

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  675019	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  12/04/2024
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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Ensure that a nursing home area is free from accident hazards and provides adequate supervision to prevent accidents.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> 36954</p> <p>Based on observations, interviews, and record review, the facility failed to ensure that each resident received adequate supervision and assistance devices to prevent accidents for 1 of 3 residents (Resident #1) reviewed for accidents and supervision.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The facility failed to ensure Resident #1 received direct supervision from staff on while smoking when Monitor Tech A was observed on a cell phone while assigned to monitor residents in the smoking area on 11/22/2024.</li> <li>Monitor Tech A failed to follow protective measures put in place to use cigarette extenders and smoking aprons for residents' safety while residents were outside smoking, resulting in a burn to Resident #1 on 11/22/2024.</li> <li></li> </ol> <p>An Immediate Jeopardy situation was determined to have existed on 11/22/24. It was determined to be past non-compliance due to the facility having implemented actions that corrected the non-compliance on 11/27/24 before the beginning of the survey.</p> <p>This failure could place residents at risk for physical harm, pain, mental anguish, emotional distress, and serious injury.</p> <p>Findings included:</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 - Few</p>	<p>Record Review of Resident #1's face sheet dated 12/03/24 revealed a [AGE] year-old female admitted to the facility on [DATE]. Resident #1 had a medical history of unspecified dementia (loss of thinking, remembering, and reasoning interferes with daily life activities), anxiety (feeling of fear, dread, and uneasiness) restlessness and agitation (feeling uneasy, unable to relax, experiencing inner tension, often accompanied by physical movement), bipolar disorder (mental illness that causes unusual shifts in mood from extreme highs to lows), dystonia (involuntary muscle contractions that cause repetitive or twisting movement), seizures (abnormal burst of electrical activity in the brain that causes temporary changes in behavior, muscle control and awareness), tremor (a neurological condition that includes shaking or trembling movements in one or more parts of the body), altered mental status (a noticeable change in a person's mental function, often characterized by confusion, decreased alertness, unusual behavior), weakness (loss of strength), muscle weakness (loss of muscle strength or the inability to move a muscle normally), lack of coordination (disorder that cause clumsy, awkward movements), cognitive communication disorder (difficult to communicate), drug induced subacute dyskinesia (movement disorder as a result of taking certain drugs), and drug induced secondary parkinsonism (movement disorder).</p> <p>Record review of Resident #1's MDS dated [DATE] revealed, Section C - Cognitive patterns revealed a BIMS score of 1 which indicated Resident #1 had severe cognitive impairment.</p> <p>Record review of Resident #1's care plan dated 08/07/24 revealed focus: Resident #1 was at risk for injury while smoking and required supervised smoking, date initiated 08/07/24, Goals: Resident #1 will not smoke without supervision through the review date, date initialed 08/07/24, revision date 08/21/24, target date 11/15/24. Interventions: Resident #1 required supervision while smoking date initiated 08/07/24, observe clothing and skin for signs of cigarette burns date initiated 08/07/24, Resident #1 requires a smoking apron while smoking date initiated 09/22/24, use of cigarette extender when smoking date initiated 10/15/24.</p> <p>Record review of Resident #1's smoking assessments dated 10/11/2024 revealed under Section E Safety, 7a Smoking Apron, 7b Cigarette Holder, and 7c Supervision; and under Section F IDTC Decision 1. All residents are supervised smoking and resident uses a smoking extender and apron.</p> <p>Record review of progress notes for Resident # 1 dated 11/22/24 revealed Resident #1 noted to have a burn to left middle finger measuring 0.3 x 0.3 x 0. Contacted physician and order received to start Silvadene Cream (antibiotic used to treat and prevent wound infections in people with severe burns) BID x 7 days and monitor for infection. Notified Family Member. No issues or concerns at this time.</p> <p>Record review of Resident #1's physician orders dated 12/03/24 revealed an order for Silvadene external cream 1% (silver sulfadiazine) apply to left middle finger topically every shift to promote wound healing and prevent infection for 7 days, order date 11/22/24, start date 11/22/24, end date 11/29/22. Monitor left middle finger burn for signs and symptoms of infection every shift until healed every shift for infection prevention and wound healing, order date 11/22/24, start date 11/22/24.