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<p>F 0686</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Provide appropriate pressure ulcer care and prevent new ulcers from developing.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> 2. Per record review a hospital Discharge summary dated [DATE] reflects that Resident #9 was discharged to the facility on 8/9/2024 with pressure ulcers to their right heel, left heel, lower back, and various other wounds and abrasions. The Discharge Summary also reflects that the right heel pressure ulcer peri wound was brown and there was a clean, dry, intact foam dressing applied. The left heel pressure ulcer also had a clean, dry, intact foam dressing.</p> <p>An admission Skin note dated 8/9/2024 states Resident has current skin issues. The skin issues described in the note include discoloration of bilateral tops of feet, Pressure Ulcer Injury right low back, Stage II pressure ulcer - Partial thickness skin loss. Length: 1.8 Width: 1.5 with no odor or tunneling, a scab on the right heel with no measurements, an open lesion on the left thigh Length: 6 Width: 5, unstageable sacrum, left leg ulcer, mid low back pressure injury.</p> <p>A Wound Care Consultant (WCC) progress note dated 8/13/24 notes an unstageable pressure ulcer on the right and left heels, a burn on the upper left thigh, a stage 3 pressure ulcer on the back, and a stage 2 of the coccyx. Treatment recommendations for all the wounds were made to cleanse, apply Medihoney to ulcers, skin prep to peri-wound, cover with 4 x 4, foam border gauze QD (once a day) and PRN (as needed). The wound care note states that the plan of care was discussed with facility staff.</p> <p>Review of the Medication Administration and Treatment Records and review of Progress Notes for the month of August 2024 reveal that there were no documented wound treatments completed until 8/16/2024, seven days after admission.</p> <p>A WCC progress note dated 12/6/24 reflects recommendations to Gently clean heel and pat dry. Apply A&amp;D to lateral heel. and over wound daily and PRN. Review of the December TAR reveals that this recommendation was not implemented. On 12/13/24 the WCC recommended the right heel and left great toe treatment Apply Skin prep daily and PRN. Review of Resident #9's December 2024 Medication and Treatment Administration Records revealed that there were no treatments in place through the month of December 2024.</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 0686</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>A WCC progress note dated 1/10/2025 reveals an unstageable pressure ulcer to the right heel that measured 0.2 cm x 0.5 cm 100% eschar. Treatment recommendations included skin prep daily and PRN (as needed) and off load heels. The progress note also reveals a stage three pressure area to the left great toe that measured 0.5 cm x 0.5 cm x 0.1 cm. Treatment recommendations made include Apply collagen to wound bed, dry protective dressing daily and PRN [as needed]. Another WCC progress note dated 1/17/25 states that the wound on the right heel is improving , however measurements reveal that the wound is now 1 cm x 4 cm x 0.1 cm. Treatment recommendations for the right heel pressure ulcer include apply collagen to open wounds and skin prep to peri wound, dry protective dressing daily and PRN. The treatment recommendation for the left great toe included apply skin prep daily.</p> <p>Review of the January TAR reveals there were no wound treatments for the right heel or left great toe pressure ulcers implemented until 1/21/25, 11 days after the 1/10/25 recommendations, which are Great left toe: Gently clean and pat dry. Apply skin prep daily and PRN. No pressure to area. one time a day for Wound Care, and [right] Heel: Gently clean and Pat dry. Apply collagen to open wounds/skin prep to perimeter, offload RT heel w/ bordered gauze. DPD daily and PRN one time a day for Wound Care.</p> <p>A WCC progress note dated 2/7/2025 reveals that Resident #9 had developed a new deep tissue injury to their left heel measuring 3 cm x 4.8 cm x 0 cm. The right heel wound was surgically debrided (the removal of dead, damaged, or infected tissue from a wound) at this visit and now measured 2.3 cm x 5 cm x 0.1 cm.</p> <p>A WCC progress note dated 2/14/2025 states Resident was seen today for evaluation and treatment recommendation for Pu [pressure ulcer] to the Rt [right] lateral heel and Lt [left] great toe and DTI [deep tissue injury] to the LT heel.[S/He] says that the right heel does feel more sore this week, mainly when [s/he] has pressure on the area. PU to right lateral heel appears worsened this week with odor present; left great toe PU is</p> <p>generally unchanged; PU to left heel is smaller in size; otherwise skin appears warm, dry, and intact. Recommendations include Apply skin prep to periwound and honey alginate to wound bed only and DPD daily and prn .Osteomyelitis work up. Ordering labs: ESR [erythrocyte sedimentation rate], CRP [C-reactive protien], CBC [complete blood count] and xray. Staff made aware.