicians orders by one of of one licensed vocational nurse (LVN) J. *One of one LVN J had folowed physcian orders and applied a pain patch at the correct dosage for one one resident (2). Findings include:1. Review of the providers 9/9/25 SD DOH FRI involving residents (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13) revealed:*On 9/9/25 at 7:30 a.m., a resident reported she had received her medications that morning. *An audit was conducted by registered nurse (RN) F and indicated residents on the main floor and Alzheimer Care unit (ACU) had their medications signed out on their electronic medication administration record (EMAR), indicating that the residents had received those medications.*The audit for the ACU revealed that 6 out of 7 residents' medication cards still contained their medications in the bubble cards on 9/8/25 for the (HS) med pass. *The audit for the main floor revealed that 2 residents had not received their medications even though they were signed out on their EMAR on 9/9/25 for the morning med pass. *The residents had been assessed by RN F and the director of nursing (DON) B for any adverse outcomes after they had not received their HS and morning medications. No negative outcome was identified. *Resident 2, who had received the incorrect dose of Fentanyl, had been monitored and had no negative outcomes. *LVN J, who had worked had been blocked from returning to the facility to work. *The physicians and the resident responsible parties had been notified. 2. Interview and observation on 2/18/26 at 7:56 a.m. with RN F revealed:*She worked full-time on the day for 21 years. *She explained that the medication cards have 30 bubbles for 30 days' worth of medications. She checked the medication card against the resident's name and punched the medication out of the bubble into a cup. She clicked save on the computer after the resident had taken their medication, and it turned green, which indicated completion. She stated that if the medications were not saved as administered, the medications would turn red. She stated that the red would have been noted at the end of her shift as something she had missed. She stated after she gave the medication, she placed the cards for that resident at the back of the row. Each medication pass is indicated on the medicaton card with a colored sticker on each of them. The stickers had a.m., p.m. or HS on them. She stated that if she had come to work in the morning and noticed that a resident's medication for HS was remaining at the front, that would have indicated those HS medications were never given. 3. Observation and interview on 2/18/26 at 8:20 a.m. with LPN G revealed:*She had worked at the facility since August 2025. *She completed the narcotic count for the main unit with this surveyor. *The completed shift-to-shift count of narcotics with the oncoming and the nurse going off shift to ensure they were accounted for. *The narcotics were accounted for by their count. When a new medication was brought into the facility for a resident, the medications are counted and noted, and (continued on next page)

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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F 0803 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety Residents Affected - Few	Ensure menus must meet the nutritional needs of residents, be prepared in advance, be followed, be updated, be reviewed by dietician, and meet the needs of the resident. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on South Dakota Department of Health (SD DOH) facility reported incident (FRI), record review, interview, and policy review, the provider failed to ensure a physician orders for a therapeutic pureed (blended food) diet was followed for one of one sampled resident (1) who had a diagnosis of dysphagia (difficulty swallowing) and received a snack from one of one certified nursing assistant (CNA) (D) that was not the right texture and then required life-saving measures through use of the Heimlich maneuver after the food became lodged in his throat. On 2/18/26 at 12:59 p.m., an Immediate Jeopardy was identified for a facility reported incident (FRI) related to the quality of care and treatment that occurred on 2/11/26 at 12:59 a.m. for a resident who was served the wrong diet and required life-saving measures in an attempt to dislodge the food he choked on. The investigation revealed verbal and written education was initiated on 2/11/26 for the staff, and the resident's dietary information was changed to the correct diet on the snack cart for staff to follow. Those implemented processes allowed for the immediacy to be removed. Substantial compliance was confirmed on 2/19/26 at 2:58 p.m. after review of the provider's Quality Assurance and Performance (QAPI)/Quality Assessment and Assurance (QAA) minutes, documented staff education, audit information, observation of the kitchen, changes made to the snack cart and clipboards with the snack carts. Continued observations of the dining service, observations of resident meal tickets, and interviews with staff. The provider was found to have past non-compliance at F803 related to the provider's failure to ensure a physician-ordered resident diet was followed which required staff to perform the Heimlich maneuver [life-saving measure used to clear a blocked airway] on resident 1. On 2/19/26 at 3:50 p.m. the Immediate Jeopardy template was electronically emailed to administrator A for reference and review. After the immediacy was removed on 2/19/26 at 2:58 p.m. the scope and severity was lowered from a J to a G. Findings include:1. Review of the 2/11/26 SD DOH FRI regarding resident 1 revealed:*On 2/11/26 at 12:56 a.m. resident 1 was walking in the main lobby and stated he was hungry.*Certified nursing assistant (CNA) D had him sit down at a table by the nurse's station and handed him an Uncrustable sandwich (a prepackaged peanut butter and jelly sandwich without the crust).*Resident 1 had taken three bites and at 12:59 a.m. resident 1 set the Uncrustable sandwich on the table and stood up.*CNA D went to resident 1 and asked him if he was choking, resident 1 did not respond.*CNA D had given resident 1 back blows and called licensed practical nurse (LPN) E for assistance.*LPN E immediately came and began administering the Heimlich maneuver to resident 1.*Resident 1 was assisted to sit in a chair at 1:01 a.m. and LPN E continued to administer the Heimlich maneuver until he took a couple gasps of air.*At 1:04 a.m. resident 1 was transferred to the floor and laid on his side, he made a noise and began spitting phlegm.*CNA D was able to visualize food in his mouth.*She reached into his mouth and was able to grasp remnants of the Uncrustable sandwich and pulled them out of his mouth.*Resident 1 was assisted by LPN E to sit up and take sips of thickened liquid.*At 1:12 a.m. resident 1 was assisted to a dining room chair.*His vital signs (measurements of the body's basic functions, such as temperature, blood pressure, pulse and respiration rate) were taken. His temperature was 96.9, pulse 64, respirations 20, blood pressure 158/76 and his oxygen saturation (percentage of oxygen in the blood) was 95 percent.*Resident 1's voice was a little raspy, he was assisted to the bathroom and then returned to the dining area to a recliner chair for further monitoring.*Resident 1's family, physician, and hospice program were notified of the incident.*CNA D and LPN E were suspended pending investigation for not providing resident 1 with the correct diet texture food. 2. Review of resident 1's electronic medical record (EMR) revealed:*His 11/24/25 Brief (continued on next page)

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