

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  345133	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  04/27/2023
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<p>F 0636</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Assess the resident completely in a timely manner when first admitted, and then periodically, at least every 12 months.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> 37280</p> <p>Based on record reviews and staff interviews the facility failed to complete an admission Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment within the required 14 days for 1 of 4 residents (Resident #5) reviewed for admission MDS.</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>Resident #5 was admitted to the facility on [DATE]. Resident #5 expired on [DATE].</p> <p>A review of Resident #5's Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessments revealed the admission assessment was incomplete and marked as in progress.</p> <p>On [DATE] at 9:45 AM an interview was conducted with the former Minimum Data Set (MDS) Nurse who stated that she was aware that the MDS assessments were not completed and explained that all the MDS assessments were behind, and she was not able to get them caught up before she left her employment with the facility.</p> <p>During an interview with Director of Nursing (DON) #1 on [DATE] at 10:25 AM she acknowledged that the admission MDS assessment on Resident #5 was not completed as it should have been. The DON explained that they had obtained assistance with the MDS process from sister facilities to help them get caught up.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with Administrator #2 on [DATE] at 3:05 PM who confirmed that she was aware that the MDS process was behind and informed that the facility had hired a new MDS Nurse who would be starting soon.</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 0637</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Assess the resident when there is a significant change in condition</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 37280</b></p> <p>Based on record review and staff interviews the facility failed to complete a significant change Minimum Data Set assessment within 14 days of the determination of Hospice services for 1 of 1 resident (Resident #6) for Hospice.</p> <p>The finding included:</p> <p>Resident #6 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses that included thoracic aortic aneurism.</p> <p>A review of Resident #6's physician orders revealed Hospice Services were ordered on 02/14/23.</p> <p>A review of Resident #6's Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessments revealed there was no assessment for a significant change.</p> <p>On 04/26/23 at 9:45 AM an interview was conducted with the former MDS Nurse who confirmed that the significant change MDS should be completed within 14 days of the determination of Hospice Services. The Nurse explained that she was aware that the assessment was not completed because at the time she was far behind on all the MDS assessments and was not able to get them caught up before she left her employment with the facility.</p> <p>During an interview with Director of Nursing (DON) #1 on 04/26/23 at 10:25 AM she acknowledged that the facility was behind on the MDS process because she used to help with the process before she became the DON. The DON #1 explained that they had obtained assistance with the MDS process from sister facilities to help them get caught up.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with Administrator #2 on 04/26/23 at 3:05 PM who confirmed that she was aware that the MDS process was behind and informed that the facility had hired a new MDS Nurse who would be starting soon.</p>		

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<p>F 0641</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Ensure each resident receives an accurate assessment.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 35789</b></p> <p>Based on observations, record review and staff interview the facility failed to accurately code cognition in section C of the Minimum Data Set (MDS) for 5 of 5 residents reviewed (Resident #1, Resident #7, Resident #10, Resident #11, and Resident #12). The facility also failed to accurately code the MDS in the area of indwelling catheters for 1 of 2 resident reviewed with indwelling catheters (Resident #7).</p> <p>The finding included:</p> <p>1. Resident #1 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] and expired in the facility on [DATE].</p> <p>Review of the quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS) dated [DATE] indicated that Resident #1's cognition was not assessed. The staff assessment of resident cognition was also not completed. The MDS was completed by the traveling MDS nurse.</p> <p>Attempts to speak to the traveling MDS nurse were made on [DATE] at 5:51 PM and were unsuccessful.</p> <p>The Social Worker (SW) was interviewed on [DATE] at 12:07 PM. The SW stated that he began working at the facility on [DATE] and was responsible for completing the cognition section of the MDS. The SW stated that in [DATE] the facility's number of admissions and discharges greatly increased and he could not keep up with the influx of responsibilities that the admission/discharge process brought to him. He stated, I just did not have time to complete them and he assumed if he did not complete the cognition section of the MDS that no one else did either. He further stated, I chose to ensure the residents had safe discharge, over completing the MDS.</p> <p>The former MDS nurse was interviewed via phone on [DATE] at 9:34 AM. She stated that she completed MDS at the facility for about a year. She stated that late last fall the facility had an influx of admissions and discharges and the SW did not have time to complete the cognition section of the MDS so when she would complete the MDS she would select not assessed. She stated she had discussed it with the administration at the time, but no assistance was offered in attempt to get the information caught up.</p> <p>Director of Nursing (DON) #1 was interviewed on [DATE] at 10:16 AM. The DON #1 stated she was hired at the facility on [DATE] as a second MDS Nurse and remained in that role until [DATE] at which time she became the Interim DON. The DON #1 stated that the SW got behind with completing the cognition section or Section C of the MDS because of the other duties that he was assigned. She explained that he was the only SW the facility had, and he just did not have time to get everything completed on time. The DON #1 stated when she would complete an MDS, and the SW had not completed the cognition section she would check not assessed.</p> <p>Administrator #2 was interviewed on [DATE] at 3:02 PM. Administrator #2 stated that the previous MDS nurse had gotten behind with the MDS assessments and has since resigned. She stated they have hired a new MDS coordinator who will start in [DATE], she further stated that she had approved to hire an assistance for the SW to help him get caught up with his assigned duties including completion of Section C of the MDS.