

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 555397	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 04/04/2024
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<p>F 0684</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</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** 45524</p> <p>Based on observation, interview, and record review, the facility failed to provide care, treatment, and services for five of five sampled residents (Residents 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5) in accordance with professional standards of practice in order to meet the residents' physical, mental, and psychosocial needs, by failing to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct proper assessment to identify what was causing generalized and severely itchy skin rashes despite two separate treatments for Resident 1 and generalized dry crusted skin rashes for Resident 5. Resident 1's rash and itching was first identified by the facility on 11/06/2023. 2. Notify a physician that treatment ordered for skin itchy rashes was ineffective according to the resident's care plan. <p>Residents 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 had no pre-existing skin conditions/rashes upon admission/readmission to the facility.</p> <p>These deficient practices resulted in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Resident 1 experiencing unrelieved generalized and severely itchy body rashes, itchy skin, discomfort despite two separate treatments since 8/10/2023, and inability to sleep. 2. Zoloft (medication to treat mood disorders) was increased from 50 milligrams (mg- unit of measurement) to 100 mg daily for crying for Resident 1. 3. Resident 1 was referred for psychiatry (is the medical specialty devoted to the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of deleterious mental conditions) services on 1/5/2024 due to intermittent episodes of crying. 4. Residents 2, 3, 4, and 5 were not assessed for generalized itchy skin rashes, and a physician not notified about the generalized itchy skin rashes. <p>These deficient practices placed Residents 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 at increased risk for significant decline in the residents' physical, mental, or psychosocial well-being, disfigurement, avoidable excruciating pain, and discomfort.</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 - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>On 4/1/2024 at 7:40 p.m., an Immediate Jeopardy (IJ - a situation in which the provider's non-compliance with one or more requirements of participation has caused or is likely to cause serious injury, harm, impairment, or death to a resident) was identified in the presence of the Administrator (ADM) and the Director of Nursing (DON) due to the facility's lack of a system in providing a timely diagnosis, appropriate treatment, care and services to protect all 158 residents, staff, and community.</p> <p>On 4/3/2024 at 2:21 p.m., while onsite at the facility, the IJ was removed in the presence of the ADM and the DON, after the ADM submitted an acceptable IJ Removal Plan (interventions and implementation to correct the deficient practices) which was verified and confirmed through observation, interview, and record review.</p> <p>A review of the IJ removal plan included the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> On 4/1/2024, the licensed nurse contacted Resident 1's physician and obtained orders for a skin scraping (is a bedrock technique in dermatology that is applied in a high proportion of cases. It enables both the full thickness of the epidermis and the contents of the hair follicles to be sampled) to identify the presence of scabies mites (scabies causing parasite), the test was completed and sent the specimen to the laboratory for processing. The licensed nurses began immediate cleaning and disinfection of all multi-use resident care equipment to reduce the potential to transmit contagious skin rashes to the extent possible. On 4/1/2024, The Clinical Consultant inserviced (educated) the DON, Infection Prevention Nurse (IPN), and the Administrator on the facility's policy and procedures (P &P) and the guidelines for Prevention and Control of Scabies in California Healthcare settings. On 4/1/2024, The DON and IPN began in servicing (educating) licensed nurses working in the facility during the 3 pm-11pm shift on the facility's P & P and the guidelines for Prevention and Control of Scabies in California Healthcare settings including weekly assessments of each residents skin, completion of change in condition assessments for all resident rashes identified, notification of the resident's physician and representative and under the direction and guidance of the physician, place the resident on contact precautions (Precautions intended to prevent transmission of infectious agents by use of gloves, gowns, masks), complete a skin scraping to identify the presence of scabies mites, and proper use of PPE (Personal Protective Equipment, protective items or garments worn to protect the body or clothing from hazards that can cause injury and to protect residents from cross-transmission). On 4/1/2024, The licensed nurse completed head to toe body assessments of Residents 2, 3, 4, and 5 to identify the presence of a skin rash. The DON and Registered Nurse (RN) Supervisors reviewed and revised Residents 3 and 4's care plans effective 4/1/24 to address the changes in condition, potential exposure to a resident with possible scabies rash and to ensure continued care and services to maintain their highest practicable outcomes. <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0684</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>During observation in Resident 1's room and concurrent interview with Licensed Vocational Nurse 1 (LVN 1) on 3/30/2024 10:51 AM, Resident 1 was observed with multiple tiny red spots around Resident 1's torso, arm pits, bilateral legs, arms, web of fingers, and palm of hands with burrow marks on the hands and was observed scratching areas the resident was able to reach. LVN 1 confirmed and stated Resident 1 had generalized itchy rashes and that the Treatment Nurse (TN) and IPN were the only nurses responsible to assess the resident and determine if the resident had scabies or not. LVN 1 confirmed and stated Resident 1 had all the classic symptoms of scabies (Severe itching, especially at night, is the earliest and most common symptom of scabies. A pimple-like itchy scabies rash of the body or be limited to between the fingers).