</p> <p>Physician progress notes dated 2/24/2025 and 4/17/2025 do address the pressure ulcers on both heels, but does not mention the WCC's recommendations or orders for the osteomyelitis work up.</p> <p>A WCC progress not dated 3/10/2025 states that Resident #9 reports that the right heel typically bothers her/him more than the left. The wound now measures 2.5 x 3 x 0.1. The left heel pressure ulcer measurements are now 3 x 3 x 0 with 100% eschar. On 3/21/2025 the WCC documents that the Resident reports that her/his heels really tend to bother her/him the most of all the wounds and that the right is worse than the left. The right heel wound appears smaller but has a slight odor.</p> <p>On 3/28/2025, 4/4/2025, and 4/11/2025, the WCC documents that the lab work and x-ray to rule out osteomyelitis have not yet been completed.</p> <p>A Physician's progress note dated 5/20/2025, three months after the original documented recommendation, states review of heel ulcers- improved, wound nurse suggests x-ray r/o [rule out] osteo [osteomyelitis] because of pain- ordered.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0686</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>On 3/21/25, an Initial Progress Note by the Wound Provider documents a Stage three Pressure Ulcer on the Coccyx that measures 7 cm length (l) by 3 cm width (w) x 0.1 depth (d). She indicates the wound is tender with examination and with prolonged pressure to the area, but it gets better with turning and offloading. Her treatment recommendations include cleaning and gently drying the area, applying Thera honey (a wound gel containing honey) to the wound bed, applying skin prep to the peri-wound area, and applying a dry protective dressing (DPD) daily and as needed (PRN). Additionally, the resident should be turned frequently with each incontinent care. Recommendations include continuing pressure relief offloading, utilizing the Facility Pressure Ulcer Prevention protocol, and turning and repositioning according to the facility's protocol.</p> <p>A Skin Only Evaluation dated 3/24/2025, states that Resident #62 has a current skin issue, a Pressure Ulcer that is a stage three. The evaluation requires descriptors of the wound bed, wound exudate, peri-wound condition, dressing saturation amount, wound odor, tunneling, undermining, tissue condition, and pain; however, no information is provided about these areas on the form.</p> <p>In a follow up progress note by the Wound Provider dated 3/28/25, she notes the wound is now unstageable and measures 8 cm L x 6 cm W x 0.1 D, it has light serosanguinous (watery/blood) drainage and a mild odor, it demonstrates 20% slough, 20% granulation, and 60% Eschar (a hardened, dry, black or brown dead tissue that forms a scab-like covering over deep wounds.) She recommends treatment that includes applying Thera honey to the wound bed, skin preparation to the peri-wound area, and a dry, protective dressing applied daily and as needed. Turn the patient frequently with each incontinence care.</p> <p>A Skin Evaluation Only dated 3/31/2025, documents that Resident #62 does not have a current skin issue; however, under the skin note section, it reads, Treatment continues to the coccyx area for pressure ulcer. There is no further information provided.</p> <p>A Progress Note dated 4/2/2025 from the medical provider states that he visited the resident on 4/2/2025 and noted that the resident's condition had worsened, her/his wound had progressed from a stage two to a stage three, he suggests that resident may benefit from inpatient level of care for frequency of repositioning and mobilizing. He notes that there are wound care instructions to apply Thera honey to the wound bed and use a dry protective dressing, changing daily. He noted that the wound care orders written by the Wound Provider on 3/28/25 for Thera honey to the wound bed had not been implemented.</p> <p>Per record review of the Medication Administration Record (MAR), there is no evidence the new 3/21/25 wound care orders or the 3/28/25 wound care orders were implemented until 4/2/25.</p> <p>On 4/2/25, an order entered on the MAR states, Clean the sacral area with normal saline, pat it dry, and apply Thera honey to the wound bed. Cover it with a Mepilex border every shift for a pressure ulcer. There is an end date of 4/4/25. The initial order for Thera honey was written on 3/21/25 by the Wound Care provider, but it was not implemented until 4/2/25.</p> <p>Per interview on 5/14/25 at 9:50 AM, the Unit Manager (UM) states that the change in wound orders written on 3/21/25 and 3/28/25 by the wound provider for Thera honey to the wound bed were not implemented. She attributes this to many new staff, including travelers, and information is all over the place.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0686</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>According to progress notes dated 4/22/2025 at 3:57 PM, Resident #62 was transferred to the Emergency Department of the local hospital for emergent evaluation of the coccyx.