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0641</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>2. Resident #11 was admitted to the facility on [DATE].</p> <p>Review of the significant change Minimum Data Set (MDS) dated [DATE] revealed that Resident #11's cognition was not assessed and Section C of the MDS was not completed. The staff assessment of cognition was also not completed. The MDS was completed by the former MDS Nurse.</p> <p>The Social Worker (SW) was interviewed on [DATE] at 12:07 PM. The SW stated that he began working at the facility on [DATE] and was responsible for completing the cognition section of the MDS. The SW stated that in [DATE] the facility's number of admissions and discharges greatly increased and he could not keep up with the influx of responsibilities that the admission/discharge process brought to him. He stated, I just did not have time to complete them and he assumed if he did not complete the cognition section of the MDS that no one else did either. He further stated, I chose to ensure the residents had safe discharge, over completing the MDS.</p> <p>The former MDS nurse was interviewed via phone on [DATE] at 9:34 AM. She stated that she completed MDS assessments at the facility for about a year. She stated that late last fall the facility had an influx of admissions and discharges and the SW did not have time to complete the cognition section or Section C of the MDS so when she would complete the MDS she would select not assessed. She stated she had discussed it with the administration at the time, but no assistance was offered in attempt to get the information caught up.</p> <p>Director of Nursing (DON) #1 was interviewed on [DATE] at 10:16 AM. The DON #1 stated she was hired at the facility on [DATE] as a second MDS Nurse and remained in that role until [DATE] at which time she became the Interim DON. The DON #1 stated that the SW got behind with completing the cognition section or Section C of the MDS because of the other duties that he was assigned. She explained that he was the only SW the facility had, and he just did not have time to get everything completed on time. The DON #1 stated when she would complete an MDS, and the SW had not completed the cognition section she would check not assessed.</p> <p>Administrator #2 was interviewed on [DATE] at 3:02 PM. Administrator #2 stated that the previous MDS nurse had gotten behind with the MDS assessments and had since resigned. She stated that they have hired a new MDS coordinator who will start in [DATE], she further stated that she had approved to hire an assistance for the SW to help him get caught up with his assigned duties including the completion of Section C of the MDS.</p> <p>3. Resident #12 was admitted to the facility [DATE].</p> <p>Review of the quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS) dated [DATE] revealed that the Cognition Patterns section or Section C of the MDS was not completed. The staff assessment of cognition was also not completed. The MDS was completed by the former MDS Nurse.</p> <p>The Social Worker (SW) was interviewed on [DATE] at 12:07 PM. The SW stated that he began working at the facility on [DATE] and was responsible for completing the cognition section of the MDS. The SW stated that in [DATE] the facility's number of admissions and discharges greatly increased and he could not keep up with the influx of responsibilities that the admission/discharge process brought to him. He stated, I just did not have time to complete them and he assumed if he did not complete the cognition section of the MDS that no one else did either. He further stated, I chose to ensure the residents had safe discharge, over completing the MDS.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0641</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>The former MDS nurse was interviewed via phone on [DATE] at 9:34 AM. She stated that she completed MDS at the facility for about a year. She stated that late last fall the facility had an influx of admissions and discharges and the SW did not have time to complete the cognition section or Section C of the MDS so when she would complete the MDS she would select not assessed. She stated she had discussed it with the administration at the time, but no assistance was offered in attempt to get the information caught up.</p> <p>Director of Nursing (DON) #1 was interviewed on [DATE] at 10:16 AM. The DON #1 stated she was hired at the facility on [DATE] as a second MDS Nurse and remained in that role until [DATE] at which time she became the Interim DON. The DON #1 stated that the SW got behind with completing the cognition section or Section C of the MDS because of the other duties that he was assigned. She explained that he was the only SW the facility had, and he just did not have time to get everything completed on time. The DON #1 stated when she would complete an MDS, and the SW had not completed the cognition section she would check not assessed.</p> <p>Administrator #2 was interviewed on [DATE] at 3:02 PM. Administrator #2 stated that the previous MDS nurse had gotten behind with the MDS assessments and had since resigned. She stated that they have hired a new MDS coordinator who will start in [DATE], she further stated that she had approved to hire an assistance for the SW to help him get caught up with his assigned duties including the completion of Section C of the MDS.</p> <p>37280</p> <p>4. Resident #10 was admitted to the facility on [DATE].</p> <p>a. A review of Resident #10's quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment dated [DATE] revealed Resident #10 had the ability to understand others and made herself understood but Cognitive Patterns or Section C was left blank.</p> <p>A review of Resident #10's quarterly MDS assessment dated [DATE] revealed Resident #10 had the ability to understand others and made herself understood. Cognitive Patterns or Section C was marked as yes, the Brief Interview for Mental Status should be conducted with the Resident, but the areas were left blank.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with the Social Worker (SW) on [DATE] at 12:09 PM who stated he started his employment at the facility on [DATE] and was responsible for completing the Cognitive Patterns section on the MDS. The SW indicated due to his multiple duties he did not have time to complete all the MDS.</p> <p>During an interview with Director of Nursing (DON) #1 on [DATE] at 10:25 AM she explained that the SW had other duties that caused him to get behind on his part of the MDS and they have been behind for months. She explained that they had obtained help from their sister facilities to get caught up on the MDS process, but they remained behind.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with Administrator #2 on [DATE] at 3:05 PM. She indicated she was aware that the MDS process was behind and lacking in the facility including the Cognition Sections. She stated that after investigation in the matter she had given her approval for a SW assistant to be hired.