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F 0583  Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm  Residents Affected - Few	<p>Keep residents' personal and medical records private and confidential.</p> <p>51816</p> <p>Based on interview, observation, and grievance review, the provider failed to ensure a private area was available for residents and families to meet. This concern was identified by four residents (6, 13, 17, and 22).</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>1. Interview on 5/5/25 at 4:06 p.m. with resident 6 in his room revealed:</p> <p>*He resided in a shared room with another resident.</p> <p>*He had concerns about not having privacy when visitors were there.</p> <p>*He did not like his room full of visitors who visited his roommate.</p> <p>*He stated he had expressed his concerns about privacy to social services director (SSD) C and administrator A.</p> <p>*He stated, I guess I just have to live with it.</p> <p>2. Interview on 5/5/25 at 4:19 p.m. with resident 22 and her family in her room revealed:</p> <p>*Resident 22 stated there was no private space for a family to meet in the facility.</p> <p>*Her family stated they would like to have a space where the family could gather when they visited the resident that was private.</p> <p>3. Interview on 5/5/25 at 4:25 p.m. with resident 17 in her room revealed she wished there was a space in the facility where residents and visitors could meet privately.</p> <p>4. Interview on 5/7/25 at 12:34 p.m. with SSD C revealed:</p> <p>*There were a couple of residents' families that had complained to her about the lack of a private space to meet with residents in the facility.</p> <p>*The previous owner had decided to turn the Family Room into a resident room for financial reasons.</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 0610</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Respond appropriately to all alleged violations.</p> <p>45383</p> <p>Based on observation, record review, interview, and policy review, the provider failed to ensure an investigation had been conducted and documented to rule out abuse and neglect for one of one sampled resident (26) who had sustained a skin laceration while being transferred to the bath chair by staff with the use of a total mechanical lift.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>1. Observation and interview on 5/6/25 at 8:53 a.m. of resident 26 in his room while he was seated in his Geri-chair (a high-backed padded wheelchair with reclining capabilities) revealed:</p> <p>*He had been reclined back in his Geri-chair.</p> <p>*He was non-verbal during the interview.</p> <p>*A total mechanical lift (lift and sling used to lift a person's full body) had been in his room.</p> <p>2. Record review of resident 26's electronic medical record (EMR) revealed:</p> <p>*He had a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and dementia and had been receiving hospice services.</p> <p>*His 3/4/25 Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) assessment score was 99 (which indicated the interview was not completed successfully).</p> <p>*On 3/8/25 at 3:58 p.m. a progress note entered by licensed practical nurse (LPN) J revealed:</p> <p>-Resident has approximately a 2.5-inch laceration on the tip of his penis from the bath sling.</p> <p>-Area was cleaned due to the location it's very difficult to apply a bandage.</p> <p>-Skin protectant applied to the area; MD notified as well as POA.</p> <p>-There we no additional notes to determine how the injury was caused specifically due to the transfer or the bath sling, which staff were involved, or if the transfer was done safely.</p> <p>*On 3/10/25, 3/11/25, and 3/13/25 the laceration had been assessed for healing.</p> <p>*Resident 26 was dependent on staff for mobility and required assistance for:</p> <p>-Transferring with the use of two staff and the total mechanical lift.</p> <p>-Toileting due to him being incontinent of bowel and bladder.</p> <p>-He was not able to communicate his needs consistently.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0610</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>3. Interview on 5/7/25 at 2:00 p.m. with director of nursing (DON) B regarding resident 26's 3/8/25 injury investigation revealed:</p> <p>*She did not think that she had needed to investigate the acquired injury.</p> <p>*She agreed that an investigation of the incident could have ruled out resident abuse or neglect.