</p> <p>Per review of hospital records, a hospital progress note dated 4/24/2025 reads admitted from rehab., with sacral osteomyelitis [infection of the bone] and MRSA bacteremia [type of staph infection that can be resistant to several antibiotics], taken to the operating room for debridement of the wound, admitted to Surgical Intensive Care.</p> <p>Per interview on 5/13/2025 at 11:21 AM with the Attending Provider, he states he was not notified of the wound deterioration until days later, when he made his scheduled visit on 4/17/25. Had he been informed, he would have transferred Resident # 62 to the hospital earlier. He relates inconsistent communication between the facility's nursing staff and providers. He stated the facility lacks a process to ensure communication and coordination of care among the medical team. He states that the facility does not hold interdisciplinary team meetings to discuss issues such as wounds. He feels it is challenging as the providers document their notes in a system different from the facility's system. He does not think the current system, which includes a consultant Wound Provider, is effective, as communication between providers is limited.</p> <p>Per interview on 5/15/2025 at 2:40 PM, the Director of Nursing confirmed that the dressing change orders written by the Wound Care Provider on 3/21/2025 and 3/28/2025 were not implemented until 4/2/25. She confirmed that the provider was not notified on 3/14/2025 when the wound was noted to be deteriorating. She stated the facility does not implement interdisciplinary meetings regularly to facilitate resident care, they were not following their Pressure Ulcer Prevention and Management Policy, and they were not documenting a weekly summary. She confirmed the resident's care plan did not contain person-centered interventions to prevent pressure ulcers until days after there was evidence s/he had one. She confirmed that the skin assessments are incomplete, and the Unit Managers are not documenting a weekly summary of the wounds, as is the facility's policy.</p> <p><a href="https://tcs.pressbooks.pub/nursingfundamentals/chapter/10-5-braden-scale/">tcs.pressbooks.pub/nursingfundamentals/chapter/10-5-braden-scale/</a></p> <p>(n.d.). Understanding Eschar in Wounds and Its Distinction from Slough. Westcoast Wound.com. Retrieved May 19, 2025, from <a href="https://westcoastwound.com/eschar-in-wounds">westcoastwound.com/eschar-in-wounds</a></p> <p>TheraHoney&amp;reg; Gel   Manuka Honey Wound Care Dressing</p> <p><a href="https://www.cdc.gov/mrsa/about/index.html">https://www.cdc.gov/mrsa/about/index.html</a></p>		

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<p>F 0865</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p>	<p>Have a plan that describes the process for conducting QAPI and QAA activities.</p> <p>Based on record review and interview of the facility's Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement Program (QAPI), the facility failed to address all systems of care in a comprehensive manner by identifying problems and opportunities for improvement in the areas of treatment/services to prevent/heal pressure ulcers (cited at immediate jeopardy level); residents care supervised by a physician (cited at harm level); administration (cited at immediate jeopardy level); and Medical Director (cited at immediate jeopardy level). As a result, a resident developed an in-house pressure ulcers requiring 2 surgical interventions due to delay in identification and treatment and put all residents at risk for serious harm and/or death. The identified failure to have an by the failure that have an effective Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement Program to identify problems and provide system oversight put all residents at risk for serious harm, injury, or death. On 5/28/25 the facility was notified of non-compliance at the immediate jeopardy level for QAPI. On 5/29/25 the facility's IJ plan of correction was accepted. An unannounced onsite assessment of the IJ removal was conducted on 6/6/25 and the IJ was removed.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>During a recertification survey with 2 complaints the facility was found to have deficient practices that resulted in 4 citations at immediate jeopardy level, 1 harm level citations, and 27 potential for more than minimal harm at citations. Multiple repeat deficiencies were identified during this survey. F686 was cited during an onsite revisit survey dated 6/11/24 at a harm severity. F584 was cited during a recertification survey dated 3/28/24. Deficient practices related to unnecessary psychotropic medications (currently F605) were cited during both the recertification survey dated 3/28/24 and the onsite revisit survey dated 6/11/24. F689 was cited during an onsite revisit survey dated 6/11/24. F880 was cited during a recertification survey dated 3/28/24. F940 was cited during a recertification survey dated 3/28/24.