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<p>F 0624</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Prepare residents for a safe transfer or discharge from the nursing home.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 32581</b></p> <p>Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to provide and document sufficient preparation and orientation to residents to ensure a safe and orderly discharge from the facility for one resident (Resident #1) of six residents reviewed for discharge planning.</p> <p>SW A and MDS Nurse B failed to ensure Resident #1 filed her NOMNC appeal by 08/10/24 to continue to stay at the facility.</p> <p>SW A and MDS Nurse B failed to ensure Resident #1 was given the second option to appeal to her Medicare Health plan, before she discharged [DATE].</p> <p>SW A failed to follow-up with the DME Provider on 08/14/24 to give them additional documents needed to process the delivery of Resident #1's wheelchair.</p> <p>SW A failed to ensure Resident #1's correct address was given to the Home Health Care provider to ensure they could provide services to the town she lived in.</p> <p>These failures could place residents at risk of being discharged home too soon and not having the appropriate healthcare services to meet their needs which could result in falls, skin breakdown, dehydration and hunger and cause a decline in their health and psycho-social well-being.</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>Record review of Resident #1's Admission MDS assessment dated [DATE] reflected the resident was a [AGE] year-old female who admitted [DATE] with a BIMS score of 13, indicating she was cognitively intact. The MDS reflected Resident #1 had lower extremity weakness and used a wheelchair and Dependent: Helper does all of the effort and resident does none - for Toileting, lower body dressing, and putting and taking off footwear. She was always incontinent of bladder and bowel with active diagnoses: Fractures with multiple other trauma. She had hypertension, diabetes, thyroid disorder, other fracture and anxiety disorder, unspecified lower left femur (leg) fracture, morbid obesity, lack of coordination, muscle wasting and atrophy, unsteadiness on feet. She received routine pain management with occasional pain frequency. She had surgical procedures: Other orthopedic surgery-repair fractures of leg. She was 5'3 and 226 pounds.</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 0624</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Record review of Resident #1's SW Progress Note dated 08/06/24 10:05 AM written by SW A reflected: LATE ENTRY: Social services followed up with patient to confirm if patient requesting early d/c. Patient stated, I know I will have to go home eventually. Patient reported not wishing to d/c early. Interdisciplinary team informed.</p> <p>Record review of Resident #1's undated NOMNC reflected: Effective date coverage of your current skilled nursing services will end: 08/11/24 .How to ask for an immediate appeal: your request for an immediate appeal should be made as soon as possible, but no later than noon of the day before the effective date indicated above .If you miss the deadline to request immediate appeal, you may have other appeal rights .If you belong to a Medicare health plan call the # below. Signed by Resident #1 and MDS B On 08/08/24.</p> <p>Record review of Resident #1's SW Progress note dated 08/12/24 at 10:15 AM written by SW A reflected: SW reviewed d/c with patient. Patient verbalized wishing to remain pvt pay at facility through Monday, 8/19. SW referred patient to BOM &amp; ABOM to discuss payment plan and price. Patient verbalized understanding. Interdisciplinary team informed.</p> <p>Record review of Resident #1's SW Progress note dated 08/13/24 at 3:20 PM written by SW D reflected: The patient has informed us that she is scheduled to be discharged and sent home on August 14, 2024. Transportation for her departure has been arranged for between 10 and 11 am. She has stated that she plans to notify her family about her discharge by sending a group text. Additionally, durable medical equipment (DME) has been ordered, and all necessary discharge orders have been signed.</p> <p>Record review of an email addressed to MDS B dated 08/13/24 at 5:01 PM sent by the Skilled Inpatient Care Coordinator reflected: I got the determination for Resident #1. The Appeals office advised to have her appeal with the health plan directly. Do you know if she's done that? Her last covered date was 08/11/24, so she is currently in a private pay status unless her health plan appeal wins. Thanks</p> <p>Record review of Resident #1's Nurse Progress dated 08/14/24 at 9:49 AM written by RN C reflected: Resident is discharge from the facility via wheelchair with transportation person. Resident Skin assessment was done by the time of discharge skin looks intact. All paperworks [sic] were signed by Resident and medication and medication list were given to Resident.</p> <p>Review of Resident #1's SW Progress note dated 08/14/24 at 2:28 PM reflected: SW, MDS, Administrator followed up with APS for follow up on previous call from APS caseworker. APS reviewed notes from report made. Social Services and Administrator reviewed resources provided by facility and conversations had with patient and family. APS inquired as to process when insurance provided d/c date. MDS brought in to provide information on insurance process. APS inquired as to BIMS score. APS inquired as to Home Health and DME companies. Information provided. APS stated she will follow up with the Home Health to provide CNA Staff.