</p> <p>*She had not interviewed the staff involved in the incident because she did not think it was a potential abuse or neglect.</p> <p>*An incident report and investigation had not been completed by the nurse who had assessed resident 26's laceration at the time of the event.</p> <p>4. Interview on 5/7/25 at 3:10 p.m. with DON B regarding her 5/7/25 investigation of resident 26's incident from 3/8/25 revealed:</p> <p>*She had been able to interview the certified nursing assistants (CNAs) who had been involved with the 3/8/25 incident that caused resident 26 skin laceration.</p> <p>*DON B had interviewed licensed practical nurse (LPN) J that had assessed resident 26's skin laceration.</p> <p>*LPN J informed her that the injured area was more of an abrasion than a laceration.</p> <p>*DON B had thought that the words abrasion and laceration were interchangeable.</p> <p>*She had stated that both CNAs involved had been competent to use the full body lift.</p> <p>-No documentation of competencies of the CNA's lift use had been provided.</p> <p>5. Interview on 5/7/25 at 3:30 p.m. with CNA H who had witnessed the incident on 3/8/25 involving resident 26 revealed:</p> <p>*She was behind the bath chair to assist in guiding him onto the bath chair using the total lift.</p> <p>*She helped to assist him to the back of the chair while he was lowered down by the total mechanical lift by another CNA.</p> <p>*While he was lowered onto the bath chair he said ouch, and they had stopped and noticed he was bleeding from his penis.</p> <p>*They notified the nurse immediately.</p> <p>7. Review of the provider's November 2018 Abuse and Neglect Policy revealed:</p> <p>*What injuries to report: Injuries investigated and not witnessed. For example, bruises or abrasions, skin tears or lacerations.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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F 0610  Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm  Residents Affected - Few	8. Review of the provider's November 2018 Abuse, Neglect, and Misappropriation of Property Prevention Policy:  *Abuse: Physical harm, bodily injury, or attempt to cause harm or injury, or the infliction or fear of imminent physical harm or bodily injury on an elder of disabled person.  9. Review of the provider's undated Resident Accident Prevention Policy and Procedures revealed:  *In the event an accident does occur, the appropriate incident report is completed, depending on the accident.  *All reports are reviewed by Administration and Director of Nursing.		

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<p>F 0812</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Procure food from sources approved or considered satisfactory and store, prepare, distribute and serve food in accordance with professional standards.</p> <p>45383</p> <p>Based on observation, interview, and policy review the provider failed to follow standard food safety practices for:</p> <p>*One of one cook (G) who had not changed her gloves or washed her hands while serving resident food items to prevent potential contamination.</p> <p>*Kitchen equipment that had not been cleaned to maintain a sanitary environment.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>1. Observation on 5/5/25 at 5:28 p.m. of cook G during a meal service revealed with her gloved hands she:</p> <p>*Removed the lids from the covered food items on the steam table.</p> <p>*Touched a ladle and then grabbed the handle of a cart.</p> <p>*Organized resident meal cards and opened the microwave door to heat up the pureed food.</p> <p>*Used a sanitizer wipe to clean the serving ledge of the steam table.</p> <p>*Used a thermometer to check the temperature of the sloppy joe meat.</p> <p>*Opened a drawer and retrieved a spoon to stir the microwaved pureed food.</p> <p>*Opened the microwave door and placed a bowl of potato soup in it.</p> <p>*Retrieved the bowl of potato soup from the microwave.</p> <p>*Retrieved a roast beef and cheese sandwich from a Ziplock bag and potato chips from a bag and placed them on a serving plate.</p> <p>*Checked the temperature of the potato soup and placed the bowl of soup on a tray to be served to residents.</p> <p>*Retrieved hamburger buns from a package sliced the buns into pieces and then put sloppy joe meat on the buns.</p> <p>*Tore up another bun, placed meat on it, and sent it to be served to residents.</p> <p>*Used those same gloves throughout the observed meal service.