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| <p>F 0600</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</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>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on South Dakota Department of Health (SD OH) facility-reported incident (FRI), record review, observation, interview, and policy review, the provider failed to protect the resident's right to be free from sexual abuse by one of one sampled resident (3) who made unsolicited sexual advances towards one of one sampled resident (2). Resident 3 had a history of sexually inappropriate behavior and required close supervision while in common areas around peers. Findings include:</p> <p>1. Review of the SD FRI report dated 6/9/25 revealed:</p> <p>*The incident occurred on 6/7/25.</p> <p>*Residents 2 and 3 ambulated via wheelchairs independently.</p> <p>*Residents 2 and 3 were in a hallway unmonitored by staff.</p> <p>*Resident 3 propelled himself in his wheelchair up to resident 2 and rubbed her right leg then rolled away from her.</p> <p>*Certified nursing assistant (CNA) J talked to residents 2 and 3 in the hallway but had not separated the residents.</p> <p>*Resident 3 put hand sanitizer on his hands, rolled over to resident 2 and put some of the sanitizer on her hands, started to rub her lap, and touched her private area.</p> <p>*CNA J realized they were next to each other and removed resident 3 from the area and moved resident 2 into the dining room near the table.</p> <p>*CNA J notified the nurse of the situation.</p> <p>*Resident 2's vital signs (measurement of the body's basic functions) were as follows: blood pressure (BP) 153/78, pulse 68, oxygen saturation (level of oxygen in blood) 95 percent on room air.</p> <p>*Resident 2's doctor and family were notified of the incident.</p> <p>*Staff were reminded of the need for resident 3 to be monitored in the commons area at all times.</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 0684</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p> | <p>Provide appropriate treatment and care according to orders, resident's preferences and goals.</p> <p>**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, observation, interview, and policy review, the provider failed to complete a resident assessment for the physical and emotional well-being of one of one resident (2) who experienced unsolicited touching of her body by one of one resident (3) following alleged abuse for one of one sampled resident (2). Findings include:</p> <p>1. Review of the SD FRI report dated 6/9/25 revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *The incident occurred on 6/7/25. *Residents 2 and 3 ambulated via wheelchairs independently. *Residents 2 and 3 were in a hallway unmonitored by staff. *Resident 3 propelled himself in his wheelchair up to resident 2 and rubbed her right leg then rolled away from her. *Certified nursing assistant (CNA) J talked to residents 2 and 3 in the hallway but had not separated the residents. *Resident 3 put hand sanitizer on his hands, rolled over to resident 2 and put some of the sanitizer on her hands, started to rub her lap, and touched her private area. *CNA J realized they were next to each other and removed resident 3 from the area and moved resident 2 into the dining room near the table. *The nurse was notified of the situation. *Resident 2's vital signs (measurement of the body's basic functions) were as follows: blood pressure (BP) 153/78, pulse 68, oxygen saturation (level of oxygen in blood) 95 percent on room air. *Resident 2's doctor and family were notified of that incident. *Staff were reminded of the need for resident 3 to be monitored in common areas at all times. <p>2. Observation and interview on 6/18/25 at 7:46 a.m. of camera footage from 6/7/25 with director of nursing (DON) B revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *On 6/7/25 at 10:43 a.m. residents 2 and 3 were in their wheelchairs in the challenging behavior unit (CBU) dayroom. *Resident 2 moved from the hall toward resident 3. *Resident 3 backed up toward resident 2, and rubbed his right hand on her right leg. *There were no staff in the area. <p>(continued on next page)</p> | | |

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| <p>F 0684</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p> | <p>-Resident 3 was down at the end of the hall and came up the hall and was sitting next to resident 2 in the day room.</p> <p>*LPN E stated she had been in the nurse's station and had not realized resident 3 was that close to resident 2.</p> <p>*LPN E stated she had documented a progress note of what she was told had occurred from the staff.</p> <p>*She stated when DON B came back to the facility on 6/9/25, she had asked her what happened on 6/7/25.</p> <p>*She saw resident 3 had put sanitizer on resident 2 and the camera footage showed he had put his hand on her knee.</p> <p>-She stated, That is all I saw.</p> <p>*She stated she did not think the 6/7/25 incident was substantial and had not completed an assessment on resident 2 after the incident.</p> <p>*She had not completed an incident report, but she documented about it in a progress note.</p> <p>*She stated she had checked resident 2's vital signs the following Monday 6/9/25 after she had discussed the incident with DON B.</p> <p>5. Review of resident 3's progress note dated 6/7/25 revealed:</p> <p>*LPN E was the author of that note.</p> <p>*The note indicated, Housekeeping reported to nurse that she thought she had seen resident put his hands down a females [female's] pants. Writer asked CNA and she stated that what she [had] seen was resident putting hand sanitizer on the females [female's] hands. CNA did intervene and moved resident away from the female resident. Will continue to monitor for behaviors.</p> <p>*There were no further follow up notes or assessment related to the resident's well-being after that time.</p> <p>6. Review of resident 2's electronic medical record revealed (EMR) revealed:</p> <p>*She was admitted to the facility on [DATE].</p> <p>*Her diagnosis included dementia (a group of symptoms affecting memory, thinking and social abilities), anxiety, Psychotic disturbance (hallucinations, delusions, and disorganized thinking), mood disturbance.</p> <p>*Her quarterly cognitive status dated 5/5/25 indicated:</p> <p>- Makes Self Understood, Rarely/never understood.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p> | | |