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0641</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>43443</p> <p>5. a. Resident #7 was admitted to the facility on [DATE].</p> <p>Review of the quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS) dated [DATE] indicated that Resident #7's cognition was not assessed. The staff assessment of resident cognition was also not completed.</p> <p>The Social Worker (SW) was interviewed on [DATE] at 12:07 PM. The SW stated that he began working at the facility on [DATE] and was responsible for completing the cognition section of the MDS. The SW stated that in [DATE] the facility's number of admissions and discharges greatly increased and he could not keep up with the influx of responsibilities that the admission/discharge process brought to him. He stated, I just did not have time to complete them and he assumed if he did not complete the cognition section of the MDS that no one else did either. He further stated, I chose to ensure the residents had safe discharge over completing the MDS.</p> <p>Director of Nursing (DON) #1 was interviewed on [DATE] at 10:16 AM. The DON #1 stated she was hired at the facility on [DATE] as a second MDS Nurse and remained in that role until [DATE] at which time she became the Interim DON. The DON #1 stated that the SW got behind with completing the cognition section of the MDS because of the other duties that he was assigned. She explained that he was the only SW the facility had, and he just did not have time to get everything completed on time. The DON #1 stated when she would complete an MDS, and the SW had not completed the cognition section she would check not assessed.</p> <p>Administrator #2 was interviewed on [DATE] at 3:02 PM. Administrator #2 stated that the previous MDS nurse had gotten behind with the MDS assessments and had since resigned. She stated that they have hired a new MDS coordinator and also had approved to hire an assistant for the SW to help him get caught up with his assigned duties including the completion of the cognition section of the MDS.</p> <p>b. Review of the quarterly MDS dated [DATE] indicated that Resident #7 had an indwelling urinary catheter.</p> <p>Facility documentation indicated his indwelling urinary catheter was discontinued [DATE].</p> <p>An observation of Resident #7 on [DATE] at 10:00 AM revealed he did not have a urinary catheter in place.</p> <p>In an interview with Resident #7 on [DATE] at 8:30 AM, he stated they took out his catheter several months ago.</p> <p>In an interview with DON #1 and Administrator #2 on [DATE] at 1:40 PM, the DON #1 stated not having a dedicated MDS nurse, things had been missed on the MDS assessments such as a catheter being coded in error. The DON stated this issue will be fixed when the new MDS nurse starts working. The DON #1 stated it was her expectation that MDS assessments were coded accurately.</p>		

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<p>F 0677</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide care and assistance to perform activities of daily living for any resident who is unable.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> 35789</p> <p>Based on observation, record review, and staff interviews the facility failed to trim a dependent resident's fingernails for 1 of 3 residents reviewed for activity of daily living (Resident #11).</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>Resident #11 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses that included: acute respiratory failure with hypoxia and others.</p> <p>Review of the significant change Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment dated [DATE] revealed that Resident #11's cognition was not assessed nor was the staff assessment of his cognition. The MDS further revealed that Resident #11 required extensive assistance with personal hygiene and had limitation of range of motion to bilateral upper and lower extremities. No rejection of care was noted on the MDS.</p> <p>Review of a care plan revised on 02/01/23 read in part; Resident #11 had an activity of daily living (ADL) performance deficit related to trauma from multiple injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident. The interventions included: Resident #11 is totally dependent on one staff member for personal hygiene and oral care. There was no care plan for rejection of care.</p> <p>An observation of Resident #11 was made on 04/18/23 at 10:09 AM. Resident #11 was resting in bed and was alert and verbal. His bilateral hands were contracted, and Resident #11 was asked if he could open his right hand. He was able to open his right hand a small bit, enough to visualize his fingernails. The fingernails on his right hand were approximately three fourth inch long extending past the end of his finger and there was an indentation in the palm of his hand where the nails had been resting but the skin was intact. Resident #11 was asked if he could open his left hand, he was able to do so a small bit but stated that it hurt. The thumb and two middle fingers were visualized, and the fingernails were approximately three fourth inch long extending past the end of his finger and there was an indentation in the palm of his hand where the nails had been resting but the skin was intact.</p> <p>Nurse Aide (NA) #10 was interviewed on 04/18/23 at 1:48 PM. She stated that she generally worked as one member of the shower team in the facility. NA #10 stated that Resident #11 preferred bed bath so she had given him a complete bed bath a couple of weeks ago but could not recall the exact date and could not locate the shower sheet from that day. NA #10 stated that she could not recall the status of Resident #11's fingernails and she could not recall if she trimmed them or not. She stated it was generally her practice to clean fingernails so she believed she would have cleaned them but could not say for sure if she trimmed them or not.</p> <p>NA #7 was interviewed on 04/19/23 at 12:14 PM. NA #7 confirmed that she had given Resident #11 a complete bed bath on 04/14/23 and had cleaned his nails. She stated Resident #11's fingernails were long on 04/14/23 but could not explain why she had not trimmed them. NA #7 stated that she assisted Resident #11 on 04/19/23 before he was transferred to the hospital and again noticed his fingernails were long but there was not time to trim them before he left the facility earlier on the shift.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0677</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Director of Nursing (DON) #1 was interviewed on 04/26/23 at 10:16 AM. The DON #1 explained that the facility generally had two staff members in the shower room completing showers on a daily basis. Anytime the resident received a bath or shower she would expect the staff to perform nail care. If Resident #11 received a complete bed bath on 04/14/23 and the staff noted his nail to be long the staff should have trimmed them at that time.</p>		