</p> <p>2. Interview on 5/6/25 with cook G immediately after the above observation revealed:</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0812</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>*She stated it was her normal practice to not change her gloves during food service.</p> <p>*She agreed she should have used tongs to retrieve the buns and the sandwiches from the packages.</p> <p>3. Observation on 5/6/25 at 11:25 a.m. of the prep table in the kitchen across from the stove revealed:</p> <p>*A 9 by 13 (9x13) inch pan had food spatter and debris on the inside of the pan.</p> <p>*Lids for pans had food spatter and debris on them.</p> <p>*The lower shelf of the prep table had food spatter and debris on it.</p> <p>4. Observation on 5/6/25 at 11:35 a.m. of the steam table revealed:</p> <p>*The wooden surface had bare wood exposed, making it an uncleanable surface.</p> <p>*The front of the steam table had food spatter and stains on it.</p> <p>*The storage shelf had food stains and debris on it.</p> <p>5. Interview on 5/6/25 at 11:42 a.m. with dietary manager (DM) F regarding the cleaning of the shelves and the steam table revealed:</p> <p>*The prep table shelf had not been cleaned in a while.</p> <p>*She had a weekly and monthly cleaning schedule posted for staff to follow.</p> <p>*She agreed that those cleaning schedules had not been followed.</p> <p>*She thought that cook D had cleaned the steam table two weeks ago, but food would get spilled on it, and the staff sometimes would not clean the spilled food off the steam table.</p> <p>6. Interview on 5/6/25 at 11:50 a.m. with cook I regarding the cleaning of the steam table revealed:</p> <p>*He had cleaned the steam table about two weeks ago.</p> <p>*He agreed the steam table needed to be cleaned again.</p> <p>7. Interview on 5/8/25 at 10:35 a.m. with DM F regarding the observation with cook C revealed:</p> <p>*She had agreed that cook C should have changed her gloves after touching multiple surfaces.</p> <p>*She agreed [NAME] c should not have worn the same pair of gloves when she touched multiple surfaces and then continued to plate and serve food.</p> <p>*Staff should have only worn gloves when preparing ready to eat food items.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0812</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>*DM B agreed that wearing gloves and touching multiple surfaces and then handling ready to eat food items with those same gloves would have been an infection control concern that created the potential for cross-contamination.</p> <p>Review of the provider's cleaning schedule revealed:</p> <p>*The steam table had been signed-off as having been cleaned on 2/11/25, 2/25/25, and 3/4/25.</p> <p>*There was no area to sign-off the completion of cleaning the prep table shelves.</p> <p>Review of the provider's October 2014 Dietary Department Infection Control Policies and Procedures revealed:</p> <p>*Clean and sanitize work surfaces, utensils, and equipment after each use.</p> <p>Review of the provider's undated Use of Gloves and Washing Hands policy revealed:</p> <p>*Only single-use gloves will be used.</p> <p>*Hands must be washed before putting on gloves and when changing to a new pair.</p> <p>*Food handlers will change gloves when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Gloves become soiled or torn.</li> <li>-Before beginning a different task.</li> <li>-At least every four hours during continual use, and more often as necessary.</li> <li>-After handling raw meat, seafood, or poultry and before handling ready-to-eat foods.</li> </ul>		



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<p>F 0880</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p>	<p>Provide and implement an infection prevention and control program.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 51816</b></p> <p>Based on observation, interview, record review, and policy review, the provider failed to ensure proper infection control practices were followed regarding:</p> <p>*The cleaning and storage of nebulizer machines and equipment (a device that converts liquid medication into an inhalable mist) for three of three sampled residents (6, 10, 18) who used a nebulizer machine.</p> <p>*The cleaning and storage of a BiPAP machine (device that pushes pressurized air into your lungs) and equipment for one of one sampled resident (10) who used a BiPAP machine.</p> <p>*The maintenance of one of one whirlpool bath chairs in a safe and cleanable condition.