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| <p>F 0684</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p> | <p>-Fall-Witnessed; Unwitnessed' During staff assist.</p> <p>9. Review of the CNA & Nurses Meeting (February 18th, 2025) revealed:</p> <p>* We met with CNA staff and Nursing Staff to cover this topic.</p> <p>-Incident/Falls: [resident 3] in CBU is on 1:1. 1 staff member should be within arms length, or in the vicinity of him at all times. He can still visit with and be near his peers, but staff should be able to easily intervene and prevent him from harming others. This does not mean that every time he opens his mouth or goes to visit with someone, we immediately move his wheelchair. When it is time for breaks-as long as there is 1 CNA on the floor for pt care and 1 on the floor for the 1:1 you are ok to [take] breaks. If there are several behaviors going on then you [your] nurse needs to be on the floor with you or you need to have [medical records [(MR)]]/[CAN]/medication aide [(MA)]/infection control [(IC)] [K], myself (DON) [B], someone come cover also or you need to wait to take break. We have had 14 state reports in January, 12 of those in the CBU. Nurses should be coming out of the office and assisting in the monitoring halls/dayroom etc.</p> <p>10. Review of the daily hall sheet used by the staff indicated both resident 2 and 3 were 1:1 within arm length at all times.</p> <p>11. Review of the provider's Abuse Prohibition policy dated 3/2024 revealed:</p> <p>*The purpose is to establish guidelines to identify and report suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation of disabled adult residents or a resident's inability to care for self. Residents have the right to be free from verbal, sexual, physical and mental abuse, corporal punishment, exploitation, and involuntary seclusion. It is the policy of this facility to protect residents from abuse, regardless of the source, and to have an effective system in place for reporting and investigating incidents. Staff will be available in adequate numbers to insure [ensure] that each shift has sufficient staff to provide care that meets the resident's needs. Staff is responsible to know the resident's care plan they are providing care for.</p> <p>*Procedure.</p> <p>*2. Report the incident verbally or in writing to a Charge Nurse or Department Manager. This will initiate investigation of the incident. Clear concise documentation of indisputable evidence is critical for protection of the resident. Document in the resident chart specifics of the investigation, including both the resident and the caregivers' explanation of what occurred. The charge nurse will assess, if immediate medical attention is needed and a preliminary investigation will be completed.</p> <p>*3. The Administration will complete a thorough investigation of the incident, including interviews with staff, residents and family as appropriate and complete a written report of these findings.</p> | | |

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| <p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p> | <p>Ensure that a nursing home area is free from accident hazards and provides adequate supervision to prevent accidents.</p> <p>Based on South Dakota Department of Health (SD DOH) facility reported incident (FRI), interviews, record review, and lift manufacturer's instructions, the provider failed to ensure that one of one sampled resident (1) was free from accident hazards during a transfer using a sit-to-stand lift when the manufacturer's operator's instructions for the safe use of the lift had not been followed.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>1. Review of the provider's FRI submitted to SD DOH on 4/16/25 at 3:42 p.m. revealed:</p> <p>*Resident 1 had a fall from the sit-to-stand lift (a mechanical lift used to assist from a seated to a standing position) on 4/9/25 at 5:00 a.m., when his right arm gave out and went above his head during the transfer while using the sit-to-stand and he was lowered to the floor.</p> <p>*The safety straps on the sit-to-stand were not used on his waist or legs during the transfer.</p> <p>*After the fall, he initially complained of feeling sore in both shoulders, which had been baseline for him, but no injury was visualized and he refused medical treatment.</p> <p>*After several days of soreness and refusal of treatment, he agreed to have an x-ray and to see the physician when his pain had not subsided.</p> <p>*The physician found no shoulder dislocation or injury.</p> <p>2. Interview on 6/17/25 at 9:00 a.m. with resident 1 revealed:</p> <p>*He was well-spoken and easy to understand.</p> <p>*He did not consider the incident on 4/9/25 a fall as he stated his waist belt popped off, and his right arm went above his head, and the staff lowered him to the ground.</p> <p>*He said that both of his arms then went up because his left arm does not work, and it was painful when his left shoulder had pushed into his head.</p> <p>*He denied having refused to wear to the waist or leg straps on the lift, and again stated that the waist belt popped open that day.</p> <p>*He said that the nurse aide, a former employee, always rushed and did not listen to his directions that day.</p> <p>Interview on 6/16/25 at 11:00 a.m. with certified nursing assistant (CNA) F revealed:</p> <p>*Resident 1 would stand and pivot to transfer to and from the toilet during the day.</p> <p>*He only transferred resident 1 with equipment on his bath day, and used a full body lift (a mechanical lift and sling used to lift a person's full body).</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p> | | |