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<p>F 0678</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Provide basic life support, including CPR, prior to the arrival of emergency medical personnel , subject to physician orders and the resident's advance directives.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> 38515</p> <p>Based on record review and staff, Nurse Practitioner and Medical Director interviews the facility failed to have basic lifesaving equipment readily available for use to immediately begin cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) when Resident #3 experienced sudden cardiac arrest on [DATE] and staff were unable to immediately begin CPR that included chest compressions and rescue breathing because the first crash cart (cart of emergency supplies) that was brought to the bed side did not have an ambu bag or manual resuscitator (device to administer rescue breathing) on it, staff began chest compressions and it took the staff approximately three minutes to get the second crash cart that did have an ambu bag to begin rescue breathing. Resident #1 experienced sudden cardiac arrest on [DATE] and staff were unable to immediately begin CPR that included chest compressions and rescue breathing because the staff could not locate an ambu bag or manual resuscitator to begin rescue breaths and could not locate a backboard (hard surface to do chest compressions on while in bed). It took the staff approximately five minutes to locate the needed items to begin CPR. On [DATE] Resident #2 experienced sudden cardiac arrest and staff were unable to immediately begin CPR that included chest compressions and rescue breathing because they could not locate an ambu bag or manual resuscitator and had to borrow one from another resident's room. The staff also could not locate the paddles for the Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) (device used to deliver a shock to the heart). It took staff several minutes to locate the ambu bag and paddles for the AED to begin CPR. This affected 3 of 4 residents reviewed who experienced sudden cardiac arrest. Resident #1, #2, and #3 expired in the facility or in the hospital.</p> <p>Immediate Jeopardy began on [DATE] when Resident #3 experienced sudden cardiac arrest and staff were unable to immediately begin CPR that included chest compressions and rescue breathing because they could not locate an ambu bag to begin rescue breathing. Immediate jeopardy was removed on [DATE] when the facility provided an acceptable credible allegation of immediate jeopardy removal. The facility will remain out of compliance at lower scope and severity E (no actual harm with more than minimal harm that is not immediate jeopardy) to ensure monitoring systems are in place and the completion of staff education.</p> <p>The finding included:</p> <p>Review of the facility's policy titled CPR Procedures, last revised on ,d+[DATE] read in part: 1. If an individual is found unresponsive, briefly assess for abnormal or absence of breathing a. Verify or direct a staff member to verify the DNR (Do Not Resuscitate) or code status of an individual b. Instruct a staff member to activate the emergency response system (code) and call 911 c. Instruct a staff member to retrieve the crash cart d. Initiate the basic life support (BLS) sequence of events.</p> <p>1. Resident #3 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses that included acute and chronic respiratory failure with hypoxia and congestive heart failure.</p> <p>Review of a physician order dated [DATE] indicated Resident #3 was a full code.</p> <p>Review of a care plan dated [DATE] read; Resident #3 has an established advanced directive; Full Code. The goal read: Resident #3 wishes as expressed in Advanced Directive will be followed.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0678</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Nurse #1 (agency nurse) was interviewed via phone on [DATE] at 12:14 PM who confirmed she was working third shift on [DATE]. She stated she was passing medications and had passed Resident #1's room and he was in bed and was his usual self. Nurse #1 stated that a short time later one of the NAs who she did not know came to her and stated that Resident #1 was not breathing. Nurse #1 stated that she was not aware how to page overhead, so she began yelling loudly to alert other staff that she needed some help. She stated that she sent the NAs to get the crash cart while she began chest compressions. Nurse #1 stated I was getting mad because they could not find anything that was needed, it took them over five minutes to find what we needed (backboard and ambu bag) and she was not aware of where they located the items. Nurse #1 stated she was the only nurse in the room and had to teach the nurse aides how to use the ambu bag really quick. Nurse #1 stated that she worked at the facility through an agency, and she did not get any orientation to the facility regarding emergency procedures or protocols. She stated she knew where the crash carts were from just observing during her times in the facility, she stated, I was very upset, I felt like that when you have crash carts it should be supplied even with the basics and that night it did not have an ambu bag and the back board could not be located. Nurse #1 confirmed that when the NA told her that Resident #1 was not breathing, she had gone to the electronic medical record and verified his code status as Full Code and when she began chest compression Resident #1's body was still warm to touch, and she confirmed that she checked all his pulse points and could not find one so chest compression were initiated while she waited for the appropriate equipment.</p> <p>NA #1 (agency NA) was interviewed via phone on [DATE] at 11:06 AM who confirmed that she worked at the facility through an agency and was working third shift on [DATE] when Resident #1 went into cardiac arrest. NA #1 stated that she was very familiar with Resident #1 and each night that she worked she would always go and check on him, she stated he particularly loved milk and shortly after the start of her shift on [DATE] she had gone and got Resident #1 a carton of milk to drink. She stated she had passed by his room several times during the shift and Resident #1 was in his bed in his usual state. She stated then she heard the staff verbally hollering that they had Code Blue (code for sudden cardiac arrest), and she went running towards Resident #1's room. NA #1 stated that someone had grabbed the crash cart but there was no ambu bag on it and no backboard was available. She stated that Nurse #1 began chest compressions, but he was on the soft bed not on a hard surface. NA #1 stated she suggested to Nurse #1 that they lower him to the floor to begin compressions, but she continued to do compressions while the staff frantically tried to locate an ambu bag to do rescue breathing. NA #1 stated that it took a few minutes for someone to find an ambu bag, but she could not recall who found it and she did not know where they found it. NA #1 stated that she believed the crash carts were to be checked daily to ensure all the supplies were available but stated that when they needed to do CPR on Resident #1 the crash cart did not have an ambu bag and no back board was available. She added that the crash cart they used stayed in disarray for about three weeks after the event until someone returned it to the correct place and restocked it.