

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  505318	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  09/04/2025
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F 0657  Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm  Residents Affected - Few	Develop the complete care plan within 7 days of the comprehensive assessment; and prepared, reviewed, and revised by a team of health professionals.  **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on observation, interview, and record review, the facility failed to ensure resident care plans (CPs) were reviewed, revised, and accurately reflected residents' care needs for 1 of 3 sample residents (Resident 4) whose CP was reviewed for discharge planning and urinary status. These failures placed residents at risk for unmet care needs and diminished quality of life. Findings included. Resident 4 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses to include perineal (area between the genitals and the anus) and sacral (area between the bottom of the spine and tailbone) wounds, urinary incontinence, and cognitive impairment. Review of the Quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS - an assessment tool) assessment, the resident had no cognitive impairment, was continent of their bowel and bladder, and did not have an indwelling urinary catheter. Review of Resident 4's discharge CP, date initiated 04/10/2025 and revised on 04/17/2025, showed the goal was to develop and follow full discharge plan with comprehensive assessment (the comprehensive assessment was completed with the admission MDS assessment dated [DATE]). The intervention was the resident wished to return home. Review of Resident 4's indwelling urinary catheter CP, revised on 04/28/2025, showed the resident had an indwelling Foley (a medical device that helps drain urine from the bladder) catheter present. Staff were directed to perform catheter care every shift. Review of Resident 4's July 2025 Medication Administration Record, showed the indwelling urinary catheter was removed on 07/25/2025. Review of Resident 4's nursing assistant documentation for the last 30 days, from 08/04/2025 to 09/02/2025, showed the resident was incontinent of bladder and no documentation the resident had an indwelling urinary catheter. In an observation and interview on 09/04/2025 at 8:35 AM, Resident 4 was lying in bed with no indwelling urinary catheter observed. The resident stated they wanted to go home. At 8:40 AM, Collateral Contact 1 (CC-1) and CC-2, the resident's family members, entered the room. The resident stated the doctor told them they needed a safe discharge. CC-1 and CC-2 stated the resident could not be discharged to their prior living situation because it was unsafe. In an observation and interview on 09/04/2025 at 10:15 AM, Resident 4 was sitting on the side of the bed with a hospital gown in place. There was no indwelling urinary catheter observed. In an interview on 09/04/2025 at 3:02 PM, Staff D, Registered Nurse/MDS Coordinator, was asked about Resident 4's continent status. Staff D stated their most recent MDS assessment showed the resident was continent of bowel and bladder. Resident 4's CP was reviewed with Staff D which showed the resident had an indwelling urinary catheter in place. Staff D acknowledge the CP should be updated. In an interview on 09/04/2025 at 3:20 PM, Staff I, Social Service Director, was asked about the discharge planning process and the discharge CP. Staff I stated the initial meeting to discuss the resident's status was done within the first 48 hours of admission and when the discharge CP was started. Resident 4's discharge CP was observed with Staff I. Staff I acknowledged the CP did not reflect the resident's current discharge goal and should be updated. Refer to WAC 988-97-1020 (2)(c )(d)(5)(b)		

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 0842</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Safeguard resident-identifiable information and/or maintain medical records on each resident that are in accordance with accepted professional standards.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> Based on observation, interview and record review, the facility failed to ensure clinical records were accurate for 2 of 3 residents (Residents 4 and 9) reviewed for wounds. The failure to ensure the residents' clinical records were accurate placed them at risk for unmet care needs, and for having records that did not reflect the actual care provided. Findings included . Review of the facility's Area of Focus: Basic Skin Management policy, revised on 11/21/2024, showed the resident would have:-A head-to-toe skin inspections upon admission/readmission, completed weekly and as needed by the nursing documented on the NRSG: Weekly Skin document in Point Click Care (PCC).-If a new [NAME] alteration/wound was identified, the nurse performed and documented an assessment/observation of the resident's skin.-Wound assessments/observations were required at a minimum of weekly and when there was a change. This was documented utilizing the PCC assessment NRSG WOT.&amp;lt;RESIDENT 4&amp;gt;</p> <p>Resident 4 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses to include perineal (area between the genitals and the anus) and sacral (area between the bottom of the spine and tailbone) wounds. Review of the admission Minimum Data Set (MDS &amp;ndash; an assessment tool), dated 04/16/2025, showed the resident had: one stage I (intact skin with a localized area of non-blanchable redness) PU, three stage II (a partial thickness skin loss with the top inner layers of the skin exposed) PU's, one stage III (a PU with full thickness tissue loss. Subcutaneous, which means under the skin, fat may be visible, but bone, tendon or muscle are not exposed. Slough, which means dead tissue, may be present but does not obscure the depth of tissue loss PU), five Deep Tissue Pressure Injury (DTPI or DTI - intact skin with localized area of persistent non-blanchable deep red, maroon, purple discoloration due to damage of underlying soft tissue), and Moisture Associated Skin Damage (MASD - superficial skin damage caused by sustained exposure to moisture such as incontinence, wound exudate, or perspiration)</p> <p>Review of the Quarterly MDS assessment, dated 08/05/2025, Resident 4 had a current stage III PU.</p> <p>Review of late entry progress noted, dated 05/28/2025 for 04/11/2025 (48 days late), showed Resident 4 had:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A 0.7 centimeter (cm) by 0.4 cm by 0.3 cm left buttock stage II PU.</li> <li>- A 3.6 cm by 1.5 cm by 0.2 cm left buttock stage II PU.</li> <li>- A 2 cm by 2 cm left buttock DTI.</li> <li>- A 2 cm by 0.5 cm excoriated, red, purple non-blanchable area on their left buttock.</li> <li>- A 7 cm by 5 cm with a &amp;ldquo;0.3 cm by 0.3 cm open, dark purple skin in center on-blanchable DTI on their coccyx and a 7 cm by 4 cm DTI on their coccyx</li> <li>- A 2.4 cm by 2.2 cm right ankle DTI.</li> <li>- A 6.3 cm by 5.8 cm by 0.3 cm right buttock stage II.</li> </ul> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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