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>During an interview on 12/03/24 at 2:51 PM the DON, stated she was notified on 11/22/24 of the injury to Resident #1's middle finger on her left hand. She stated the facility had a care plan meeting with Resident #1 and her family member the morning of the incident, but prior to the incident. She stated it was after the meeting that the resident reported the burn. She stated she assessed Resident #1's middle finger then called the doctor and received an order for treatment. She stated Resident #1 told her the burn happened when the Family Member helped her smoke. She stated Resident #1's Family Member denied the incident happened while he helped her smoke, but Resident #1 stated it happened when her Family Member helped her smoke. The DON stated that the next time her Family Member comes to visit she is going to talk with the Family Member about supervision when Resident #1 smokes. She stated that he needs to be made aware of the issues with her smoking and that she is too shaky, and he would need to hold the cigarette and use an extender. She stated the Family Member was adamant he held the cigarette the whole time, but Resident #1 stated she let it burn down too far when smoking with her Family Member.</p> <p>During a call on 12/03/24 at 12:18 PM, Family Member stated he did help Resident #1 smoke when he was at the facility. He stated the burns happened on a day he was not there. He stated when he helped her smoke at the facility, he would hold the cigarette for her the entire time because of her tremors. He stated the facility does have a cigarette extender, but he did not know if they used it or not. He stated the facility called and notified him of the burn, but he was not sure when that happened.</p> <p>During an interview on 12/03/24 at 12:51 PM, ADM stated, Resident #1 had always had cigarette extenders, and they have more on hand in case they are needed. He stated, Resident #1's Family Member denied being out there when she burned her hand, but Resident #1 said her Family Member was with her when it happened. He stated he was not sure when the incident happened. He stated the incident was not witnessed. He stated the facility staff reported the burn to the nurse and the physician was contacted for treatment. He stated, the facility initiated the use of the cigarette extender because of her tremors.</p> <p>During an interview on 12/03/24 at 2:00 PM, Resident #1 stated she burned her finger while smoking. She was able to lift her hand up and showed her middle finger on her left hand. The burn was visible and looked to have a scab over it. Resident stated she was in no pain at that time.</p> <p>During an interview on 12/04/24 at 2:54 PM the DON stated she assessed Resident #1 after the burn was reported. She stated, Resident #1 told her she let her cigarette burn down too far.</p> <p>During an interview on 12/03/24 at 3:55 PM, Monitor Tech B stated he worked when the burn incident occurred with Resident #1. He stated he was not the monitor tech outside monitoring the residents at that time. He stated he stayed inside the facility and monitored the live stream of the cameras in and around the facility. He stated Monitor Tech A was assigned to monitor residents when the burn happened, and that Monitor Tech A was fired over the burn. He stated that since the incident two staff members have to go outside and monitor residents when they smoke. He stated staff monitor residents while they smoke, and staff must make sure they do not burn themselves or their clothing. He stated that staff would place the residents' cigarette in the cigarette extender and monitor the residents with their cigarettes when they smoke. He stated that he recently started going out as a second staff to monitor residents during smoke breaks, and that before the burn happened, only one staff would go out to monitor residents.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>During an interview on 12/03/24 at 5:10 PM, the Maintenance Supervisor stated, the ADM asked him to look at the cameras the day after the incident to see who the monitor tech was and if the monitor tech had done their job, and to make sure they had monitored the residents. He stated all the ADM wanted him to look for was, which monitor techs had worked and if the monitor techs were doing their jobs. Stated he looked at the camera footage and saw Monitor Tech A was on his phone while outside monitoring residents during the smoke break. He stated Monitor Tech A was standing near the coke machine and he saw him pull out his phone then hung it up, then he got on his phone again. He stated Monitor Tech A was then on his phone while the residents smoked. He stated he had spoken with Monitor Tech A, prior, about him being on his phone and warned him to not be on his phone when he monitored residents. He stated he let Monitor Tech A know he was suspended. He stated he was not told about the burn for incident with Resident #1, and he was only told to look to see what the monitor techs were doing in the video. He stated he did not look to see if Resident #1 did or did not have the apron on or if she was using the extender because he was only told to look to monitor the monitor techs. He stated he had Monitor Tech A throw away 1 cigarette extender around 2-3 weeks ago because it had some paint on it, so he told Monitor Tech A to throw that extender away. He stated the ADM had cigarette extenders in the office, and he gave them to the monitor techs. He stated he told the monitor techs if residents refuse the apron or extender to make sure and report it to the nurses and the administrators. He stated he did a training on Monday or Tuesday of last week with the monitor techs and he gave the ADM the in-service where everyone (staff) signed. He stated Monitor Tech A was suspended because he saw him on his cell phone while outside monitoring residents during smoke breaks. He stated he did not know if Resident #1 smoked without the apron on or if she smoked without using the extender, but she was supposed to have the apron on. He stated they administrative staff would do daily compliance checks of the smoking box.