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0678</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>NA #2 was interviewed via phone on [DATE] at 11:23 AM and confirmed that she worked third shift on [DATE] and was responsible for Resident #1. NA #2 stated that she had answered a call light for another room and had walked past Resident #1's room on her way to the nurse's station to tell the nurse what that resident needed. She stated that as she passed by Resident #1's room he was in bed and was kicking the covers off of him, she proceeded to the nurse's station and as she walked back by Resident #1's room she noticed that his color was gone, and he was very pale. She stated that Resident #1 was warm to touch but was not breathing so she yelled Code Blue to the other staff on the unit. NA #2 stated she did not know how to overhead page, so she ran to the other side to alert the staff and on her way back grabbed the crash cart. She stated that there was no ambu bag on the crash cart and she could not find a backboard. NA #2 stated that she rushed around trying to find all the stuff that was needed for him. NA #2 recalled that eventually they found the backboard but finding the ambu bag was little more difficult because she was not sure what she was looking for. NA #2 stated that eventually another staff member who she did not know returned to the room with an ambu bag and they began rescue breathing around the same time that EMS arrived on scene. NA #2 stated that it took approximately five minutes to gather all the needed supplies to do CPR on Resident #1.</p> <p>Medication Aide (MA) #1 (facility staff) was interviewed via phone on [DATE] at 12:33 PM who confirmed that she was working third shift on [DATE]. She stated that she recalled hearing the Code Blue for Resident #1 and she went to assist as needed. She stated that Nurse #1 was a agency Nurse and really did not know what to do so she was telling her the procedure. She stated that Nurse #1 began CPR, but she could not recall anything regarding the supplies. MA #1 stated it had been a while since the event and she really could only recall that Resident #1 had passed away.</p> <p>NA #3 was interviewed via phone on [DATE] at 4:41 PM who confirmed that she was working third shift on [DATE]. She stated what she recalled about that evening was that Resident #1 coded and the crash cart was not fully stocked because it did not have an ambu bag and they could not find the backboard. She could not recall if they ever found the ambu bag but stated EMS was there quickly and they began working on Resident #1, but he passed away. NA #3 stated she was aware of where the crash cart was located but stated that when the staff brought it to the room it did not have what they needed.</p> <p>Unit Manager (UM) #1 and #2 were interviewed together on [DATE] at 1:15 PM. UM #2 stated that she was aware that Resident #1 had coded during the night when she was not in the building and had passed away. UM #1 stated that she and UM #2 were responsible for checking and stocking the crash carts daily and they logged those checks in a binder kept on the crash cart. UM #1 and UM #2 stated that they were not aware that the staff could not locate an ambu bag or backboard when Resident #1 went into cardiac arrest. Both stated that they checked the crash carts daily and both had an ambu bag and the backboard was always kept next to the crash cart. Both UM confirmed that they checked and restocked the crash carts daily on the days that they were working in the facility.</p> <p>Director of Nursing (DON) #2 was interviewed via phone on [DATE] at 11:18 AM. DON #2 stated that there were two crash carts in the building, one on each unit and the UMs were responsible for checking them and stocking them daily and as needed. DON #2 stated she recalled during one emergency the staff could not locate an ambu bag, but they found one and then she had the UMs check and restock the crash carts. She stated she could not recall if that emergency was with Resident #1 or not. DON #2 stated she believed that during the emergency the staff eventually found an ambu bag to use. Following the emergency when the ambu bag could not be immediately located they discussed the issue in morning meeting, and she had stressed the importance of checking the crash carts daily and ensuring that it contained all the supplies that would be needed during an emergency.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0678</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Administrator #1 was interviewed on [DATE] at 5:03 PM who stated that she was not aware of issues with Resident #1 and could not say for sure how or when he passed away. Administrator #1 stated that she does not recall any staff member expressing concerns that the crash carts were not stocked appropriately and that they did not have the supplies they needed during an emergency.</p> <p>The Medical Director (MD) was interviewed via phone on [DATE] at 5:13 PM. The MD explained that Resident #1's diagnoses placed him at high risk for sudden cardiac arrest. The immediate start of CPR had a high likelihood of changing Resident #1's outcome and the MD stated he fully expected the facility to have the supplies they needed to immediately start CPR in the case of sudden cardiac arrest.</p> <p>An observation of the facility's crash carts was made on [DATE] at 1:09 PM. Both crash carts were observed to have ambu bags on the bottom of the cart and a back board was next to each crash cart. The crash carts were also stocked with a suction machine and tubing, nasal cannulas, stethoscope, blood pressure cuff and other supplies that may be needed during an emergency.</p> <p>3. Resident #2 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses that included history heart attack, diabetes, atrioventricular heart block, chronic kidney disease, and others.</p> <p>Review of a physician order dated [DATE] read: Full Code.</p> <p>Review of a nurse's note dated [DATE] written by Nurse #2 read; Resident seen upon morning care in dire [NAME], resident seen in bed foaming at the mouth; this nurse checked resident for responsiveness. When patient did not respond this nurse called a code-initiated others to get a crash cart and call 911. CPR was initiated after patient was placed on back board. Necessary staff was present, and EMS arrived shortly after.</p> <p>Resident #2 was transferred to the local hospital where he died on [DATE].</p> <p>Attempts to speak to Nurse #2 (agency nurse) were unsuccessful.