

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 505272	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 04/09/2025
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<p>F 0610</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Respond appropriately to all alleged violations.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 44110</p> <p>Based on interviews, and record reviews, the facility failed to conduct thorough investigations for 3 of 3 allegations of abuse and/or neglect for (Residents 117, 164, and 216), 3 of 4 falls (Residents 46, 115, and 218), and 1 of 1 medication error (Resident 24) whose investigations were reviewed for thorough investigations. The failure to conduct thorough investigations placed residents at risk for repeat incidents, injury, and for unmet care needs due to a lack of thorough investigations after incident occurred. These failures placed residents at risk for repeated incidents and injuries.</p> <p>Findings included .</p> <p>Review of the facility policy titled, Incident and Reportable Event Management, reviewed 09/25/2024 stated the facility would provide an environment free from accident hazards by identifying hazards and risk, evaluating and analyzing, implementing interventions, and monitoring the effectiveness and modification of interventions if necessary . to prevent recurrence the facility should evaluate what happened, who provided care, witnesses to event, why did it happen, and what mitigation efforts were done.</p> <p>Review of the facility policy titled, Abuse - protection of residents, reviewed 06/17/2024, stated the facility will ensure all residents are protected from harm during and after the investigation . the facility should notify all agencies as applicable.</p> <p><ABUSE/NEGLECT></p> <p>RESIDENT 216</p> <p>Resident 216 admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses that included benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH - enlargement of the prostate gland that can cause difficulty and frequent urination), history of stroke with right side weakness, and muscle weakness.</p> <p>Resident 216's Admission Minimum Data Set (MDS- an assessment tool) assessment dated [DATE] documented the resident had a mild cognition impairment, and required substantial to maximum assistance for toileting, transfers and personal hygiene. They had occasional incontinence (inability to control) of the bladder and bowel.</p> <p>In a review of Resident 216's admission nursing progress note on 03/10/2025 the nurse documented the resident was alert and oriented to person, place, time, and events.</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 - Some</p>	<p>In a review of Resident 216's care plan documented a focus area dated 03/10/2025 for urinary incontinence with interventions to assist with toileting as needed, ensure urinal was within reach, perineal care (cleaning of genitals and anus) as needed.</p> <p>In a review of the facility investigation on 04/07/2025 (dated 04/02/2025) for the allegation of neglect that was reported to the facility for Resident 216 who reported they had been left lying in urine at night for over an hour. The investigation showed education was completed with staff on rounding timely, no education was provided in the investigation. The investigation included a question-and-answer sheet from twelve residents, two of which stated they did not feel the care needs had been met, and two residents reported they did not receive care in a timely manner. There was no [NAME] follow up included in the investigation, and the facility investigation stated residents were interviewed with no negative findings. The conclusion of the investigation was documented because they were not able to identify a staff member, therefore no abuse or neglect occurred. There was no documentation to support the facility had ruled out abuse and neglect, as the resident was alert and orientated and there was no interview included that they were interviewed, two other residents voiced concerns that were not addressed, there was no education with staff provided, and the investigation lacked a root cause analysis to rule out abuse and/or neglect.</p> <p>In an interview on 04/02/2025 at 3:17 PM, Resident 216 stated that at least two, to three times since their admission to the facility they have had nights where they have had to lay in their own urine for over an hour while they wait for someone to answer their call light. Resident 216's roommate (Resident 54) stated that they can get out of bed on their own and will go into the hallway to locate a staff member and it will feel like a ghost town, unable to find anyone to help.</p> <p>In an interview on 04/07/2025 at 2:01 PM, Staff D Nursing Assistant Certified (NAC) stated that Resident 216 required assistance with toileting, and that they were able to ask for assistance.</p> <p>In an interview on 04/08/2025 at 9:01 AM, Staff E NAC stated Resident 216 was alert and orientated and able to request help when needed. Staff E stated they had occasional incontinence and would need help to clean up at times.</p> <p>In an interview on 04/08/2025 at 9:51 AM, Staff F Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) stated 216 residents were able to ask for assistance appropriately, had occasional incontinence, and required assistance for toileting and transfers.</p> <p><ABUSE></p> <p>Resident 117 admitted on [DATE] with diagnoses to include left hip fracture Parkinsonism, dementia and anxiety.</p> <p>Review of a progress note written by Staff H, LPN/Unit Care Coordinator (UCC) on 04/02/2025 at 4:14 PM, showed Resident 117 admitted from the hospital and required two-person max assistance with transfers and bed mobility . Bedfast most of the time. (Resident 117) exhibits anxiety and fear when turning/repositioning.</p> <p>Review of the care plan initiated on 04/02/2025 directed staff that Resident 117 required one person assist for bed mobility.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0697</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide safe, appropriate pain management for a resident who requires such services.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 37890</p> <p>Based on interview and record review the facility failed to ensure pain management was provided in accordance with the resident's physician's orders for one of three residents (Resident 164) reviewed for pain management. Failure to ensure prompt delivery and administer medications per the provider orders resulted in Resident 164's dissatisfaction with their care contributing to discharge against medical advice from the facility and placed residents at risk for diminished quality of life.