

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 675978	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 08/26/2024
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<p>F 0580</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Immediately tell the resident, the resident's doctor, and a family member of situations (injury/decline/room, etc.) that affect the resident.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 47159</p> <p>Based on interview, and record review the facility failed to immediately inform the resident's physician and resident representative of a significant change in the residents' physical status and the need to significantly alter the resident's treatment for 1 of 4 residents (Resident #1) reviewed for Change in Condition.</p> <p>The facility failed to correctly notify the physician and resident representative of the extent of one facility-acquired Stage IV pressure injury for Resident #1, thus delaying proper treatment for 2 days.</p> <p>An Immediate Jeopardy (IJ) was identified on 08/22/2024. The IJ Template was provided to the facility on [DATE] at 4:53PM. While the IJ was removed on 08/26/2024, the facility remained out of compliance at a severity of no actual harm with potential for more than minimal harm that is not Immediate Jeopardy and a scope of Isolated due to the need for implementation of corrective measures and the effectiveness of its corrective plan.</p> <p>This failure could place residents at risk of not having their physician or resident representative informed of changes in their conditions.</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>Record review of Resident #1's admission record revealed a [AGE] year-old male who was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with the following diagnoses:</p> <p>PRIMARY LATERAL SCLEROSIS (A motor-neuron disease which causes nerves within the brain to slowly break down)</p> <p>DYSPHAGIA, OROPHARYNGEAL PHASE (difficulty swallowing)</p> <p>CHRONIC PAIN SYNDROME</p> <p>PAIN IN UNSPECIFIED SHOULDER</p> <p>OTHER SPEECH DISTURBANCES</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 0580</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>The plan of removal represents the center's allegation of compliance. This plan of removal serves as the facility's response to the immediate jeopardy notification the center received during the exit conference on August 22, 2024, at 5:09PM from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission related to identification of changes in skin integrity. The allegation is that staff did not identify changes in skin integrity for Resident #1 and that CNAs (certified nurse's assistants) were not trained to identify changes in skin integrity. The allegation also indicated the physician and resident representative were not informed of skin integrity issues in a timely manner.</p> <p>Immediate Actions</p> <p>1. A routine skin assessment was completed and documented on in Resident #1's chart, indicating no new concerns on July 28, 2024, at 11:09 AM. On 07/29/2024, during routine shower, the CNA reported the change in skin integrity noted for Resident #1 to the charge nurse. The CNA noted open areas to bilateral antecubital areas. The charge nurse assessed the area, notified the physician, and initiated new orders, including the administration of Diflucan and wound care to both areas. The family was notified at that time as well. The nurse documented in the progress notes that the areas of concern were bilateral antecubital areas.</p> <p>2. On 7/31/24, the charge nurse noted the areas to the bilateral antecubital areas were not improving and notified the physician. Orders were received at that time to transfer residents to the hospital of the family's choice. Resident #1 was transferred to the emergency room for treatment.</p> <p>3. On 08/02/2024, Resident#1 returned to the facility with wound care orders. There were no changes in the resident's medications and no antibiotics were ordered.</p> <p>In-Service Education</p> <p>Facility implemented the following action plan that had the potential to affect 39 residents.</p> <p>1. Facility conducted in person education to all CNAs who were in the facility on August 22, 2024, at 1800 PM. The education included prevention of developing or worsening contractures, proper use of shower/skin monitoring sheets, reporting changes in skin integrity to charge nurses and documentation. All staff will receive this education by Friday. August 23,2024.</p> <p>2. The facility conducted in person training to all nursing staff who were on the schedule on August 22, 2024, at 1800. The education included identification and documentation of skin integrity as well as completing all associated assessments such as Braden Scale and Skin assessments. The education also included notification of physician and resident representative immediately and the documentation of this. All staff will receive this education by Friday, August 23, 2024.</p> <p>Monitoring</p> <p>The following systems of monitoring have been implemented:</p> <p>1. DON (director of nursing) or designee, will collect all shower/skin monitor sheets daily and address any changes or concerns. This will be completed for the next 3 months or until substantial compliance is achieved. They will ensure all issues or concerns are addressed, assessed, and all notifications made.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0580</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>08/26/2024 at 1:58PM Interview with DON regarding the in-service on the on 8/22/24; she stated that they really pushed to both the CNAs and the licensed staff, the importance of documenting everything; don't let little things go, because they turn into big things; report to herself or [NAME] and if you think we're not listening, bug us until we do.</p> <p>08/26/2024 at 2:03PM Interview with LVN G regarding what they learned in the in-service on 8/22/24; she stated that they talked about both the shower sheet and the skin assessment sheet and ensuring that they are filled out correctly and turned in; check with your CNAs to see what they have documented on the sheets and if she needs to look at any skin issues; reporting up the chain of command, as well as the family and the MD if you see a problem developing with a resident's skin.