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F 0695 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety Residents Affected - Some Note: The nursing home is disputing this citation.	<p>Provide safe and appropriate respiratory care for a resident when needed.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 37028</p> <p>Based on observation, interview, 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, the comprehensive person-centered care plan, and the residents' goals and preferences for 1 of 3 Residents (Residents #99) reviewed for respiratory care.</p> <p>The facility failed to promptly notify emergency services when Resident #99 developed respiratory distress following incontinence care on [DATE] at 2:00 PM. The resident's oxygen saturation was 66% and he was on 5 liters of oxygen via nasal cannula. The resident remained in respiratory distress until emergency medical services arrived at 2:45 PM on [DATE] and transferred him to the hospital.</p> <p>An IJ was identified on [DATE]. The IJ template was provided to the facility on [DATE] at 11:00 AM. While the IJ was removed on [DATE], the facility remained out of compliance at a scope of isolated and a severity level of potential for more than minimal harm because all staff had not been trained on [DATE].</p> <p>This failure could place residents requiring respiratory care at risk for exacerbation of condition up to and including death.</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>Record review of Resident 99's admission MDS assessment, dated [DATE], revealed the resident was a [AGE] year-old male admitted on [DATE]. His diagnoses included heart failure, renal failure requiring dialysis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (lung disease), and respiratory failure. The resident's BIMs score was 14 indicating the resident was cognitively intact. The resident received oxygen.</p> <p>Record review of Resident #99's physician orders, dated [DATE], reflected:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Code Status: Full Code.2. Oxygen @ 5 Liters per minute via nasal cannula as needed to maintain oxygen saturation at 92%.3. Albuterol-Ipratropium Inhalation Solution 2XXX,d+[DATE].5 milligrams/3 milliliters (medication to treat respiratory conditions) 1 vial, inhale four times a day for wheezing/shortness of breath. <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>Note: The nursing home is disputing this citation.</p>	<p>8. Staff Training and Competency</p> <p>o All staff must be trained in:</p> <p>Recognition of respiratory distress</p> <p>Use of pulse oximetry</p> <p>Emergency oxygen delivery</p> <p>Facility's emergency protocols</p> <p>15 staff were in-serviced on:</p> <p>Change of Condition, dated [DATE], reflected:</p> <p>Utilizing SBAR [document used to communicate with physician - situation, background, assessment, and recommendation.]</p> <p>Situation - What is happening with the resident?</p> <p>Background - What is the clinical background of resident?</p> <p>Assessment - What does it appear the problem is?</p> <p>Recommendation - How can condition be resolved?</p> <p>When change of condition is reported or noted, nurses should respond with a sense of urgency and quick response to minimize risk of negative outcomes.</p> <p>Anyone with O2 sats 70% or less, call 911 stat.</p> <p>Observations on [DATE] from 1:17 PM to 1:26 PM revealed Residents #1, #2, and #260 were doing well. They were on ordered oxygen therapy and were not in respiratory distress.</p> <p>Interviews with staff from [DATE] at 4:48 PM to [DATE] at 1:35 PM were completed. 13 staff were interviewed in person/on the phone who worked all shifts at the facility. The interviewed staff were LVN A, ADON E, LVN F, LVN G, LVN H, LVN I, LVN J, RN K, LVN L, LVN M, LVN N, RN O, and LVN P. The staff were able to verbalize they were in-serviced on the new Respiratory distress protocol, the SBAR tool, and acute condition changes. The nurses said in order to call 911, the resident needed to be in respiratory distress and not responding to treatment. The nurses said they had to call 911 anytime a resident's oxygen saturation was below 70% but did not have to wait until it was below 70%. The nurses said they had to stay with a resident who was in respiratory distress and did not have to call the doctor before calling 911.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 676268	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 05/16/2025
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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>Note: The nursing home is disputing this citation.</p>	<p>An interview with the DON on [DATE] at 12:52 PM revealed LVN A was educated on [DATE] and received one on one education on [DATE], prior to working his next shift, regarding acceptable standards of practice for residents in respiratory distress. The DON said he would receive weekly education that would include response to emergency situations, actions to take, elevate head of bed, and respiratory distress. She said LVN A would be understood that if a resident was in extreme distress, he was to send them out, stay with the resident in room, and alert people to help him. The DON said the majority of the nurses had been in-serviced and everyone would be in-serviced prior to their next shift. The DON said the facility completed an audit on [DATE] of all residents that require respiratory treatment to ensure care plans and standards of practice were updated and followed. The DON said there were no issues identified and she would ensure all new admits had the right orders and treatments. The DON said going forward, if she was notified that a resident was in respiratory distress she would go to the hall and help assist with the resident.</p> <p>An interview on [DATE] at 12:33 PM with the Administrator revealed he would monitor to ensure that all staff were trained on providing respiratory care according to professional standards of practice. The Administrator said he had an emergency QAPI meeting focusing on respiratory issues. He said his expectation for nursing leadership was for them to intervene if a resident was in respiratory distress, but that all staff were trained to respond to a resident in respiratory distress.</p> <p>An IJ was identified on [DATE]. The IJ template was provided to the facility on [DATE] at 11:00 AM. While the IJ was removed on [DATE], the facility remained out of compliance at a scope of isolated and a severity level of potential for more than minimal harm because all staff had not been trained on [DATE].</p>		