</p> <p>During an interview on 12/03/24 at 5:40 PM Monitor Tech C stated after the incident with Monitor Tech A the facility ordered the cigarette extenders. He stated he was told Monitor Tech A took the residents out to smoke and was on his cell phone. That Monitor Tech A wasn't paying attention to the residents, and the facility let him (monitor Tech A) go. He stated, staff are not to be on their phones when taking residents out to smoke because burns could happen and if you don't pay attention residents could get burned. He stated the facility did have cigarette extenders before the incident but ran out of them, and after the incident with Monitor Tech A, the facility ordered more. He stated he was unsure how long the facility was out of the cigarette extenders, be he thought it was maybe a week or two before the incident happened. Monitor Tech C was unsure of the date and he was asked to check dates he worked and he stated it was before the incident on 11/22/24 possibly they ran out the week of 11/17/24 - 11/23/24. He stated he thought it was reported to the Maintenance Supervisor. He stated he was told that staff had to keep a closer eye on the residents when they were smoking while the facility was out of extenders. He stated, during the time the facility did not have the cigarette extenders, Resident #1 did smoke without the cigarette extender while he was the monitor tech that monitored them. He stated the new extenders had the resident's names on them, so they knew who used them. He stated the Maintenance Supervisor had provided him with training on how to monitor smoke breaks and to use the smoking aprons and cigarette extenders. He stated since the incident, he was in-serviced over abuse, neglect, monitoring residents when out smoking and they cannot be on their cell phones.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Observation on 12/03/24 at 3:02 PM. Residents were outside smoking. Two staff members were observed outside monitoring residents. Resident #1 was observed outside with the smoking apron on and using the cigarette extender. Resident #1 was observed not having tremors and not touching the cigarette to her apron like she did at the 1:00 PM smoke break. Staff was observed monitoring Resident #1 and assisting her to lift her arm up to keep the cigarette away from her wheelchair. Two staff remained outside with residents during the smoke 3 PM break. The smoking box was observed with cigarette extenders in the box and smoking aprons with the box, as well as aprons on the resident and cigarette extenders were used.</p> <p>Record review of in-service: Verbal, physical, sexual, neglect, abuse policy and protocol, resident rights, injuries of unknown source, and incidents of staff and or misappropriation of resident's property, and reporting abuse and neglect no exception, dated 11-26-24 with 28 staff members signatures.</p> <p>Record review of in-service: safety and supervision of resident, accident and incident investigating and reporting, dated 11-26-24 with 27 staff members signatures.</p> <p>Record review of in-service for monitor techs dated 11-27-24: monitor tech, cigarette count daily, smoking aprons being worn, smoke extenders, paying attention to residence, and no phone during smoke breaks with 11 monitor tech signatures.</p> <p>Record review of Monitor Tech A's employee file documented a suspension date of 11/22/24 and termination date of 11/25/24.</p> <p>The following policy reviewed: Safety and Supervision of Residents dated 2001 revised date July 2017</p> <p>Policy Statement: The facility strives to make the environment as free from accident hazards as possible. Resident safety and supervision and assistance to prevent accidents are facility-wide priorities.</p> <p>Policy Interpretation and Implementation</p> <p>Facility-Oriented Approach to Safety</p> <p>I. Our facility-oriented approach to safety addresses risks for groups of residents.</p> <p>4. Employees shall be trained on potential accident hazards and demonstrate competency on how to identify and report accident hazards and try to prevent avoidable accidents.</p> <p>Individualized, Resident-Centered Approach to Safety</p> <p>I. Our individualized, resident-centered approach to safety addresses safety and accident hazards for individual residents.</p> <p>3. The care team shall target interventions to reduce individual risks related to hazards in the environment, including adequate supervision and assistive devices.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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