</p> <p>Nurse #3 (agency nurse) was interviewed on [DATE] at 3:09 PM who confirmed that she was working on [DATE] when Resident #2 went into cardiac arrest. She stated that the staff brought the crash cart to the room and there was no ambu bag on it. She stated the staff were doing chest compressions, and someone went and got a non-rebreather mask (mask used to deliver oxygen with a bag on end), and we began pushing oxygen through the mask. Nurse #3 stated that initially Nurse #2 was doing chest compressions and when the crash cart arrived at the room with no ambu bag she took over chest compressions and Nurse #2 went to find an ambu bag. Nurse #3 stated that when she began chest compressions Resident #2 was still warm and it took the staff several minutes to find the ambu bag and she believed that they went to another resident's room in the facility that had a tracheostomy and got the one in his room. The ambu bag was found as Emergency Medical Services (EMS) was coming on scene and they took over and transported Resident #2 to the hospital, but he passed away shortly thereafter.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Ensure that a nursing home area is free from accident hazards and provides adequate supervision to prevent accidents.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> 38515</p> <p>Based on record review, observation, and interviews with resident, Nurse Practitioner, and staff, the facility failed to implement measures to mitigate the risk of an accidental drug overdose for a resident who had a known history of substance abuse that included crushing and snorting pills/medications. On [DATE] Resident #3 was found unresponsive in his room as a result of sudden onset cardiac arrest and he was unable to be revived. Nursing Assistant (NA) #11, NA #12, and Housekeeper #1 had observed a white, powdery substance on the tray table in his room. The facility also failed to provide the necessary supervision to prevent accidents for a cognitively impaired resident (Resident #4) who was assessed as a high fall risk due to a history of multiple falls and tendency to overestimate or forget his limits. On the morning of [DATE], Resident #4 was left unsupervised in his room in his wheelchair after a therapy session. He was found by staff that afternoon after suffering an unwitnessed fall that resulted in right 9th through 11th rib fractures, facial fractures, right frontal bone fracture extending into the superior orbit roof and lateral orbit wall (fracture that extended to the top and to the side of right eye socket), right hemothorax (blood collecting between chest wall and lungs which can collapse the lung), and intraparenchymal hemorrhage of the brain (bleeding in the tissue of the brain). He was transferred from the emergency room to the local trauma center for a higher level of care. This deficient practice was for 2 of 3 residents (Residents #3 and #4) reviewed for supervision to prevent accidents.</p> <p>Immediate jeopardy began for example #1 on [DATE] when Nurse Practitioner #2 was informed by staff that Resident #3 was seen cutting a white powdery substance on his tray table, she ordered Narcan (a reversal agent used in case of an overdose) to treat an accidental overdose, but no measures were implemented by the facility to mitigate the risk of an overdose. Immediate jeopardy began for example #2 on [DATE] when the facility failed to provide the necessary supervision to prevent an accident for Resident #4. Immediate jeopardy was removed on [DATE] when the facility provided an acceptable credible allegation of immediate jeopardy removal. The facility will remain out of compliance at lower scope and severity D (no actual harm with more than minimal harm that is not immediate jeopardy) to ensure monitoring systems are in place and the completion of staff education.</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>Resident #3 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses that included cocaine dependence, congestive heart failure, and chronic respiratory failure.</p> <p>A physician's order for Resident #3 dated [DATE] indicated Oxycodone HCl (narcotic pain medication) tablet 20 milligrams (mg) every 6 hours as needed for pain. The order indicated to crush the tablet and for the resident to take the medication in front of the nurse.</p> <p>Resident #3's quarterly Minimum Data Set assessment dated [DATE] revealed he was cognitively intact with no psychosis, behaviors, or rejection of care. Resident #3 was coded with having frequent pain and he received opioids on 7 of 7 days during the lookback period. The MDS revealed Resident #3 was born in 1960 indicating he was [AGE] years old.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>A nurse progress note completed by Nurse #13 dated [DATE] at 7:28 AM read, in part, Resident #3 reported on floor at 6:15 AM by NA following ambulation by resident from smoking area .emergency medical services [EMS] notified by staff while this nurse and additional nurse performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation in resident room. EMS arrived at 6:25 AM .Resident #3 pronounced expired by EMS at 6:46 AM.</p> <p>An interview with Medication Aide #3 (MA) on [DATE] at 3:14 PM revealed she was assigned on the medication cart and was responsible for providing Resident #3 with his medication from 7:00 PM on [DATE] until 7:00 AM on [DATE]. She stated she last gave him his narcotic pain medication at 2:16 AM on [DATE] and found him unresponsive around 5:30 AM. She could not recall with certainty if she crushed his oxycodone when she last administered the medication. She went onto say that she would have administered them as it was ordered on the MAR. MA #3 stated she had worked with Resident #3 a few times previously and she remembered reading in his chart that he had some drug seeking behaviors. She revealed when she worked with him, he came up to her medication cart before he was due to receive his narcotic pain medication and waited there until it was time for it to be administered.</p> <p>Interview with NA #12 (agency) on [DATE] at 12:35 PM revealed she worked the night shift (7:00 PM to 7:00 AM) that ended on [DATE] on the date Resident #3 expired. She indicated she ran to the room when MA #3 called for help after finding him unresponsive. She stated Resident #3 was well known in the facility as a substance abuser and had a history of crushing and snorting his medications and she believed there was a crush order for his opioid medications that he was prescribed. She stated when she arrived at the room, she noticed a white, powdery substance on his tray table, and she immediately believed that he had crushed and snorted his medication due to her understanding of his history. NA #12 also reported that at some point during the emergency, Housekeeper #1 entered the room and wiped down Resident #3's tray table.</p> <p>During an interview with NA #17 (agency) on [DATE] at 2:42 PM via telephone, she reported she was present on [DATE] working as an NA at the time Resident #3 was found unresponsive in his room. She stated it was well known that Resident #3 had a history of substance abuse and had a history of crushing his opioid medications and snorting them. She reported around 6:20 AM to 6:30 AM on [DATE], while EMS was working on Resident #3, she noted Housekeeper #1 entered the room and wiped down Resident #3's tray table.