</p> <p>During a concurrent observation In Resident 2's room and interview with Certified Nurse Assistant 3 (CNA 3) on 3/30/2024 at 11:26 AM, CNA 3 stated Resident 2 has had itchy skin rashes for several months. Resident 2 was observed scratching the resident's abdominal area where the resident could reach. Resident 2 had tiny red spots to chest, back, abdominal area, waist thighs, legs, between webs of feet & hands, and arms. Resident 2 also observed with scarring like marks from scratching as well as burrowing (to make a hole or tunnelling) on the resident's hands and feet.</p> <p>During an interview and concurrent record review with TN 3/30/2024 at 12:11 PM, Resident 1's medical chart was reviewed. TN stated there was a Change in Condition (COC) for generalized body rash on 3/28/2024 for Resident 1. TN stated a dermatologist evaluated Resident 1 on 3/27/2024 and ordered Ivermectin oral medication and Permethrin to be applied on Resident 1. The TN stated that the order indicated to administer to Resident 1 per physician's request. TN stated that she (TN) would have questioned the order because every order needs to have an indication/diagnosis. TN stated that that the order should have been questioned because the regimen ordered was for scabies. TN stated contact isolation (are steps that healthcare facility visitors and staff need to follow before going into a patient's room) must be placed as soon as suspicions for scabies arise. TN admitted there were neither prophylactic treatments for Resident 1's roommate nor skin assessments completed. There was no documented evidence of scraping orders for Resident 1 of which TN stated would have increased further spread to other residents not only in Resident 1's roommates, but for other residents though staffing working other unaffected residents. TN stated the treatment nurse should have assessed the other residents because scabies is highly contagious.</p> <p>During a telephone interview with the IPN on 3/30/2024 at 12:54, IPN stated that Resident 1 had an ongoing rash on and off but does not recall how long ago it started. IPN stated that she (IPN) had assessed Resident 1 after the 3/27/2024 appointment and noted that she (Resident 1) had scattered rashes under armpits and back. IPN admitted that she (IPN) had not assessed the hands to check in the web of fingers and hands where the burrowing was mostly located. IPN admitted that every medication ordered must have a diagnosis to be a complete order per nursing professional standards. Stated that Resident 1 should have been isolated right away to prevent further spread to other residents as well as staff. IPN stated that symptoms of scabies included: itching, scattered rashes, crevices, hands, folds, crusting. IPN admitted that the primary physician should have been notified and scrapings ordered.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0684</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>During a telephone interview with Family Member 1 (FM 1) on 4/1/2024 at 9:45 AM, FM 1 stated that FM 1 had noticed the rash to Resident 1's left upper arm and thought the rashes were bug bites. FM 1 stated Resident 1 has been scratching intensely and cried a lot. FM 1 stated that before long, the rashes had spread to Resident 1's whole arm, and that the facility's in house dermatologist had evaluated Resident 1. FM 1 stated that in 11/2023, facility staff (unidentified) contacted FM 1 and told FM 1 that Resident 1 had shingles. FM 1 stated two days later, FM 1 received another call by facility staff (unidentified) notifying FM 1 that the rashes on Resident 1 was not shingles. FM 1 stated the facility staff informed FM 1 that the facility did not know what the rashes were and would start applying hydrocortisone. FM 1 stated, IPN told FM 1 that the facility did not have a dermatologist to evaluate Resident 1. FM 1 stated she was shocked. FM 1 stated that on 3/5/2024, FM 1 brought Resident 1 for neurologist appointment. FM 1 stated the neurologist made a dermatology appointment concerning scabies for Resident 1. FM 1 stated that on 3/7/2024, the dermatologist scraped Resident 1's skin and confirmed that Resident 1 had scabies. FM 1 stated that when Resident 1 returned from the dermatologist appointment, FM 1 gave the Social Services Director (SSD) and IPN copies of Resident 1's positive scabies results as well as the physicians notes, and it was then that the IPN included the diagnosis for scabies on Resident 1's medical chart.</p> <p>During a telephone interview with the facility's MD on 4/1/24 at 5:35 PM, MD stated the facility informed the MD two at 3:35 PM, that Resident 1 had scabies. MD stated nursing staff should have notified Resident 1's Primary Care Physician (PCP) as well as the facility's MD as soon as possible, that Resident 1's generalized itchy skin rashes were not responding despite administering acyclovir and nystatin. MD stated dermatology consults must be made and followed up within a few hours or days to prevent Resident 1 from suffering.