

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 675532	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 03/28/2024
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<p>F 0656</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Develop and implement a complete care plan that meets all the resident's needs, with timetables and actions that can be measured.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 26481</p> <p>Based on interviews, and record reviews the facility failed to implement a comprehensive person-centered care plan for each resident, that includes measurable objectives and timeframes to meet a resident's medical, nursing, and mental and psychosocial needs for 1 of 3 residents (Resident #1) reviewed in that:</p> <p>CNA A failed to follow the plan of care which required a 2 person assist to transfer Resident #1 with the Hoyer Lift (a mechanical lift that uses a sling attached to a hoist to transfer a person from a bed to a wheelchair) on 03/23/24.</p> <p>This failure resulted in the identification of Immediate Jeopardy (IJ) on 3/23/24 at 6:53 p.m. While the immediacy was removed on 3/28/24 at 3:42 p.m., the facility remained out of compliance at scope of isolated and a severity with actual harm due to the facility's need to monitor the implementation of the plan of removal.</p> <p>This failure placed residents at the facility who required the mechanical lift for transfers at risk for pain or injuries.</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>Record review of Resident #1's undated face sheet revealed the resident was admitted to the facility on [DATE] and readmitted on [DATE] with diagnoses which included diabetes (sustained high blood sugar levels and can increase risk of damage to eyes, nerves, heart and cause delayed wound healing), morbid obesity (severe form of excess body weight), contracture of the left knee (gradual shortening of muscles, tendons, and skin that causes the joints to shorten and prevent normal movement), hemiplegia (paralysis of one side of the body) and high blood pressure.</p> <p>Record review of Resident #1's electronic physician's orders revealed an order for ADL - transfer by 2 staff with mechanical lift, with a start date of 09/09/23.</p> <p>Record review of Resident #1's MDS, a Quarterly assessment dated [DATE], revealed a BIMS score of 11 out of 15 which indicated his cognitive skills for daily decision making were moderately impaired; he had functional limitation in range of motion on 1 side of his upper and lower extremities (legs and arms), used a wheelchair, and was dependent on staff assistance of 2 or more helpers with transfer from chair/bed-to-chair.</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 0656</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>In a group interview on 03/28/24 at 11:15 AM with the Assistant Administrator and the DON Designee, RN D stated an audit log was created to document observations of mechanical lift transfers. RN D stated she or the DON would observe 5 mechanical lift transfers weekly; and two observations were completed on 3/27/24 at 4:45 PM and on 3/28/24 at 8:30 AM. RN D stated there were no concerns with the mechanical lift, technique used by staff or the sling that was used for the transfer. RN D stated she observed the mechanical lift slings used during the transfer and the slings were in good condition. The Administrator stated the log would be reviewed and facility would track the findings and use the information to determine if further education was needed or if staff performed the transfers correctly. The Assistant Administrator stated the audit information would be brought to QAPI meeting monthly and the information would be reviewed to determine effectiveness and if changes needed to be made to the system, policy, or procedure. The Assistant Administrator stated the Housekeeping Supervisor completed a sling audit on 03/27/24 at 4 PM that revealed 9 slings in use were in good working condition. He stated the slings will be observed weekly by the Housekeeping Supervisor and would be recorded on the audit log. He stated any slings with holes, tears or frays would be removed from service. He stated the audit information will be reviewed and used to track the condition of the sling supply and determine when new slings should be purchased.</p> <p>In an interview on 03/28/24 at 1:35 PM, the housekeeping Supervisor stated she completed the sling audit on 03/27/24, there were 9 slings in use, and they were in good condition. She stated if a sling was found with worn, torn, or frayed material she would remove it from service, log the information on the audit log and place an order to replace the sling.</p> <p>Interviews with 23 of 29 direct care staff from different shifts was completed on 03/27/24 and 03/28/24 which consisted of 13 direct care staff from day shift (6 AM-6 PM) and 10 direct care staff from night shift (6 PM-6 AM). All 23 staff members reported there were educated and trained on the use of mechanical lifts.</p> <p>Interviews on 03/27/24 and 03/28/24 with 50 of 66 facility staff from different shifts revealed staff have received education on abuse and neglect.</p> <p>Observations on 03/27/24 and 03/28/24 of resident and staff interactions revealed no signs of abuse or neglect.</p> <p>Observations on 03/26/24 of 5 resident slings and on 03/27/24 of 4 resident slings revealed no holes, tears, or frays on the slings.</p> <p>Record Review of CNA A's termination paperwork dated 3/26/24 revealed she was terminated on 03/26/24 for operating a mechanical lift without 2 people; the document was signed by the Assistant Administrator, and he noted CNA A refused to sign the document.</p> <p>Record review of education sign in sheet, dated 03/24/24, revealed 48 staff received education on proper techniques of a mechanical lift transfer which always included the use of 2 persons for mechanical lift transfers.</p> <p>Record review of education sign in sheet, dated 03/26/24, revealed 66 staff received education on using 2 people to perform a safe mechanical lift transfer.