</p> <p>08/26/2024 at 2:06PM Phone interview the ADON who is out sick today regarding what was talked about in the in-service on 8/22/24; she stated that they really emphasized the fact that everyone, not just the CNAs need to be checking their residents for any skin integrity issues; the importance of reporting even if you think someone else has already reported it; she and the DON met to make a system of checking to ensure that shower sheets/skin assessments are done and recorded accurately; informing the family and the MD as soon as you see something.</p> <p>08/26/2024 at 2:26PM Interview with MDS Nurse regarding the in-service on 8/22/24; she stated that they talked about Change in Condition and reporting anything that you see to a Charge Nurse; documentation of everything, both on paper and in computer; if you're not sure if something that you see has been reported already, report it anyway; all of the licensed staff need to do a better job of following up with their CNAs of following up with their CNAs and fell ow workers</p> <p>08/26/2024 at 2:58PM Phone interview with LVN E regarding what she learned at the in-service that was held on service that was held on 8/22/24 regarding Change of Condition and reporting; she stated the in-service reminded her to look for anything that might warrant a Change of Condition for a resident and the notification of the MD, family DON, et; making sure that risk management paperwork is completed and documented correctly; any new orders that show up on the dash board-check on that resident and chart according to that order; she stated that the CNAs that are hers are very diligent about the shower sheets and reporting anything that they see as far as a change in skin integrity to her; she stated she checks in with her CNAs every shift to make sure that they have completed documentation correctly.</p> <p>08/26/2024 at 3:07PM Phone interview with LVN C regarding what was covered in the in-service on 8/22/24; she stated that they talked in depth about Change in Condition and the detailed expectations for both hand-written documentation and electronic documentation; reporting of any changes in a resident to the DON, MD, Family and Administrator; she is going to inform both the DON and the Administrator if she observes anything new with her residents and ensure that there is follow-through on what needs to be done the resident; stated that they received a pocket version of the expectations and reporting that she will carry in her pocket to remind herself of what needs to be done and check it off of the list.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0686</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide appropriate pressure ulcer care and prevent new ulcers from developing.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 47159</p> <p>Based on observation, interview, and record review the facility failed to ensure that a resident with a pressure ulcer received necessary treatment and services, consistent with professional standards of practice, to promote healing, prevent infection, and prevent new ulcers from developing for 1 of 4 residents (Resident # 1) reviewed for contractures.</p> <p>The facility did not prevent the development of one facility-acquired Stage IV, exposed tendon, pressure injury for Resident #1.</p> <p>This failure could place residents at risk for worsening of an ulcer, infection, and a decreased quality of life.</p> <p>An Immediate Jeopardy (IJ) was identified on 08/04/2024. The IJ Template was provided to the facility on [DATE] at 4:00PM. While the IJ was removed on 08/06/2024, the facility remained out of compliance at a level of more than minimal harm and a severity of no actual harm with potential for more than minimal harm that is not Immediate Jeopardy and a scope of Isolated due to the need for implementation of corrective measures and the effectiveness of its corrective plan.</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>Record review of Resident #1's admission record revealed a [AGE] year-old male who was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with the following diagnoses:</p> <p>PRIMARY LATERAL SCLEROSIS (A motor-neuron disease which causes nerves within the brain to slowly break down)</p> <p>DYSPHAGIA, OROPHARYNGEAL PHASE</p> <p>CHRONIC PAIN SYNDROME</p> <p>PAIN IN UNSPECIFIED SHOULDER</p> <p>OTHER SPEECH DISTURBANCES</p> <p>APHASIA</p> <p>MUSCLE WEAKNESS (GENERALIZED)</p> <p>MUSCLE WASTING AND ATROPHY, NOT ELSEWHERE CLASSIFIED, UNSPECIFIED SITE</p> <p>OTHER REDUCED MOBILITY</p> <p>HYPERTENSIVE HEART DISEASE WITHOUT HEART FAILURE</p> <p>PARKINSON'S DISEASE WITH DYSKINESIA, WITHOUT MENTION OF FLUCTUATIONS</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0686</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>OTHER MUSCLE SPASM</p> <p>ENCOUNTER FOR SCREENING FOR COVID-19</p> <p>PERSONAL HISTORY OF COVID-19</p> <p>OTHER SEASONAL ALLERGIC RHINITIS</p> <p>OTHER CONSTIPATION</p> <p>Record review of Resident #1's MDS dated [DATE] indicated no pressure injury over a scar or bony prominence, no current unhealed pressure injury, and no detection of a Stage IV pressure injury. There were also no noted skin conditions.</p> <p>Record review of Resident #1's care plan dated 7/3/24 indicated no pressure injury over a scar or bony prominence, no current unhealed pressure injury and no detection of pressure injuries. There was no documentation of any noted skin conditions.