</p> <p>An interview with Housekeeper #1 on [DATE] at 3:33 PM via telephone, revealed she went into Resident #3's room on [DATE] and wiped off a white, powdery substance from his tray table. She reported she did not know Resident #3's medical history or if he had a history of substance abuse. She reported she only wiped off the tray table after EMS requested her to do so. She could not provide any information on why EMS asked her to wipe off Resident #3's tray table.</p> <p>During an interview via telephone on [DATE] at 9:01 AM with NP #2 she verified she was the NP at the time Resident #3 expired. She indicated the death certificate indicated he died of natural causes. She revealed when she was asked to sign the death certificate, she refused because based on the information she received from the staff (unable to recall specific staff members) that were present at the time he went into cardiac arrest, she believed Resident #3 had died of an accidental overdose and not due to natural causes as was listed on the death certificate.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>During a follow-up interview with NP #2 via telephone on [DATE] at 4:00 PM she reported she felt an autopsy and toxicology report needed to be completed before signing off on the death certificate. She explained Resident #3 was one of the youngest residents at the facility and he was in relatively good health. She further explained that because of his history of drug abuse and the sudden onset of cardiac arrest she felt an autopsy and toxicology report had to be completed to confirm the cause of death. She reported the medical examiner was to conduct the autopsy and complete the toxicology testing, but the resident had already been embalmed prior to the medical examiner having access to the resident. She explained that due to the embalming the toxicology report was unable to determine any narcotic drug levels in Resident #3's system at the time of his death. She reported after she reviewed the autopsy and was told he had already been embalmed prior to getting a completed toxicology report, she signed off on the death certificate. The NP revealed it was her professional opinion, based on the circumstances of his death and what was observed by staff at the time of the sudden cardiac arrest, that Resident #3 had suffered cardiac arrest due to an overdose of some type of narcotic. She stated she believed that the administration did not take her concerns seriously leading to a lack of supervision by the floor staff which ultimately resulted in Resident #3's cardiac event. She stated the administration knew her concerns and did nothing to prevent the accidental overdose.</p> <p>An interview attempt with Director of Nursing #3 was unsuccessful.</p> <p>An interview attempt with Administrator #3 was unsuccessful.</p> <p>An interview with DON #1 was conducted on [DATE] at 10:26 AM revealed she was not working at the facility at the time Resident #3 was admitted . She also reported for a resident who had a history of pocketing medications, crushing, and snorting them, the facility should have had a crush order and provide them to the resident in applesauce or some other median and observed until the medication is fully given and swallowed. She also reported there should have been increased supervision of Resident #3 to curtail attempts to abuse medications or use illicit drugs at the facility.</p> <p>43443</p> <p>2. Resident #4 was initially admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses that included repeated falls, weakness, and a Thoracic-12 fracture (T-12 - lower back fracture), Alzheimer's, and Non-Alzheimer's dementia.</p> <p>Review of a fall risk assessment dated [DATE] revealed that Resident #4 was at high risk for falls due to his history of multiple falls and tendency to over-estimate or forget his limits.</p> <p>Resident #4 had a care plan initiated on [DATE] that read in part, The resident is at high risk for falls related to confusion. The interventions included: Anticipate and meet the resident's needs. Be sure the resident's call light is within reach and encourage the resident to use it for assistance as needed, the resident needs prompt response to all requests for assistance, ensure that the resident is wearing appropriate footwear, non-skid socks when mobilizing in wheelchair.</p> <p>Review of Resident #4's medical record revealed a note written by Nurse #15 on [DATE] at 7:10 AM that read, this nurse and Nurse Aide (NA) were in front of resident's doorway and witnessed resident's fall. He rolled out of bed and fell . This nurse-initiated head to toe skin check and found no injuries related to this incident. Resident had no complaints of pain. Resident was placed back in his bed and on-call physician notified.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>An interview was conducted with NA #14 on [DATE] at 4:39 PM and she stated she assumed care for Resident #4 on [DATE] at 11:00 AM from NA #15. The NA stated while she knew Resident #4 was high risk for falls, she was a restorative aide and only works on the floor when there are a lot of call-outs such as on [DATE]. She stated she was not very familiar with Resident #4's plan of care or fall interventions. NA #14 explained on [DATE] at 10:30 AM she saw therapy bring Resident #4 back to his room but was not the resident's nurse aide at that time. NA #14 further explained around 1:00 PM she saw Resident #4 sitting in a wheelchair alone in his room waiting for his lunch tray. She added she left him there sitting up in his wheelchair because therapy told her he ate better sitting up. NA #14 stated she left the hall to pass meal trays and as she was coming back to Resident #14's hall she saw Emergency Medical Services (EMS) entering Resident #4's room to take him to the emergency room (ER). She stated when she entered the room behind EMS, Unit Manager (UM) #1 and Unit Manager (UM) #2 were both attending Resident #4. She stated Resident #4 had fallen out of his wheelchair. NA #4 confirmed that Resident #4 was alone in his room, in his wheelchair, for approximately 3 hours and had not received his lunch tray prior to his fall.</p> <p>An interview with NA #15 was conducted on [DATE] at 3:16 PM she stated she was assigned to Resident #4 from 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM. She stated during this time, the resident was already dressed and out of his room with therapy. NA #15 explained at 11:00 AM NA #14 picked him up on her assignment. NA #15 did not recall the OTA or anyone telling her Resident #4 was back from therapy. She stated the first time she saw Resident #4 was when EMS was taking him out of his room on a stretcher.</p> <p>On [DATE] at 12:07 PM the Director of Therapy was interviewed and stated Resident #4 was admitted due to falls and high risk for falls. She stated she would have told someone Resident #4 was back or put him in the doorway, so he was visible.</p> <p>On [DATE] at 1:30 PM a progress note written by Unit Manager (UM) #2 read, Resident fell out of wheelchair to floor. Laceration noted above right eyebrow. Resident unable to answer questions due to Alzheimer's disease. Physician notified; EMS called for transport to the Emergency Department (ED) for evaluation.