</p> <p>*The cleaning, storage, and use of shared personal care items found in one of one whirlpool room.</p> <p>*The storage of items in two of two designated clean linen closets.</p> <p>*The assessment for the risk of Legionella, the implementation of measures to prevent the growth of Legionella, and the establishment of testing protocols for Legionella.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>1. Observation on 5/5/25 at 3:41 p.m. in resident 6's room revealed there was an oxygen concentrator in his room with a nasal cannula (flexible tubing that delivers oxygen through the nose) attached. The nasal cannula was draped over the concentrator and was not covered. There was a nebulizer machine on a table. The tubing and the mask were attached to it, and the medication chamber was wet. The mask was sitting on the table, uncovered.</p> <p>Observation and interview on 5/6/25 at 9:19 a.m. with resident 6 in his room revealed that his nebulizer was in the same condition as observed on 5/5/25. The resident stated he used the nebulizer three times per day. He also stated that the staff changed the tubing every week.</p> <p>Observation and interview on 5/7/25 at 9:16 a.m. with resident 6 in his room revealed the nebulizer was in the same condition as observed on the previous two days. He stated that the staff does not disconnect the medication chamber from the nebulizer, rinse it out, and let it dry between treatments. The nasal cannula remained draped over the oxygen concentrator as observed on 5/5/25.</p> <p>Observation on 5/7/25 at 4:12 p.m. and 5/8/25 at 8:32 a.m. of resident 6's room revealed the nebulizer remained in the same condition as previously observed.</p> <p>Review of resident 6's electronic medical record (EMR) revealed:</p> <p>*He had a diagnosis of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) (lung disease that makes breathing difficult).</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0880</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p>	<p>*He received nebulizer medication treatments three times a day.</p> <p>*His breathing was to be assessed by a nurse after each nebulizer treatment was completed.</p> <p>*There was an order to change the nebulizer mask and tubing once per week.</p> <p>*There was no documentation or anything in his care plan that addressed the cleaning and storage of his respiratory devices.</p> <p>2. Observation and interview on 5/6/25 at 10:16 a.m. with resident 10 in his room revealed he had a nebulizer machine on his bedside table, with the tubing and mask attached. The mask was on the table, uncovered, and the medication chamber was wet. Resident 10 stated he used the nebulizer daily.</p> <p>Observation on 5/7/25 at 9:16 a.m. in resident 10's room revealed the nebulizer was in the same condition as observed on 5/6/25. There was a BiPAP machine with the tubing and mask connected to it. The mask was resting in a pink basin on the floor next to the bed, uncovered. There was also a towel and a plastic grocery bag in the basin.</p> <p>Observation on 5/8/25 at 8:33 a.m. revealed the BiPAP and neb machines were in the same condition as observed on 5/7/25.</p> <p>Review of resident 10's EMR revealed:</p> <p>*He had a diagnosis of COPD and emphysema (a lung condition that causes shortness of breath).</p> <p>*He received nebulizer (neb) treatments twice a day.</p> <p>*His breathing was to be assessed by a nurse after each nebulizer treatment was completed.</p> <p>*There was a physician's order to clean the BiPAP daily with soap and water.</p> <p>*There was a 1/20/25 care plan intervention to Administer nebulizer treatments as ordered. Clean and replace equipment and supplies per protocol/as ordered.</p> <p>*There were 12/27/24 care plan interventions to Change BiPAP and oxygen tubing and supplies as ordered and Clean BiPAP and equipment as ordered.</p> <p>*There was no order or anything written in his care plan that addressed the storage of his respiratory devices.</p> <p>3. Observation on 5/7/25 at 4:12 p.m. of resident 18's in his room revealed:</p> <p>*A neb machine was on resident 18's bedside table with the mask, reservoir cup, and tubing unassembled lying on a dry washcloth.</p> <p>-The washcloth was folded in half and draped over the neb mask and reservoir cup.</p> <p>*Resident 18 could not verify if he had washed the neb mask, reservoir cup, and neb tubing.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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