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| <p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p> | <p>*Resident 1 required the use of the Hoyer (full body lift) for a period of time in April 2025 after he fell, but he had been cleared to return to stand and pivot transfers and to use the EZ stand (sit-to-stand) lift.</p> <p>*He had not had issues with resident 1 refusing to use safety straps on equipment during transfers.</p> <p>Interview on 6/17/25 at 1:30 p.m. with CNA G revealed:</p> <p>*Resident 1 was a stand and pivot transfer to and from the toilet.</p> <p>*She did not use a mechanical lift for him as she did not put him to bed or get him up as the night staff did that.</p> <p>Interview on 6/17/25 at 2:00 p.m. with CNA H revealed:</p> <p>*She assisted resident 1 to and from bed regularly.</p> <p>*Resident 1 used the sit-to-stand lift.</p> <p>*He had never refused to use the safety straps when she helped him.</p> <p>*She would get the nurse rather than try to use the equipment without safety straps.</p> <p>*She had not been aware of him refusing to use the safety straps with other staff.</p> <p>Interview on 6/17/25 at 2:00 p.m. with licensed practical nurse (LPN) E revealed:</p> <p>*She had recently been out on leave and did not know how resident 1 was transferred now.</p> <p>*She had been aware that resident 1 had refused to use the safety straps on the mechanical lift prior to her leave.</p> <p>*She asked a CNA how he was to be transferred.</p> <p>3. Review of resident 1's electronic medical record (EMR) revealed:</p> <p>*He had a brief interview for mental status assessment (BIMS) score of 15, which indicated his cognition was intact.</p> <p>*He had no use of his left arm and leg due to a stroke but wore a brace on his left leg that allowed him to bear weight while standing.</p> <p>*A nursing note on 3/28/25 stated that resident transfers with [the use of an] EZ stand and refused to use chest strap or leg straps. Resident was educated for safety and remains to refuse.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p> | | |

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| <p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p> | <p>*A nursing note on 4/1/25 stated that resident assisted to bed, transfers with EZ stand. Resident refuses to use chest strap or leg strap. Resident educated on need for straps for safety. Resident transferred per request without safety straps.</p> <p>*Review of the working care plan revealed that resident 1 had been cleared to transfer with a stand and pivot transfer and an EZ stand on 6/10/25.</p> <p>*Review of the hall sheet for daily care revealed that he was to transfer using the Hoyer (full body lift) only.</p> <p>*Review of resident 1's EMR care plan revealed no information about his fall risk, any history of falls, or how he was to be transferred.</p> <p>4. Interview on 6/17/25 at 2:15 p.m. with Minimum Data Set (MDS) coordinator C revealed:</p> <p>*She agreed that the EMR care plan did not include any information about how resident 1 transferred.</p> <p>*She would not normally put that information in the resident's EMR care plan.</p> <p>*Nursing staff used the working care plan and a hall sheet, which was a pocket care plan, to know how to care for residents.</p> <p>Interview on 6/17/25 at 3:00 p.m. with administrator A revealed:</p> <p>*After refusing medical treatment for several days after the fall from the lift on 4/9/25, resident 1 agreed to an x-ray and a physician visit, which did not show that he had an injury.</p> <p>*Their internal investigation verified that resident 1 had refused to use the waist belt and knee strap and had only been using the sling at the time of his fall.</p> <p>*She described resident 1 as being very particular with his cares and stated he was known to give staff a very hard time when he felt they were not providing his cares the way he wanted them to.</p> <p>Interview on 6/18/25 at 9:00 a.m. with director of nursing (DON) B revealed:</p> <p>*Resident 1 could be very difficult and demanding, particular about his cares, and had a history of being verbally abusive with staff.</p> <p>*She felt the staff were frustrated with resident 1's refusals to allow the use of the safety straps on his waist and legs when using the mechanical lift, and said they could not force him to use them.</p> <p>*They attempted to limit him to transferring by using the Hoyer lift only, but he refused to use it and said he would stay in bed.</p> <p>*He was cleared by physical therapy to return to stand and pivot transfers and use of the sit-to-stand lift.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p> | | |

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| <p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p> | <p>Review of the EZ Way Smart Stand operator's instructions revealed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Position the harness around the upper body of the patient so the sides of the harness are between the patient's torso and arm, resting 2-3 (two to three) inches below the underarm. 2. For the safety of the patient, securely fasten the safety strap around the patient's torso. <p>Use of shin pad strap: If a caregiver deems it necessary to keep a patient's shins or feet on the foot plate, secure the shin strap around the patient's legs.</p> |