

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 555652	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 05/07/2025
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<p>F 0580</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Immediately tell the resident, the resident's doctor, and a family member of situations (injury/decline/room, etc.) that affect the resident.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 47254</p> <p>Based on observation , interview and record review, the facility failed to recognize and appropriately act on a change in condition for one of three sampled residents, Resident 1, when staff were provided a list of medications on Resident 1's admission on 1/30/25 that included insulin (a hormone that lowers the level of glucose (a type of sugar) in the blood) and did not inform the physician. Nursing staff were aware of the diagnosis of diabetes (a disease that occurs when sugar in the blood is too high) and did not closely monitor symptoms of hyperglycemia (high blood sugar), nausea and malaise (general feeling of discomfort) and did not inform the physician of high blood glucose (sugar) measurements.</p> <p>These failures resulted in Resident 1 not being managed appropriately for diabetes, to not receive needed insulin medication to control high blood glucose, experienced several days of feeling unwell, nauseous and malaise and required emergently being transferred to an acute care hospital on 2/10/25. During admission, Resident 1 was diagnosed with uncontrolled hyperglycemia, Diabetic Ketoacidosis (DKA- a complication of diabetes in which acids build up in the blood to levels that can be life-threatening) and sepsis (body's extreme response to an infection a life-threatening medical emergency) he was hospitalized for nine days and was discharged back to the facility on [DATE].</p> <p>Findings:</p> <p>During a review of Resident 1's Admission Record (a summary of important information regarding a patient which include patient identification, past medical history, insurance status, care providers, family contact information and other pertinent information), dated 2/19/25, the admission record indicated, Resident 1 was admitted from the hospital to the facility on [DATE]. The Admission Record indicated Resident 1 has a history that includes but not limited to muscle wasting and atrophy (is the wasting or thinning of your muscle mass leading to muscle weakness), Crohn's Disease (an inflammatory bowel disease that causes chronic inflammation of the GI tract), Chronic Kidney Disease III (your kidneys have mild to moderate damage and are less able to filter waste and fluid out of your blood), Muscle Weakness (a lack of muscle strength), and diabetes type II (high levels of sugar in the blood) chronic pain syndrome (persistent pain).</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 0580</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>During a review of Resident 1's Minimum Data Set (MDS - a resident assessment tool used to identify resident cognitive and physical function) assessment dated [DATE], Resident 1's MDS assessment indicated Resident 1's Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS -assessment of cognitive status for memory and judgment) assessment score was 14 out of 15 (0-7 severe cognitive impairment, 8-12 moderate cognitive impairment, 13-15 no cognitive impairment) indicating Resident 1 had no cognitive impairment.</p> <p>During a concurrent observation and interview on 4/22/25 at 2:22 p.m., with Resident 1 in his room, Resident 1 was resting in bed comfortably, dressed appropriate for the season and doing better since his last hospitalization . Resident 1 stated on his first admission to the facility from 1/30/25 to 2/10/25 he did not receive his insulin medication. Resident 1 stated the facility did not provide him with his insulin and he had to go to the hospital due to his diabetes being too high . Residents 1 stated his daughter-in-law gave the facility admission nurse his home medication list when he was admitted on [DATE] and Resident 1 did not understand why the facility would not follow what his doctor had previously prescribed. Resident 1 stated he felt ill days prior to being sent out to the hospital on 2/10/25 and it wasn't until he was sent to the hospital that he was told at the hospital his sugar was high .</p> <p>During a record review of Resident 1's Diabetes Care Plan, dated 2/1/25, the Diabetes Care Plan indicated, . Resident has a diagnosis of diabetes and is at risk for complications on hypo(low)/hyperglycemia (low blood sugar) . administer medications as ordered . diet as ordered . educate on the signs and symptoms of hypo/hyperglycemia and to report promptly . interventions to manage hypo/hyperglycemia episodes as indicated . monitor for signs of hypo/hyperglycemia .</p> <p>During a concurrent interview and record review on 4/22/25 at 2:43 p.m., with License Vocational Nurse (LVN) 1, Resident 1's electronic medical records, Admission/Readmission Evaluation/Assessment and Home Medications, dated 1/30/25 were reviewed. LVN 1 stated, he was aware the family provided the admission nurse with a list of home medications for Resident 1, and the expected normal process was to document order verification for all medications. The admission nurse did not do that for Resident 1. LVN 1 stated telephone communication to the primary care providers should have included the medications that were continued as well as discontinued to clarify the appropriate medications, dosages and frequency to continue while Resident 1 was in the facility. LVN 1 stated that since appropriate communication did not occur, Resident 1 did not receive medication needed to manage his diabetes which placed Resident 1's health and well-being in danger and possibly caused his hospitalization .</p> <p>During a concurrent interview and record review on 5/7/2025 at 9:14 a.m., with the Director of Nurses (DON), Resident 1's electronic medical records, Admission/Readmission Evaluation/Assessment and Home Medications, dated 1/30/25 were reviewed. The DON stated the home medication list provided by family indicated Resident 1 was on insulin (medication used to turn food into energy and mange blood sugar levels) prior to admission and the admission nursing staff did not clearly identify or clarify what medications listed on the home medication list were to be continued or discontinued in her summary note documentation. The DON stated that her expectations are for nursing staff to contact the primary care physician or nurse practitioner and verify all medications listed on provided medication list in order to identify each individual medication and document.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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