

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  435068	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  03/06/2025
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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** 49958</b></p> <p>Based on South Dakota Department of Health (SD DOH) complaint report review, record review, and interview, the provider failed to ensure one of one resident (1) had been free from a significant medication error and who suffered an acute kidney injury after she was administered the incorrect dose of medication for five consecutive days. Failure to administer that medication as ordered may have contributed to resident 1's health condition and acute kidney injury. This citation is considered past non-compliance based on a review of the corrective actions the provider implemented following the incident.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>1. Review of the provider's 2/21/25 SD DOH FRI regarding resident 1 revealed:</p> <p>*Resident 1 had several changes in the frequency and dosage of furosemide (a diuretic medication that reduces extra body fluid) since her admission in response to weight gain and increased edema (fluid retention) in her extremities.</p> <p>*Upon receiving orders for medication changes, the facility faxed the pharmacy the new orders for review and entry into resident 1's medication administration record (MAR).</p> <p>*On 2/7/25 the physician ordered to increase resident 1's daily furosemide dose from 80 milligrams (mg) to 120 mg and she was referred to cardiology.</p> <p>*That physician's order was entered into the MAR by the pharmacy staff to administer an additional 40 mg of furosemide daily in addition to the current order of furosemide 80 mg for a total of 120 mg.</p> <p>*Resident 1 had cardiology appointments on 2/12/25, 2/13/25, and 2/14/25 and was given furosemide 80 mg intravenously (IV) at those appointments.</p> <p>-Written communication was provided by cardiology to the facility to hold resident 1's oral furosemide on those days.</p> <p>*On 2/14/25 resident 1 returned to the facility following her cardiology appointment with orders to restart oral furosemide 80 mg twice daily (a total of 160 mg) the following day (2/15/25).</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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