</p> <p>Record review of Resident #1's SW Progress note dated 08/14/2024 at 3:59 PM written by SW A reflected: PCP Follow up: follow up not available until November 26 with NP. PCP office will contact patient to explain protocol. Social services will collaborate with HHA to send out NP.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0624</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Interview on 08/16/24 at 4:59 PM, FM G stated Resident #1 got a room at the hospital because they were trying to figure out what rehabilitation center she would go to. He stated they had to take her to the hospital yesterday 08/15/24 to get her back to a rehabilitation facility. He stated this nursing facility put Resident #1 in a bad situation, and no one told him she would discharge on 08/14/24. He stated he spoke to the Administrator and was told her health insurance stopped paying for her stay. He stated he found out about her second appeal to stay too late and was told she would have to private pay. He stated he told the facility they could not afford to pay the co-insurance, then was told she had to go home. He stated he went to her home to help get her situated. When he got there, he saw she was already at her home, sitting on the sofa. He stated she could not do much for herself. He stated the transportation driver wheeled her in and took the wheelchair away. FM G stated what if fire happened, she would have burned because she was sitting in the corner on her love seat. He stated they got to Resident #1's house approximately an hour and half after she got home and went to get her some food and luckily, they had a key to unlock her door. He stated Resident #1 was soaking wet, and he went to get her some incontinence briefs. He stated he got a stranger from the store go to change Resident #1. The next day on 08/15/24 there still was no home health or DME, and her bed was soaking wet. He stated he then was able to get her transferred to the hospital yesterday on 08/15/24. He stated he was pissed off about this, because Resident #1 had no home health or wheelchair. He stated this nursing facility had his phone number, and SW A said he was working on getting Resident #1 DME. He stated this nursing facility said she was a private pay resident then found out last Monday 08/11/24 it was too late to appeal. He stated she had a compound fracture of her leg and ankle and had surgery to put 6/8 inches of steel into her bone. He stated the amount of problems with not having Resident #1's discharge planning done properly was not good.</p> <p>Interview on 08/16/24 at 5:49 PM, the DON stated Resident #1 was in a MVA and she admitted to this nursing facility for skilled therapy, and her motivation was not extremely good. She stated the resident propelled in a wheelchair with staff assistance, and the resident made comments about returning home, but she and her family were not on the same page with that. She stated Resident #1's first NOMNC was appealed, and she won. The resident then she received another NOMNC last Friday 08/09/24, and she chose not to appeal it. The DON stated she did not think the resident shared that information with her family. She stated on Monday 08/12/24, Resident #1 changed her mind and wanted to appeal, but it was denied because it was too late. She stated they knew she was not safe to return home and that was why they called APS and spoke to Resident #1's caseworker about assisting with her needs. She stated Resident #1 discharged on [DATE], and the next day she was sent to the hospital. She spoke to APS who said they were expediting her home health, and she was not sure if the resident received her wheelchair and sliding board yet. She stated Resident #1 was sent to the hospital ER, and she wanted to re-admit back to this nursing facility. The DON stated they told the hospital if her insurance approved her to come back, she could re-admit. She stated the Hospital Doctor stated there was no medical reason to keep Resident #1 there. She stated the problem was that Resident #1 had family members not willing to provide support and her insurance ran out. The DON stated the resident did not meet LTC medical necessity to apply for Nursing Home Medicaid. She stated Resident #1 was not Medicaid Pending, and they had not tried to send her to another facility. She stated Resident #1 needed one person assistance for transfers and showers and ate independently. She stated the resident had Steri strips (skin closure strips) on her leg and ankle. She stated she could not speculate on what could happen to a resident if they discharged home without home health and DME. She stated they could not go against the resident's rights and hold her captive. She stated the resident was stable and called to arrange her own transport home. She stated Resident #1's cognition was fully intact with a BIMS of 14.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0624</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>services.</p> <p>For discharge.</p> <p>.2. The Discharge Plan should include:</p> <p>.b. During the initial Social History and Assessment, the social service designee should determine the resident and family's goals for discharge and the support systems available to the resident.</p> <p>.d. To ensure the needs of the resident will be met after discharge from the facility, the social service designee should identify and arrange for post-discharge needs such as nursing and therapy services, medical equipment for discharge home or to an alternate care setting.</p> <p>e. Referrals to local contact agencies, the local ombudsman or other appropriate entities;</p> <p>f. Documentation of the referrals and response to the referrals;</p> <p>g. Re-evaluation regularly and be updated when the resident's needs or goals change.</p>