</p> <p>During an interview with Registered Nurse Supervisor (RNS) on 4/2/24 at 12:48 PM, RNS stated that scabies is very infectious and serious diagnosis which needs to be reported to the PCP, and properly assessed. RNS stated the signs and symptoms of scabies includes itchiness, red spots on the back, chest areas, web of fingers (covered areas). RNS stated scabies are diagnosed by skin scraping.</p> <p>During an interview with DON on 4/2/24 at 1p.m., DON confirmed and stated that the facility did not implement the skin assessment policy, the facility did not routinely conduct assessment of residents' skin.</p> <p>The facility's P&P titled NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES, revised 3/2023 was reviewed with the DON. The P & P indicated:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The facility notifies the physician and resident representative of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> b. A significant change in the resident's physical, mental, or psychosocial status (that is, a deterioration in health, mental, or psychosocial status in either life-threatening conditions or clinical complications). <p>The facility's P&P titled DEVELOP-IMPLEMENT COMPREHENSIVE CARE PLANS, revised, 3/2023, was reviewed with the DON. The P & P, indicated, The facility develops a person-centered comprehensive care plans that are culturally competent and trauma-informed, developed and implemented to meet his or her preferences and goals, and address the resident's medical, physical. mental and psychosocial needs. The guidelines included the following:</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0880</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p>	<p>Provide and implement an infection prevention and control program.</p> <p>45524</p> <p>Based on observation, interview, and record review, the facility's staff failed to implement infection control policies and procedures (P &P) for four of five sampled residents (residents 1, 3, 4, and 5), by failing to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify and prevent the spread of infestation of scabies (i.e., a highly contagious skin condition caused by the itch mite) when Resident 1 had a skin rash on 11/6/2023. 2. Placed Resident 1 on transmission-based precautions (isolation precautions, actions taken to prevent the or control infections) when she was diagnosed to have scabies on 3/27/2024. 3. Implement control measures to prevent the transmission of scabies among residents in the facility, staff, and visitors. 4. Assess Resident 1's roommates (Residents 3, 4, and 5) for potential exposure to scabies. 5. Perform contact tracing (the action or process of identifying individuals who have been in the proximity of a person diagnosed with an infectious disease, in order to isolate, test, or treat them) for staff and residents to identify potential scabies exposure. <p>These deficient practices resulted in the staff not adhering to its infection control P &P and had a potential of transmitting scabies to 158 inhouse residents, the staff, and community.</p> <p>On 4/1/2024 at 7:40 p.m., an Immediate Jeopardy (IJ - a situation in which the provider's non-compliance with one or more requirements of participation has caused or is likely to cause serious injury, harm, impairment, or death to a resident) was identified in the presence of the Administrator (ADM) and the Director of Nursing (DON) due to the facility's lack of a system in providing a timely diagnosis, appropriate treatment, care and services to protect all 158 residents, staff, and residents.</p> <p>On 4/3/2024 at 2:21 p.m., while onsite at the facility, the IJ was removed in the presence of the ADM and the DON, after the ADM submitted an acceptable IJ Removal Plan (interventions and implementation to correct the deficient practices) which was verified and confirmed through observation, interview, and record review.</p> <p>A review of the IJ removal plan included the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On 4/1/2024, the licensed nurse contacted Resident 1's physician and obtained orders for a skin scraping to identify the presence of scabies mites, the test was completed and sent the specimen to the laboratory for processing. The licensed nurses began immediate cleaning and disinfection of all multi-use resident care equipment to reduce the potential to transmit contagious skin rashes to the extent possible. 2. On 4/1/2024, The Clinical Consultant in serviced the DON, Infection Prevention Nurse (IPN), and the Administrator on the facility's P &P and the guidelines for Prevention and Control of Scabies in California Healthcare settings. <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0880</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p>	<p>3. On 4/1/2024, The DON and IPN began in servicing licensed nurses working in the facility during the 3-11 shift on the facility's P & P and the guidelines for Prevention and Control of Scabies in California Healthcare settings including weekly assessments of each residents skin, completion of change in condition assessments for all resident rashes identified, notification of the resident's physician and representative and under the direction and guidance of the physician, place the resident on contact precautions, complete a skin scraping to identify the presence of scabies mites, and proper use of PPE.</p> <p>4. On 4/1/2024, The licensed nurse completed head to toe body assessments of Residents 3, 4, and 5 to identify the presence of a skin rash. Residents 3, 4, 5 do not have evidence of skin rash or complaints of itching.</p> <p>5. The DON and RN Supervisors reviewed and revised Residents 3 and 4's care plans effective 4/1/24 to address the changes in condition, potential exposure to a resident with possible scabies rash and to ensure continued care and services to maintain their highest practicable outcomes.