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<p>F 0684</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</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** Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to ensure care and treatment was provided timely, for one of five residents reviewed (Resident 1), when Resident 1 had an elevated pulse rate (heart beat per minute {BPM}) and decreased oxygen saturation ({O2 Sat} - the amount of hemoglobin carrying oxygen within the blood).</p> <p>The failure had the potential for a delay in the care and treatment and affect the resident's overall health condition of Resident 1.</p> <p>Findings:</p> <p>On May 22, 2025, at 1210 p.m., an unannounced visit was conducted to the facility to investigate a complaint regarding quality of care.</p> <p>A review of Resident 1 ' s medical records titled, Resident Information, dated May 23, 2025, indicated Resident 1 was admitted to the facility on [DATE], with a diagnosis of respiratory failure (respiratory system is unable to adequately provide oxygen to the body) with hypoxia (low blood oxygen).</p> <p>A review of Resident 1 ' s Progress Notes, dated December 26, 2024, at 1:48 a.m., by Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) 1, indicated, . (Resident 1) found unresponsive. Upon assessment .oxygen level at 65% (normal values 95 -100%) on room air (no added oxygen). PT (Resident) placed on oxygen via nasal canula (nostrils) 5L (liters) ineffective .Pulse 132 (elevated, normal values 60 -100 beats per minute); O2 (sats): 73% (low) via nasal cannula. RN (Registered Nurse) made aware .</p> <p>Further review of Resident 1's record indicated the physician was not notified of Resident 1 ' s elevated pulse and low oxygen level.</p> <p>A review of Resident 1 ' s Progress Notes, dated December 26, 2024, at 2:12 a.m., by RN 1, indicated, . (Resident 1) Resting in bed with eyes closed, known to staff (resident) is fine .skin is cold to touch .(Pulse) 126 (elevated) . (Resident agree(s) if get(s) worse will go to hospital .</p> <p>Further review of Resident 1's record indicated the physician was not notified of Resident 1 ' s elevated pulse and rate.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0684</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>On May 28, 2025, at 11:41 a.m., a follow up interview was conducted with the ADON. The ADON stated there was no documentation the physician came to evaluate Resident 1 on December 26, 2024. The ADON stated there was no documentation the nursing staff followed up with the physician to evaluate Resident 1. The ADON stated she expected the physician to come to the facility to evaluate the resident if the physician stated he would be coming to evaluate the resident. The ADON stated she expected the licensed nurses and respiratory therapist to check the resident's vital signs every 15 minutes.</p> <p>On May 28, 2025, at 5:48 p.m. an interview was conducted with the MD (physician). The MD stated the on call physician should have been notified, when Resident 1 was found to have abnormally high pulse rates, and low O2 saturations, on December 26, 2024, between the hours of 1:48 & 7:52 a.m. The MD stated, if he was the on-call physician, he would have given the nursing staff orders to place Resident 1 on O2 and send to the ER for further evaluation. The MD further stated, he could not remember if he presented at facility to assess Resident 1 in person on December 26, 2024.</p> <p>A review of the facility's policy and procedure titled, Change of Condition, revised December 2023, indicated, . Policy: It is the policy of this facility to ensure each resident receives quality of care and services to attain and maintain the highest practicable physical mental and psychosocial well-being . Procedure .If, at any time, it is recognized by any one of the team members that the condition or care needs of the resident have changed, the Licensed Nurse or Nurse Supervisor should be made aware. Examples would be the following (but not limited to) .Change or a trending change in vital signs, to include temperature, pulse, blood pressure, heart rate, and oxygen saturation .Change in ability or decline in physical function .Change in medical condition .The nurse will perform and document an assessment of the resident and identify need for additional interventions, considering implementation of existing orders or nursing interventions or through communication with the resident's provider using SBAR or similar process to obtain new orders or interventions .The resident will then be placed on the 24 Hour Report and Nursing will provide no less than three (3) days of observation, documentation, and response to any interventions. An attempt to identify the cause for decline, when it occurs, needed assist and resident behavior/acceptance of increased need of assistance will be monitored .There will be certain circumstances where immediate attention will be warranted and nursing will be responsible for notifying the appropriate department for evaluation. The nurse shall use he/her clinical judgement and shall contact the physician based on the urgency of the situation .The nurse will transcribe the treatment and plan of care relative to the change of condition on the resident(s) electronic Medical Record (EMR) .</p>