</p> <p>An interview with the DON and Admn. on 08/02/2024 at 6:30PM revealed CNAs had not been formally trained on performing resident skin checks while giving showers. She stated CNAs looked for skin conditions such as scratches, bruises, skin tears and any injury of unknown source, but did not specifically check a resident's contractures for any skin deterioration. The DON stated CNAs were often at bedside when wounds were treated by licensed staff but had not been specifically trained on looking for open wounds during showers or rounding. The Admn. stated there were teach-back assessments done yearly for CNAs regarding showering residents and assessing them for bruises, cuts, skin tears and any skin condition which would require further assessment by a licensed staff member. The Admn. was asked to produce the teach-back documentation for CNAs, but the binder could not be located. The DON stated Resident #1 was extremely clean and would take 2 showers per day, if allowed. She stated his scheduled shower days were MWF. The DON stated she was unsure why CNAs would not have found the open area to Resident #1's left antecubital (inner elbow) area when he was showered on Monday, 7/29/2024. When asked what a negative outcome of not instructing CNAs on proper showering techniques and skin assessment, the DON stated CNAs might think that any wound they found had already been seen by a licensed staff member and therefore were not their responsibility.</p> <p>Review of Resident #1's Progress Notes dated 07/29/2024 indicated an open area to the left antecubital area, which was treated with Nystatin Powder and Diflucan, both of which were ordered by the RP.</p> <p>An observation of Resident #1 on 8/3/2024 at 2:22pm revealed Resident #1 was laying in bed. Resident #1's elbows were loosely wrapped with gauze and there was folded gauze in the crease of both elbows. Resident #1 had a washcloth rolled in the palms of both hands due to contractures.</p> <p>On 08/02/2024 at 7:29PM an interview with CNA P revealed she had not been trained specifically to look for wounds or open areas to resident's skin, while performing showers. She stated the Admn. and DON trained the CNAs at least monthly on Abuse and Neglect of Residents and Reporting of Resident Incidents and Accidents, but she had not been specifically trained on reporting wounds. When asked the negative outcome of not reporting a new or worsening wound to licensed staff, she stated the wound could become infected and the resident could become very sick.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0686</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Review of Resident #1's Physician Orders revealed Resident #1 was to have had skin assessments performed every Sunday by licensed staff and CNAs.</p> <p>Review of skin assessments dated 07/04/2024, 07/15/2024, 07/22/2024 and 07/28/2024 indicated no skin breakdown to any part of Resident #1's body.</p> <p>Review of Progress Notes revealed CNA P showered Resident #1 on 07/29/2024 and found the open areas to his inner elbows which had a purulent smell and green drainage. CNA P stated she told LVN I on 07/29/2024 that Resident #1 had open areas to his inner elbows which required his attention. LVN I applied Nystatin Powder to the wounds and left Resident #1's protective sleeves off so air could get to the wounds</p> <p>Record review of a skin assessment completed 7/31/24 on Resident #1 revealed suspected deep tissue injuries to right antecubital and left antecubital. The skin assessment further documented: During treatment to resident's bilateral antecubital, both sites noted open. Contacted physician. New order received to send resident out for further assessment and treatment .</p> <p>An interview with the LVN C on 08/02/2024 at 7:44PM revealed weekly skin assessments were placed in the Treatment Administration Record or Miscellaneous sections of the resident's charts. She stated Resident #1's skin assessments may not have been completed on Sundays specifically, but they were done within the next day. She stated CNAs were supposed to perform skin checks when they gave showers but had not been trained on looking for wounds.</p> <p>An interview with Resident #1's POA on 08/03/2024 at 1:10PM revealed she felt as if the facility had been negligent in finding the open area with exposed tendon, to Resident #1's elbow. She stated she received a call from the facility on 07/29/2024 informing her that a small, open wound had developed on the inside of Resident #1's left elbow. Resident #1's arms are contracted at the elbow, so the skin between his upper arm and forearm were always touching. He did not have any protection from skin deterioration in this area unless the staff put his arm sleeves on him. She stated the facility told her they were treating the area with Diflucan and Nystatin Powder and would continue to keep her informed of any changes in Resident #1's overall health (ie. fever, chills, bleeding in the area). On Wednesday, July 31st the POA received another call from the facility which stated the area to Resident #1's inner elbow had gotten worse, and they were going to transport the resident to the hospital of her choice for further evaluation. He was transferred to a hospital at approximately 11:15AM on 7/31/24.</p> <p>Record review of the hospital discharge summary dated 8/2/24 revealed Resident #1 was admitted to the hospital on 7/31/2024 with a primary diagnosis of Cellulitis (skin infection) of the Left Antecubital (left inner elbow). Resident #1 had received IV antibiotics of Vancomycin and Rocephin for the skin infection. Resident #1's POA stated when she saw the open area to Resident #1's inner elbow it was much worse than what the facility had described on the telephone. The tendon was exposed through a hole in Resident #1's inner elbow and the surrounding skin was red and warm to the touch. Resident #1 remained in the hospital on IV antibiotics until 08/02/2024, when he returned to the facility. The discharge summary indicated the following: Quality Measures Documentation on page 8 - Wound 7/31/24 pressure injury right antecubital and wound 7/31/24 pressure injury left anterior upper arm. Page 9 of the discharge summary indicated musculoskeletal - chronic contractures of bilateral upper extremities and skin - chronic wounds to bilateral antecubital fossae; left antecubital fossa wound weeping purulent discharge.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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