

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 676255	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 04/11/2025
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Fort Worth Transitional Care Center		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 850 12th Avenue Fort Worth, TX 76104	

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<p>F 0770</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide timely, quality laboratory services/tests to meet the needs of residents.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 33552</p> <p>Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to provide or obtain laboratory services to meet the needs of its residents and failed to be responsible for the quality and timeliness of the services for one (Resident #1) of five residents reviewed for laboratory services.</p> <p>The facility failed to complete Resident #1's lab order for a urinalysis with C&S (a diagnostic test that involves analyzing a urine sample to detect and identify potential infections and determine their susceptibility to antibiotics) as ordered by the physician.</p> <p>The failure could place residents at risk for delays in the provision of treatment for laboratory abnormalities and acute exacerbation of clinical conditions.</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>Record review of Resident #1's Face Sheet dated 03/27/25 revealed the resident was a [AGE] year-old male who admitted to the facility on [DATE] and readmitted on [DATE] from an acute stay at the hospital. Resident #1's diagnosis included a fracture of the left femur (upper leg bone), orthopedic aftercare following surgical amputation, dysphagia (difficulty swallowing foods or liquids), cirrhosis of liver (late-stage liver disease where healthy liver tissue is replaced by scar tissue, hindering the liver's ability to function properly), gangrene (a condition where tissue dies due to a lack of blood supply), peripheral vascular disease (a condition that affects the blood vessels outside of the heart and brain), repeated falls, hypertension (a condition where the force of blood pushing against the artery walls is consistently too high), sepsis (a life-threatening condition that occurs when the body's immune system overreacts to an infection, leading to widespread inflammation and organ damage), atrial fibrillation (irregular heart rhythm) and urinary tract infection (an infection of the urinary system, which includes the kidneys, ureters, bladder, and urethra).</p> <p>Record review of Resident #1's admission MDS assessment dated [DATE] revealed a BIMS score of 09, which indicated moderately impaired cognition and a mood score of 13 with negative mood issues of fatigue, depression, difficulty concentrating and issues with sleep. Resident #1 had no signs of psychosis, delirium or behaviors that affected his care. Resident #1 had range of motion impairment on one side of his lower extremities and used a walker and wheelchair for mobility. Resident #1 was always incontinent of bowel and bladder and required staff assistance for all his ADLs. Resident #1 had six unstageable pressure ulcers and one deep tissue injury. All skin issues were present upon admission to the facility.</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 0770</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 care plan initiated on 02/10/25 reflected, Problem: Resident has dehydration or potential fluid deficit r/t diuretic use; Goal: The resident will be free of symptoms of dehydration and maintain moist mucous membranes, good skin turgor; Interventions: Administer medications as ordered, Monitor/document for side effects and effectiveness, Monitor/document/report PRN any s/sx of dehydration: decreased or no urine output, concentrated urine, strong odor, tenting skin, cracked lips, furrowed tongue, new onset confusion, dizziness on sitting/standing, increased pulse, headache, fatigue/weakness, dizziness, fever, thirst, recent/sudden weight loss, dry/sunken eyes.</p> <p>Record review of a progress note written by the NP dated 03/16/25 reflected that on 03/14/25, Resident #1 had complained of a sore throat, no fever or shortness of breath and he tested negative for COVID. He was started on throat lozenges as needed and Claritin 10 mg po. On 03/16/25, the NP documented the facility nurse reported that per family, Resident #1 was confused the nurse was not able to collect UA. During the visit, the NP stated Resident #1 was observed to be in bed not in distress and answered questions appropriately, denied pain, and had no complaints of health issues. The NP documented there were no new concerns voiced by nursing staff. His vitals were reviewed and a physical exam completed with no new concerns.</p> <p>Record review of Resident #1's nursing progress notes reflected the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 03/16/25 6:09 PM [written by RN A]: Resident family request to check his UA C&S. They feel he seems confusion [sic]. NP made aware. - 03/25/25 7:58 PM [written by RN A]: Family member called EMS to transport pt to the hospital because they thought he seemed more confused. Nurse attempted to give EMS face sheet and order summary, but they declined stating that they already had the information. <p>Record review of Resident #1's physician orders reflected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -03/16/25 reflected an order for, Urinalysis reflex***Sent to lab 3/16/25 6:08 PM Verbal CT***one time only related to urinary tract infection [status reflected completed]. -03/25/25 reflected an order for, Urinalysis to C/S if indicated***Sent to lab 3/25/25 7:14 PM CT***one time only related to urinary tract infection [status reflected completed]. <p>Review of Resident #1's clinical chart from 03/16/25 through 03/25/25 revealed no evidence of a lab collection for urine or a lab result for the urinalysis ordered on 03/16/25 or 03/25/25.</p> <p>Record review of Resident #1's hospital records reflected he admitted to the hospital on 03/25/25 for antibiotic therapy, trending of creatine values, IV fluids and monitoring of his neurological status as well as wound care for a chronic decubitus ulcer on his sacrum. Resident #1 was placed on empiric Cefepime; however, the urinalysis did not show any definite infection. His chest x-ray did not reveal any infiltrates and his urine culture showed no growth. Resident #1's white blood cell count at the time of the hospital admission was 7.3 [reference range value is 4-11].</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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