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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 675118	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 05/07/2025
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Brush Country Nursing and Rehabilitation		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 6500 Brush Country Rd Austin, TX 78749	
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F 0686 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety Residents Affected - Some	<p>Provide appropriate pressure ulcer care and prevent new ulcers from developing.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 42949</p> <p>Based on observation, interview, and record review, the facility failed to ensure residents received necessary treatment and services, consistent with professional standards of practice to promote wound healing and to prevent new pressure ulcers from developing for one (Resident #1) of five residents reviewed for pressure injuries.</p> <p>The facility failed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Complete weekly skin assessments for Resident #1 or provide treatments from 04/18/25 - 05/06/25 to a pressure area on his left foot which developed into a pressure wound.- Provide wound care consistently to Resident #1's sacral wound causing it to worsen. <p>These failures resulted in an identification of an Immediate Jeopardy (IJ) on 05/06/25 at 4:54 PM, and an IJ template was given. While the IJ was removed on 05/07/25 at 3:45 PM, the facility remained out of compliance at a level of no actual harm at a scope of pattern that was not immediate jeopardy due to the facility's need to evaluate the effectiveness of the corrective systems.</p> <p>These failures could place residents at risk of improper wound management, the development of new pressure injuries, deterioration in existing pressure injuries, infection, and pain.</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>Review of Resident #1's undated face sheet reflected a [AGE] year-old male who was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses including complete paraplegia (a form of paralysis that affects the lower half of the body), muscle weakness, and sepsis (a serious condition when the body has an extreme reaction to an infection) to sacral wound.</p> <p>Review of Resident #1's EMR, on 05/06/25, reflected neither his admission nor 5-day MDS assessment had not been completed.</p> <p>Review of Resident #1's EMR, on 05/06/25, reflected his baseline care plan had not been completed.</p> <p>Review of Resident #1's admission skin assessment, dated 04/15/25, reflected he had open areas/lesions:</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 0686</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>During observation and interview on 05/06/25 at 10:22 AM revealed Resident #1 laying in his bed with his wound vac on and running. He stated he was not sure if he had a wound to his left heel because, due to his paralysis, he could not feel anything. He stated no one had been treating his left heel. He stated the WCD did not see him the day before (05/05/25) because he was eating lunch in the dining room. He stated when he went back to his room, he was told the WCD had already left for the day. He stated he did not believe his wound vac was changed three times a week, but did state it had been changed a few times. He stated it would be okay for his left heel to be observed after lunch.</p> <p>During a telephone interview on 05/06/25 at 11:30 AM, Resident #1's NP stated her expectations were that weekly skin assessments were done weekly by the WCD. She stated if the WCD could not complete an assessment, for whatever reason, the nurses should be conducting the assessment. She stated if resident's skin/wounds were not monitored, they could get worse. She stated if a resident missed one wound vac treatment in a week, they would be okay.</p> <p>During a telephone interview on 05/06/25 at 12:42 PM, the WCD stated he completed wound assessments on the residents weekly. He stated he was at the facility the day prior (05/05/25) and he was told the wound vac had already been changed so he did not complete an assessment because he assumed the nurse who changed the wound vac had completed one. He stated weekly skin assessments were important to determine if there were any changes or if anything was worsening. He stated if a resident had a pressure area, he would expect to be notified so he could assess the area weekly. He stated he was not aware Resident #1 had a pressure area to his left heel.</p> <p>During an interview on 05/06/25 at 1:55 PM, the DON stated it was her second day at the facility. She stated weekly skin assessments should be completed by nurses weekly, regardless of if the resident was seen by the wound care doctor. She stated it was important for the nurses to see all areas of the skin to ensure it was intact. She stated if not, something could be missed or go untreated. She stated it did not meet her expectations that any skin treatments get missed.</p> <p>An observation and interview on 05/06/25 at 2:00 PM revealed Resident #1 laying in his bed. This Surveyor asked permission to have a nurse help to observe his left foot and he agreed. LVN A and the DON entered the room and stated she (LVN A) did wound care rounds with the WCD weekly. She stated she was not sure if the WCD had been assessing his left foot. LVN A left the room and this Surveyor requested she (DON) remove Resident #1's pressure-relieving boot and sock from his left foot. The sock appeared dirty, and she had a difficult time taking it off. When the sock was removed, there was a dressing on his left heel dated 04/18/25. The DON's face was shocked, and she stated having a dressing on with a date from weeks ago, did not meet her expectations. While the DON began peeling/ripping the dressing off, flakes of dislodged skin were seen all around his foot. When the dressing was fully removed, there was a full thickness open wound surrounded by thick white peeling edges with irregular shaped black peri wound.</p> <p>During an interview on 05/06/25 at 3:32 PM, LVN A stated the WCN walked out two weeks ago, and she was trying to pick up the pieces. She stated her first time rounding with the WCD was the week prior. When asked why she had been checking off the treatment to Resident #1's left foot in his TAR, she stated it had been a mistake, she felt horrible, and she could not believe she had missed that. She stated she did not even know why he had a bandage to his left heel because upon admission there was just brown eschar to the area. She stated since they did not have a WCN, skin assessments should be done weekly by the floor nurses. She stated all orders should be followed and completed as ordered and it was unacceptable what happened to Resident #1's heel.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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