</p> <p>Findings included .</p> <p>Resident 164 admitted [DATE] with diagnoses which included aftercare for a total hip arthroscopy following a complicated hospital stay. Resident 164 discharged against medical advice on 03/19/2025.</p> <p>Review of a grievance form left by the resident on 03/19/2025 stated my pain medication seemed to be a problem for them to let me have every time I was put off for 15-30 minutes and by the time I received it I hurt so bad it wasn't enough to help. The grievance form was escalated to a reportable allegation on 03/19/2025.</p> <p>Review of Resident 164's hospital discharge orders to the facility dated 03/16/2025 documented an order for Oxycodone (an opioid pain medication) 2.5-5mg by mouth every three hours as needed.</p> <p>Review of Resident 164's electronic medical record orders showed the order for oxycodone had been incorrectly transcribed as: Oxycodone 2.5mg by mouth every three hours as needed (prn) for pain 7-10 (numeric pain scale) (omitting the 5mg availability).</p> <p>Review of Resident 164's pain assessment and resident centered pain goals dated 03/16/2025 showed the resident's acceptable level of pain was 6 out of 10. Review of Resident 164's pain monitor showed on 03/16/2025 their pain level was documented at level 7 on both day and evening shift with no corresponding administration of prn oxycodone. The resident did receive prn Tylenol (non-opioid over the counter pain medication which was also available as needed for lesser level pain.</p> <p>On 03/17/2025 at 1:44 PM Resident 164 received a dose of 2.5mg oxycodone for pain level 7 with no follow-up documentation of effectiveness.</p> <p>On 03/18/2025 at 9:31 AM Resident 164 received a dose of 2.5mg oxycodone for pain level 8 with no follow-up documentation of effectiveness.</p> <p>On 03/18/2025 at 2:30 PM Resident 164 received a dose of 2.5mg oxycodone for pain level 7 with no follow-up documentation of effectiveness.</p> <p>On 03/18/2025 at 9:52 AM Resident 164 received a dose of 2.5mg oxycodone for pain level 7 with no follow-up documentation of effectiveness.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0697</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Review of the facility's investigation of the allegation showed there was a delay in oxycodone from the pharmacy related to an allergy alert that required clarification. Resident 164's medical record showed an allergy to Hydrocodone (also an opioid pain medication). The record showed no evidence of notification to the provider regarding a delay in receiving medication or to request any alternate orders. The investigation failed to identify the transcription error from the admission orders which would have allowed the resident 5mg of oxycodone instead of only 2.5mg every three hours for pain.</p> <p>In an interview on 04/09/2025 at 10:57 AM, Staff A, Administrator, stated they had received the resident's grievance form and was told there had been a question about a possible allergy when they admitted . Staff A stated they questioned why the medication was not available but did not get a response back and stated they were not aware there had been an error in transcribing the pain orders.</p> <p>Reference WAC 388-97-1060 (1)</p>		

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 505272	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 04/09/2025
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Life Care Center of Mount Vernon		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 2120 East Division Street Mount Vernon, WA 98273	
For information on the nursing home's plan to correct this deficiency, please contact the nursing home or the state survey agency.			
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<p>F 0838</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Conduct and document a facility-wide assessment to determine what resources are necessary to care for residents competently during both day-to-day operations (including nights and weekends) and emergencies.</p> <p>37890</p> <p>Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to document a facility-wide assessment to determine what resources were necessary to care for its residents competently during both day-to-day operations and emergencies.</p> <p>Findings included .</p> <p>Review of the facility assessment provided by the facility dated 07/30/2024, included the names of the prior facility Administrator and Director of Nursing Services. The facility assessment only included a Part I template and failed to include the following required elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The care required by the resident population considering the types of diseases, conditions, physical and cognitive disabilities, overall acuity, and other pertinent facts that are present within that population; - The staff competencies that are necessary to provide the level and types of care needed for the resident population; - The physical environment, equipment, services, and other physical plant considerations that are necessary to care for this population; <p>The facility's resources, including but not limited to, all buildings and/or other physical structures and vehicles;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equipment (medical and non- medical); - Services provided, such as physical therapy, pharmacy, and specific rehabilitation therapies; - All personnel, including managers, staff (both employees and those who provide services under contract), and volunteers, as well as their education and/or training and any competencies related to resident care; - Contracts, memorandums of understanding, or other agreements with third parties to provide services or equipment to the facility during both normal operations and emergencies; and - Health information technology resources, such as systems for electronically managing patient records and electronically sharing information with other organizations. <p>In an interview on 04/02/2025 at 1:40 PM, Staff A, Administrator, stated the facility assessment provided was the most current and they were unable to provide any further information.</p> <p>No associated WAC reference.</p>		