

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 335338	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 10/25/2021
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Bishop Rehabilitation and Nursing Center		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 918 James Street Syracuse, NY 13203	
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<p>F 0624</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Prepare residents for a safe transfer or discharge from the nursing home.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 37385</p> <p>Based on record review and interview during the abbreviated survey (NY00284477) conducted on [DATE], the facility failed to provide and document sufficient preparation and orientation to residents to ensure safe and orderly transfer or discharge from the facility in a form and manner that the resident can understand for 1 of 3 residents reviewed (Resident #1). Specifically, Resident #1, who lacked medical decision-making capacity and was non-English speaking, was discharged without a representative present, and their medications were not reviewed or verified at the time of discharge. Resident #1 was discharged with a supply of medications that were ordered for Resident #2. Resident #1 ingested those medications for 7 days after discharge resulting in medical complications from a high potassium level, including bradycardia (low heart rate) and cardiac arrest (sudden stop of the heart) requiring cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR, chest compression) and intubation (breathing tube insertion). This resulted in actual harm to Resident #1 that was not Immediate Jeopardy.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>The facility Discharge Plan policy, revised ,d+[DATE], documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a post-discharge plan which includes a plan for medications shall be provided to the resident, and/or their representative at the time of discharge. - The post-discharge plan will include current medications, including narcotics, analgesics with the type, dose, and prescribed to the resident discharged ; a description of how the resident and family needs to prepare for the discharge. - Prior to discharge, a reconciliation of all discharge medications is conducted with pre-admission medications, including prescribed and over the counter medications. - Social services or designee reviews the plan with the resident and family before the discharge is to take place. <p>Resident #1 had diagnoses including stage 4 chronic kidney disease, type 2 diabetes mellitus (DM), and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). The [DATE] Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment documented the resident had severe cognitive impairment.</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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