</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>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** 26481</p> <p>Based on observation, interview and record review the facility failed to ensure each resident receives adequate supervision and assistance devices to prevent accidents for 1 of 3 residents (Resident #1) reviewed for accidents, hazards, and supervision in that:</p> <p>CNA A failed to follow Resident #1's physician order and plan of care which required a 2-person assist to transfer Resident #1 with a Mechanical Lift (a mechanical lift with a sling attached to a hoist to transfer a person from a bed to a wheelchair) on 03/23/24, which resulted in the back of Resident #1's wheelchair to recline as he was placed in it and caused an injury to his right foot when his foot hit the floor.</p> <p>Resident #1 was transferred to a local hospital and was diagnosed with a fracture of the right 5th metatarsal bone (break in the little toe).</p> <p>This failure resulted in the identification of Immediate Jeopardy (IJ) on 3/23/24 at 6:53 p.m. While the immediacy was removed on 3/28/24 at 3:42 p.m., the facility remained out of compliance at scope of isolated and a severity with actual harm due to the facility's need to monitor the implementation of the plan of removal.</p> <p>The failure placed residents at the facility who required the mechanical lift for transfers at risk for pain or serious injuries.</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>Record review of Resident #1's undated face sheet revealed the resident was admitted to the facility on [DATE] and readmitted on [DATE] with diagnoses which included diabetes (sustained high blood sugar levels and can increase risk of damage to eyes, nerves, heart and cause delayed wound healing), morbid obesity (severe form of excess body weight), contracture of the left knee (gradual shortening of muscles, tendons, and skin that causes the joints to shorten and prevent normal movement), hemiplegia (paralysis of one side of the body) and high blood pressure.</p> <p>Record review of Resident #1's electronic physician's orders revealed an order for ADL - transfer by 2 staff with mechanical lift, with a start date of 09/09/23.</p> <p>Record review of Resident #1's MDS, a Quarterly assessment dated [DATE], revealed a BIMS score of 11 out of 15 which indicated his cognitive skills for daily decision making were moderately impaired; he had functional limitation in range of motion on 1 side of his upper and lower extremities (legs and arms), used a wheelchair, and was dependent on staff assistance of 2 or more helpers with transfer from chair/bed-to-chair.</p> <p>Record review of Resident #1's Care Plan for the problem of Alteration in ADL self-performance and mobility related to weakness, left sided hemiparesis, contractures to left upper extremity, revealed under Approaches with a start date of 11/09/22 was Requires assist x 2 staff with Hoyer (mechanical lift) with transfer tasks.</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>In an interview on 03/25/24 at 10:33 AM, Resident #1 stated on 3/23/24, around 4 PM, CNA A came into his room to transfer him from his bed to his wheelchair per the resident's request. Resident #1 said CNA A placed the mechanical lift sling underneath him, then she told Resident #1 that he might have to help her because the other CNAs were working. Resident #1 stated he asked CNA A if she could wait until the other aides finished their work to assist her. Resident #1 said CNA A left the room and came back about five minutes later, said she could not find anyone and moved the mechanical lift over to the bed, attached the lift sling that was under him, grabbed the lift remote control and asked Resident #1 if he was ready. Resident #1 stated he responded, Yes, I'm ready, just don't drop me on the floor. Resident #1 stated when CNA A moved him from his bed to the wheelchair with the mechanical lift by herself, she could not bring him to the chair, and he fell . Resident #1 stated another CNA (CNA C) came into the room, asked him if anything hurt and he told her his back and his right foot hurt. Resident #1 stated LVN B came into the room and asked him if he was alright, and he told her his back and his right foot hurt. Resident #1 stated LVN B came back into the room, told him she called his family member to let her know he fell , and his family member was going to meet him at the hospital. Resident #1 stated then the ambulance came and took him to the hospital, and he did not return from the hospital until after 10 PM because the hospital needed the x-ray results. Resident #1 stated he did get out of bed yesterday (3/24/24) and today (3/25/24) he was still a little bit sore, his right foot still hurt, and he received Tylenol for his foot pain which helped.</p> <p>In an interview on 03/25/24 at 2:53 PM, CNA C stated on 3/23/24 when she entered Resident #1's room, the back part of his chair had reclined back all the way, and he was a bit crooked in the chair, holding onto the right arm rest with his right arm and Resident #1 stated he fell . CNA C said she asked CNA A why she was doing it by herself, and CNA A said she could not find anyone to help her. CNA C said she assisted CNA A with positioning Resident #1 in his chair correctly, the sling that was under him was crooked, so they fixed the sling, sat him upright, unhooked the straps of the lift sling from the mechanical lift. CNA C stated when the sling was removed from the lift, Resident #1 stated to her again that he fell . CNA C said she asked Resident #1 what he meant, and the resident said he fell . CNA A told CNA C that Resident #1 did not fall but the back of the chair reclined back and stated again that Resident #1 did not fall. CNA C said Resident #1 told her his foot hurt, so she reassured him, and left the room to notify LVN B of the situation. CNA C stated as LVN B assessed Resident #1 told LVN B the same story of what happened.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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