

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 555444	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 11/27/2024
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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Ensure that a nursing home area is free from accident hazards and provides adequate supervision to prevent accidents.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 49345</p> <p>Based on observation, interview and record review, the facility failed</p> <p>1) To implement and inform all residents of their Smoking Policy upon admission. Census during the survey on 11/21/24 was 127.</p> <p>2) To ensure a safe environment free from accidents when one (Resident 1) out of six sampled residents suffered burns from an electronic cigarette (e-cigarette, a cigarette-shaped battery-operated device that contains nicotine, flavorings, and other chemicals that create an aerosol that is inhaled into the lungs, used to simulate the experience of smoking tobacco) explosion.</p> <p>These failures resulted in first degree facial burns (a burn that affects the outer layer of skin), intubation (inserting a tube into the patient's airway to help them breathe, administer medication, or remove blockages) and hospitalization for Resident 1 and this failure had the potential to result in serious injury to all the residents in the facility.</p> <p>On 11/22/24 , at 3:27 p.m., an Immediate Jeopardy (IJ, a situation in which the facility's noncompliance 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 and declared, in the presence of the facility's Administrator (ADMIN) and Director of Nursing (DON) due to the facility's failure to implement and inform all residents of their smoking policy upon admission (Census was 127 on 11/21/24) and failure to provide a safe environment and supervise Resident 1 who used an E-Cigarette while connected to an Oxygen Concentrator via Nasal Cannula in her room, ended up with fire on her hair and burns on her nose and face, with the nasal cannula burnt open, her face became black and her bottom lip was bleeding. Resident 1 was sent via 911 to the hospital.</p> <p>On 11/22/24 at 4:32 p.m. an IJ removal plan (IJRP) with completion date of 11/26/24 was submitted but was not accepted. On 11/25/24 a revised IJRP was submitted with completion date of 11/25/24. On 11/26/24 a visit was done to the facility to review the implementation of this revised IJ Removal Plan. The IJ was lifted on 11/26/24 at 4:08 pm.</p> <p>The acceptable IJRP included the following corrective actions:</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 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Resident 1 was transferred to the hospital on 11/19/2024 for further evaluation and treatment as indicated. Resident's attending physician and emergency contact were notified of the incident. The resident is still currently in the hospital.</p> <p>Resident 2 was provided emotional support and re-assurance of the facility staff in relation to the incident. Resident was offered psychology consult which she declined on 11/20/24. Resident 2 currently feels safe and has not brought up concerns to the facility staff.</p> <p>Residents 3, 4, & 5 have now been notified of the no smoking policy and a copy of the policy is available to the residents.</p> <p>All residents have the potential to be affected because of the use of oxygen at the facility. The facility leadership reviewed and observed all the residents on oxygen and all residents with history of smoking and found no other safety concerns such as smoking inside the room or other parts of the facility.</p> <p>All residents will be informed of the facility's non-smoking policy and will be educated on the complication of oxygen use and smoking (whether real cigarettes, e-cigarettes, or vapes) with signed confirmation which has been initiated and will be completed by November 25, 2024.</p> <p>The Director of Nursing (DON), Director of Development (DSD) or designee will in-service all staff on the facility Smoking Policy to promote resident and staff safety.</p> <p>The Director of Nursing (DON), Administrator or designee will in-service all Admission Department on informing new admissions of the facility's non-smoking policy including the imminent risks of smoking while using oxygen or near oxygen products.</p> <p>To ensure ongoing compliance, the interdisciplinary team {IDT} will conduct at least a weekly review of the removal plan on ensuring residents' safety and will verify that new admissions were informed of the facility's Non-Smoking policy and were educated on the complication of smoking while using oxygen in the weekly IDT meetings. Any concerns will be discussed by the Administrator or designee for immediate resolution. The IDT will also review daily in the IDT meeting on weekdays if there are new patients with history of smoking and/or new patients that require oxygen use and verify that proper evaluation and safety interventions have been initiated.</p> <p>Moreover, the Administrator, Director of Nursing (DON) or designee will audit compliance in ensuring safety of residents including informing all new patients of the Non-Smoking policy and education on the complication of smoking while using oxygen or near oxygen products. This audit will be done weekly for 4 weeks, then monthly for 6 months beginning the week of November 25, 2024 and ending the month of June 2025. Any concerns or issues will be discussed in the daily stand-up meeting for immediate resolution and/or re-assessment by the interdisciplinary team.</p> <p>The Administrator or DON will provide a written quality assurance report that includes evaluation of the effectiveness of the plan of correction in the quarterly QAPI meeting for 6 months using pertinent compliance audit information and resolutions from November 2024 through the end of June 2025.</p> <p>The corrective actions have been initiated and will be completed by November 25, 2024.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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