

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  555276	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  12/30/2025
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER  San Bruno Skilled Nursing		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE  890 El Camino Real San Bruno, CA 94066	
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<p>F 0627</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Ensure the transfer/discharge meets the resident's needs/preferences and that the resident is prepared for a safe transfer/discharge.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to develop and implement an effective discharge planning process and ensure an orderly discharge for one of three sampled residents (Resident 1).The facility discharged Resident 1 to the emergency department solely due to exhaustion of Medicare benefits, despite no documented change in condition. The facility did not assist Resident 1 and/or their representative in applying for Medical Assistance or offered the option to pay privately to continue residing at the facility. The facility failed to provide and document adequate preparation and orientation prior to Resident 1's discharge.The deficient practice resulted in Resident 1 being transferred to an emergency department unnecessarily, without appropriate discharge planning, financial counseling, or orientation, placing the resident at risk for emotional distress and care disruption.Review of Resident 1's admission record indicated, was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with (acute) exacerbation (COPD - an ongoing lung condition caused by damage to the lungs), centrilobular emphysema (a type of COPD that affects the upper lobes of the lungs, primarily caused by smoking), other abnormalities of gait and mobility, unsteadiness on feet, difficulty of swallowing, chronic kidney disease (CKD - the long-term, progressive loss of kidney function, where kidneys are damaged and unable to filter blood properly), and retention of urine.Review of Resident 1's Notice of Medicare Non-Coverage (NOMNC - a form given by the facility to all Medicare beneficiaries at least two days before the end of a Medicare covered Part A stay or when all Part B therapies ending) dated 12/2/25 indicated Medicare coverage ended on 12/6/25.Review of Resident 1's discharge care plan initiated on 11/15/25 indicated, Discharge/Transfer Planning Preference: Resident, Resident's Responsible Party/Family Members indicates preference to discharge to: [blank] . The care plan did not address the specific discharge problem(s), goals, and interventions for Resident 1. Additionally, the care plan was not revised/updated with changes in Resident 1 and/or RP's discharge preferences. Review of the Medical Practitioner Narrative Note with a service date of 12/4/25 and electronically signed on 12/7/25 indicated, .Patient was medically stabilized but not strong enough to return home . Reason for consultation is to optimize therapy, pain control and discharge planning . Discharge planning. Pending therapy progress. Will continue discussion with therapy team, family and SW (Social Worker).Review of Resident 1's physician's order dated 12/8/25 indicated, Discharge to home with home health services on 12/8/2025 with RN (Registered Nurse), PT (Physical Therapist), OT (Occupational Therapist), HHA (Home Health Aide), SW (Social Worker).Review of the physician's note titled, Discharge Summary, dated 12/5/25 indicated a discharge date of 12/7/25 for Resident 1. The physician's Discharge Summary indicated, .Limited improvements post SNF (Skilled Nursing Facility) rehab.discharge condition: stable. Discharge disposition: home . Home Health Orders and Physician Certification of Face-To-Face Encounter .12/4/25.3. Medical Necessity: My clinical findings support the need for the following skilled services: PT for</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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