

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  675648	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  11/14/2024
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<p>F 0695</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Provide safe and appropriate respiratory care for a resident when needed.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 45328</b></p> <p>Based on observations, interviews, and record review, the facility failed to ensure that a resident who needed respiratory care was provided such care consistent with professional standards of practice for 1 (CR #1) of 5 residents reviewed for respiratory care.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The facility failed to ensure consistent oxygen therapy was provided to CR #1 who was on hospice and a DNR. CR #1 was pronounced deceased at approximately 3:48 p.m. on [DATE].</li> <li>-The facility failed to respond to CR #1's numerous requests for help for an approximate 2 ,d+[DATE] hour period.</li> <li>-The facility failed to monitor CR #1's oxygen administration via nasal cannula while she was in bed.</li> </ul> <p>An Immediate Jeopardy (IJ) was identified on [DATE]. The IJ template was provided to the facility on [DATE] at 12:21 p.m. While the IJ was removed on [DATE], the facility remained out of compliance at a severity level of no actual harm with potential for more than minimal harm and a scope of pattern because all staff had not been trained on [DATE].</p> <p>This failure placed residents who received oxygen therapy at risk of respiratory complication and/or death.</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>Record review of CR #1's Face Sheet, dated [DATE], revealed a [AGE] year-old female whose initial admitted to the facility was [DATE]. Her diagnoses included acute and chronic respiratory failure with hypoxia (not enough oxygen in blood), chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (progressive lung disease) with (acute) exacerbation (sudden worsening of symptoms), and heart failure.</p> <p>Record review of CR #1's Quarterly MDS Assessment, dated [DATE], revealed a BIMS score of 0, indicating severe cognitive impairment. Further review revealed the resident was dependent (the assistance of 2 or more helpers were required for the resident to complete the activity) on eating, toileting, showering/bathing, and dressing. Section O, Special Treatments, Procedures, and Programs, Respiratory Treatments, C1, revealed she was on oxygen therapy.</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 0695</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Record review of CR #1's MAR dated, [DATE] - [DATE], revealed an order for oxygen administration at 3 LPM via nasal cannula or BiPAP continuous every shift, start date: [DATE], observation oxygen therapy every shift, start date: [DATE], and ipratropium albuterol inhalation solution every 4 hours, start date: [DATE]. CR #1's MAR reflects she was administered her ipratropium albuterol inhalation solution every 4 hours as ordered.</p> <p>Record review of CR #1's care plan, close date [DATE], revealed the resident had COPD, a history of respiratory failure, and was at risk for shortness of breath and interventions included oxygen as ordered. Further review revealed the resident received oxygen therapy r/t COPD/CHF and removed N/C at will. Interventions included check O2 saturations and provide respiratory treatments as ordered and O2 via NC per physician order.</p> <p>Observation on [DATE] at 7:05 a.m. of several video footage clips, dated [DATE], from approximately 11:46:38 a.m. to 15:30:41 (3:30 p.m.) revealed at 11:46:18 a.m. CR#1 removed her nasal cannula. At approximately 11:57:20 a.m., CNA C entered the room with the resident's meal tray and at approximately 11:59:03 a.m. was no longer in the room; the nasal cannula was still not in place. At approximately 12:30:48 p.m., an unidentifiable staff member walked past the resident and toward the door from the other side of the room; nasal cannula was still not in place. At approximately 12:39:09 p.m. a different unidentifiable staff member entered the room and exited at approximately 12:39:29 p.m.; nasal cannula was still not in place. At approximately 14:09:43 (2:09 p.m.) resident was having stomach breathing and at approximately 14:43:27 (2:43 p.m.) resident begins gasping for air. At approximately 15:28:54 (3:28 p.m.) CNA D found CR #1 unresponsive; nasal cannula was not in place. At approximately 15:28:58 (3:28 p.m.) Nurse A and CNA D were at CR #1's bedside; nasal cannula was still not in place. CR #1 was observed calling out nurse, help, and/or help me numerous times from approximately 12:07:56 p.m. to 14:26:33 (2:26 p.m.) with no response from staff; the nasal cannula was still not in place. Video footage clips did not show any other staff members entering CR #1's room between 12:39 p.m. until 3:28 p.m.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0695</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Outcome: Through these corrective actions, the facility aims to protect resident safety, enhance monitoring and responsiveness, and achieve sustained compliance with respiratory care standards.</p> <p>Warm Regards,</p> <p>[ ]</p> <p>[ ]</p> <p>[ ]</p> <p>[ ]</p> <p>Email: [ ]</p> <p>Phone: [ ]</p> <p>Fax: [ ]</p> <p>On [DATE]-[DATE], state surveyor monitoring confirmed the facility implemented their plan or removal (POR) to sufficiently remove the IJ by:</p> <p>Record review revealed resident assessments were completed on [DATE] on all 6 residents receiving continuous oxygen therapy.</p> <p>Record review revealed resident record reviews were completed on [DATE] on all 16 residents with oxygen orders.</p> <p>Record review revealed environmental and equipment checks were completed on [DATE].</p> <p>Record review revealed training and competency checks were completed from [DATE]-[DATE] for 15 nurses.</p> <p>Record review revealed in-services were developed and 13 nurses, 24 CNAs, and 5 MAs were in-serviced regarding the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-responding to resident calls</li> <li>-monitoring residents and oxygen therapy</li> <li>-identifying residents in distress</li> <li>-identifying which residents were on oxygen</li> <li>-notifying nurse of oxygen concerns</li> </ul> <p>Record review revealed 14 nurses completed an oxygen administration policy review test from [DATE]-[DATE].</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0695</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Record review revealed 19 CNAs completed an oxygen posttest from [DATE]-[DATE].</p> <p>Interviews were conducted from [DATE] to [DATE] with staff from all shifts: the DON, the ADON, 3 RNs, 5 LVNs, 9 CNAs, and 2 MAs. Nursing staff verbalized an understanding on responding to resident calls and monitoring of oxygen, identifying residents in distress, and identifying which residents were on oxygen. Nurses also verbalized an understanding on oxygen device placement, O2 concentrator operation, and protocols.</p> <p>The Administrator was notified the Immediate Jeopardy was removed on [DATE] at 6:51 p.m. The facility remained out of compliance at a severity level of no actual harm with the potential for more than minimal harm that was not immediate jeopardy and a scope of pattern due to the facility's need to evaluate the effectiveness of the corrective systems that were put into place.</p>		