

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 675557	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 04/04/2024
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Oasis at Pearland		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 3400 E Walnut Pearland, TX 77581	

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<p>F 0695</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide safe and appropriate respiratory care for a resident when needed.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 16989</p> <p>Based on observation, interview, and record review, the facility failed to ensure one resident (Resident #1) of three residents reviewed for tracheostomy care and tracheal suctioning was provided care consistent with professional standards of practice, the comprehensive person-centered care plan, and the resident's goals and preferences.</p> <p>-RT A did not utilize a pulse-ox to monitor Resident #1's tolerance of the suctioning procedure.</p> <p>-RT A did not hyper-oxygenate Resident #1 prior to suctioning.</p> <p>-RT A contaminated a sterile field and required surveyor intervention to have her obtain a new sterile field.</p> <p>-RT A did not wear a sterile glove when she picked up the inner cannula and inserted it into the trachea.</p> <p>-RT A was not able to determine the difference between a sterile glove and a clean glove.</p> <p>The deficient practice placed Resident #1 at risk for respiratory infection and respiratory distress.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>Record review of the Admission Record for Resident #1 (dated 04/03/2024) revealed she was [AGE] years old and was admitted to the facility on [DATE]. Diagnoses included acute respiratory failure with hypoxia (lack of oxygen) and tracheostomy (a surgical opening in the neck to assist with breathing).</p> <p>Record review of the Admission Record for Resident #1 (dated 04/03/2024) revealed she was [AGE] years old and was admitted to the facility on [DATE]. Diagnoses included, but were not limited to, acute respiratory failure with hypoxia (lack of oxygen) and tracheostomy .</p> <p>Record review of Resident #1's Care Plan dated 04/04/2024 revealed the resident was at risk for increased secretions/congestion, infections, and respiratory distress. The interventions read, in part, .Observe for needed suctioning of increased secretions/congestion - assess for relief .</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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