</p> <p>The facility's plans of correction for all repeat deficiencies above identified that either the nursing leadership team (Director of Nursing/Assistant Director of Nursing) and/or the Administrator were responsible for both auditing to ensure that regulatory requirements were met and reporting the audit results to the Quality Assurance Committee.</p> <p>Per review of Resident #62's medical record, it was revealed that the resident had a stage II (partial-thickness skin loss involving the epidermis and dermis represented by a shallow open ulcer/wound) facility acquired pressure ulcer that worsened and required two surgical inventions. The facility has other facility acquired pressure ulcers. The facility's QAPI plan states pressure ulcers are monitored, however the facility has no tracking system for skin issues/pressure ulcers to monitor improvement/worsening condition(s). The facility had prior knowledge of the deficient practice related to pressure ulcers as this is a repeat deficiency for the facility.</p> <p>Per review of the facility's QAPI plan, subtitle, QAPI Leadership under section ii, states This group of people works together to communicate and coordinate QAPI activities. Currently QAPI Council meets at least quarterly, sometimes monthly. On a weekly basis sub QAPI committees meet relating to resident care items such as weight loss, wounds, falls and incidents.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0865</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p>	<p>Per interview on 5/16/25 at approximately 2:21 PM, the Administrator confirmed pressure ulcers are not discussed during the monthly QAPI meetings and have not been discussed since the September 2024 QAPI meeting. The Administrator stated that the interdisciplinary team (IDT) meets weekly to talk about facility and resident issues. S/he was not able to provide evidence that sub QAPI committees are occurring or when they were last conducted.</p> <p>An offsite phone interview on 5/22/25 at 12:35 PM and on 5/23/25 at 9:16 AM, the Medical Director confirmed that wounds have not been discussed in the monthly QAPI meetings and he stated that skin issues used to be discussed in QAPI but haven't been for some time.</p> <p>An email on 5/21/25 at 5:33 PM from the surveyor to the Administrator stated, To confirm, there have been no skin issues/pressure ulcers discussed in QAPI/QAA since last September? The Administrator responded to this email question for confirmation on 5/21/25 at 5:38 PM that stated, I do not have further information that it was.</p> <p>See F686, F835, and F841 for more information.</p> <p>Per review of a 293 page report provided by the facility on 5/16/25 titled, Medication Audit Report which captured all late and missed medications for the period of 4/16/25 to 5/16/25. The Medication Audit Report revealed approximately 50 residents who received either missed medications, late medications, or both. Approximately 2,900 medications were administered late or were not administered at all, of which, approximately 15 medications were significant medication errors.</p> <p>See F725 and F841 for more information.</p> <p>Per review of employee personnel files, and the facility Education Tracking Sheet provided by the facility via email on 5/22/25 revealed the lack of mandatory training regarding areas of Communication; Resident Rights, Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation; QAPI; Infection Control; Compliance and Ethics; required in-service trainings; and Behavioral Health. Review of the facility's QAPI plan states the facility monitors employee trainings, however the monitoring and tracking system has not been completed to include all required trainings.</p> <p>See F940, F941, F942, F943, F944, F945, F946, F947, and F949 for more information.</p>

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<p>F 0944</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p>	<p>Conduct mandatory training, for all staff, on the facility's Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement Program.</p> <p>Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to ensure all staff have completed mandatory QAPI (quality assurance and performance improvement) training for 9 of 10 sampled staff. Findings include:</p> <p>Per review of employee Human Resources files for permanent and contracted direct care staff, in conjunction with review of the Education Tracking spreadsheet provided by the facility via email on 5/22/25, the facility did not have evidence for training on facility's QAPI program for LNA [Licensed Nursing Assistant] #1, hired on 5/6/25; LNA #2, hired on 9/13/24; LNA #3, hired on 6/26/24; LNA #4, hired on 5/22/23; LNA #5, hired on 8/17/24; LPN [Licensed Practical Nurse], #4 hired on 2/3/25; LPN #5, hired on 4/18/25; LPN #7, hired on 9/4/21; and LPN #8, hired on 3/30/24.</p> <p>Per interview on 5/20/25 at approximately 5:35 PM, the Administrator was unable to provide evidence that the above staff completed their required QAPI training and confirmed that the employee files reviewed contained the only documentation the facility has for staff training and competencies.</p>		