</p> <p>6. On 4/2/2024, Physical Plant and Environmental Services Consultants in-serviced housekeeping supervisor and housekeeping staff regarding Housekeeping Disinfection Plan which includes using EPA approved disinfectant for cleaning, wearing gloves and long sleeve gown while conducting disinfection, changing gloves and long-sleeve gown between affected resident rooms, performing handwashing between rooms and tasks, changing water, mop, and rags between resident rooms or between disinfection tasks, and when possible complete cleaning and disinfection of each affected room while the resident is showering. On 4/2/2024, the housekeeping staff deep cleaned Resident 1, 3, 4, and 5's room. On 4/2/2024, 3rd and 4th Floor were deep cleaned to reduce potential for transmission of contagious pathogens.</p> <p>7. On 4/2/2024, the DON and the IPN completed 144 of 158 resident body assessments to identify the presence of rashes on other residents to prevent harm to affected residents. Dermatologist (a medical practitioner specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of skin disorders) also completed an assessment of all 158 residents to identify residents who are likely to suffer, a serious adverse outcome because of the facility's noncompliance. 17 of 158 residents were identified with rashes by the DON and the Dermatologist. 15 of the 17 residents already have on-going treatment orders for identified skin rashes. 2 of the 17 residents are newly identified with diagnosis of unspecified dermatitis (skin disorder). The licensed nurses completed change in condition assessments for the 17 residents identified with skin rashes and their roommates, notified their physicians and resident representatives. Placing the 17 newly identified residents with unspecified dermatitis on isolation, performed scraping (collection of the superficial skin cells and further evaluation of the cells under microscope or cultured environment in the laboratory) for 16 out of 17 residents and completion of Elimate (a medicated skin cream that treats scabies) treatments per physician.</p> <p>8. On 4/2/2024, Clinical Consultant continued evaluation through interview of available staff to identify any staff with skin conditions. To reduce the potential for transmission of contagious rashes, employee interviews continue in person and via the telephone, prior to staff working with residents during their next assigned shift, to identify any staff members with skin conditions. 149 of 200 staff were interviewed and contacted. Three staff who reported itchiness and identified with rashes were offered Elimate.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0880</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p>	<p>A review of Resident 1's Assessment Summary note dated 3/5/2024 at 9:15 p.m., indicated General Skin Conditions: Rash Itching. The note did not indicate the location and size of the rash or if the doctor was notified.</p> <p>A review of Resident 1's care plan for The resident has rash trunk, legs, arms, armpit rash, general body rash with an initiation date of 3/5/2024, indicated interventions which included facility staff needed to carry out to address the rash included avoid scratching, daily shower as tolerated, derma (dermatologist) consult, and monitor skin for signs and symptoms of infection.</p> <p>A review of Resident 1's Assessment Summary Note dated 3/12/2024 at 2:04 p.m., indicated General Skin Conditions: Rash Itching. The note did not indicate the location and size of the rash or if the doctor was notified.</p> <p>A review of Resident 1's Health Status Note dated 3/27/2024 at 1:30 p.m., indicated Resident 1 left the facility to a dermatology appointment.</p> <p>A review of Resident 1's After Visit Summary from the outpatient clinic dated 3/27/2024 at 2 p.m., indicated the reason for the visit was Scabies. The after-visit summary indicated skin scraping was performed and which has a result of diagnosed of scybala (feces) and ovum (eggs). Resident 1 had a diagnosis of Scabies and new medications were ordered to treat the scabies; Permethrin (medication used to treat infestations of small parasites [an organism that lives off a host]) 5% topical cream apply from neck to soles of feet. Wash off after 8 to 14 hours. Repeat in seven days., Ivermectin (medication used to treat diseases caused by parasites) 3 mg oral tablets take 4 tablets at once today by mouth, and Triamcinolone Acetonide 0.1% Topical Ointment apply to affected area(s) 2 times a day.</p> <p>A review of Resident 1's admission record for 2/27/2023, did not indicate the scabies diagnosis was added to the resident's medical record.</p> <p>A review of Resident 1's care plan for The resident has rash (general body) at risk for recurrent skin problems secondary to diagnosis of diabetes, anxiety, anemia (low blood level), quadriplegia, incontinent (unable to control passage of urine and feces), bedbound status, thin and fragile skin dated 3/27/2024, did not indicate the diagnosis of scabies. The care plan indicated interventions facility staff needed to carry out to address the rash which included Deep clean room after Elimate application.</p> <p>A review of Resident 1's care plan for Resident on contact isolation precautions skin treatment prophylaxis [to prevent] dated 3/27/2024, indicated the resident was in isolation for prophylaxis, but did not indicate the resident had scabies.</p> <p>A review of Resident 1's Infection Note dated 3/28/2024 at 2:54 p.m., indicated On 3/27/24, Resident returned from doctor's appointment with orders for Ivermectin and Elimate. Explained to resident's [FM's] that the resident has history of on and off rashes. [Primary Doctor] is aware and was actively treating and addressing resident's skin concerns.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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