</p> <p>On [DATE] at 12:32 PM an interview was conducted with UM #2, and she shared Resident #4 was admitted to the facility due to falls at home. She stated when he was admitted he had several fractures in his neck and back, and stitches on the side of his head from falls he experienced at home. She stated she recalled on [DATE] she was working on the floor. She stated she knew OTA took Resident #4 to the therapy room at breakfast time because MA # 6 asked her where he was, so she called OTA to see if that had taken him to therapy and they confirmed they had picked him up for his therapy. She stated it was common practice for therapy to come get residents and bring them back without letting anyone know. She stated she did not know Resident #4 was back from therapy until she heard a loud thump that came from his room around 1:30 PM. She stated when she got to his room, she observed Resident #4 on his face on the floor. She added MA #6 was present in the room when she arrived.</p> <p>Review of the Emergency Medication Services (EMS) report dated [DATE] revealed the 911 call was received at 1:31 PM, EMS reached Resident #4 at 1:43 PM and Resident #4 was transported to the local hospital at 2:08 PM.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>The ER physician at the local hospital documented an admission note dated [DATE] that read, in part, Review of a computed tomography scan (CT scan) of the head and abdomen confirmed Resident #4 sustained right 9th through 11th rib fractures, and a sub-acute T-12 fracture (fracture in the spine that has already been present). Additionally Resident #4 sustained facial fractures, right frontal bone fracture extending into the superior orbit roof and lateral orbit wall (fracture that extended to the top and to the side of right eye socket), right hemothorax (blood collecting between chest wall and lungs which can collapse the lung), and intraparenchymal hemorrhage of the brain (bleeding in the tissue of the brain).</p> <p>A review of an ER physician notes from the local ER dated [DATE] at 6:42 PM, revealed Resident #4 was to be transferred to the local trauma center for definitive care (higher level of care). The noted further documented they had stabilized Resident #4 to the best of their ability.</p> <p>Review of a Trauma Center ED note dated [DATE], read in part, The patient presentation is most consistent with acute presentation with potential threat to life or bodily function. The trauma team managed Resident #4's care in the ED. Neurosurgery, Ophthalmology, Ear/Nose and Throat (ENT) consults ordered for evaluation of facial injuries. No surgical intervention was required.</p> <p>A trauma hospital physician discharge note dated [DATE], read in part, Palliative Care consulted for Goals of Care (GOC) due to patient injuries and history. After GOC meeting on [DATE] Resident #4 was transitioned to a Do No Resuscitate (DNR)/Comfort Care (CC) status. They will transfer Resident #4 back to a different skilled nursing facility (SNF) and will be followed by Hospice for end-of-life care.</p> <p>An interview was conducted on [DATE] at 12:00 PM with Director of Nursing (DON) #1 and Administrator #1. Administrator #1 stated it's their goal to keep all their residents safe. Residents who are at high risk for falls needed extra supervision and the staff were knowledgeable about preventing falls. The staff often kept residents at risk for falls visible in the hallway, by the desk, or even by the medication cart with the nurse for extra supervision. With Resident #4's fall history, he should have been monitored closely. She stated it sounded like miscommunication among departments and nursing staff. She stated he should not have been left alone in his room for 3 hours.</p> <p>Administrator #2 was notified of immediate jeopardy on [DATE] at 12:00 PM.</p> <p>The facility provided the following credible allegation of immediate jeopardy removal.</p> <p>F689: Identify those residents who have suffered, or likely to suffer, a serious adverse outcome as a result of the noncompliance:</p> <p>Resident #3 had a known history of substance abuse. Resident #3 was not supervised for illicit drug use. Resident #3 had an order for oxycodone to be crushed and the nurse to watch the resident take. On [DATE] the nurse failed to supervise Resident #3 after medication administration. On [DATE] Resident #3 was found unconscious. Resident #3 expired on [DATE] at the facility.</p> <p>All current residents that have a history of drug abuse have the potential to be affected. A list was made of the residents who had a history of polysubstance abuse. The list is located at each nurse's station. The Director of Nursing reviewed and is responsible for updating the list.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Resident #4 who was a high fall risk was left alone and unattended in his room for approximately three hours after therapy session. Resident #4 was found on his floor and was sent to the local emergency room and then transferred to local trauma center for treatment of his injuries. Resident #4 sustained right 9 through 11 rib fractures, right frontal bone fracture extending into the superior orbit roof and lateral orbit wall.</p> <p>Current residents that were identified at High fall risk using the Morse fall scale have the potential to fall and obtained injuries. The review and collaboration was conducted by the Regional Nurse Consultant on [DATE]. The Director of Nursing is responsible for updating the list with new residents that are high fall risk.</p> <p>Specify the action the entity will take to alter the process or system failure to prevent a serious adverse outcome from occurring or recurring, and when the action will be complete:</p> <p>On [DATE], the Director of Nursing and Chief Nursing Officer educated staff on where to locate the list of residents with a history of polysubstance abuse. The Director of Nursing and Chief Nursing Officer educated staff on understanding of roles and responsibilities in identifying, reporting, and responding to residents who exhibit behaviors of seeking, acquiring and self-medicating with illegal drugs or medications not prescribed by the attending physician at the nursing home. Education included the following: dangers of self-medicating including serious adverse side effects and death, observing for medications/illegal substances in resident's room or in resident possession that are not prescribed by the nursing home MD/NP and responding by remaining with resident, calling out for nursing assistance for assessment and safe collection of substances and follow-up reporting by the licensed nurse to the MD/NP and to the Administrator or DON, intervening and asking to search resident with suspicious activity, ensuring resident safety by remaining with resident and calling for licensed nurse assistance, licensed nurse assessing resident for safety and s/s of potential self-medication such as changes in vital signs or altered mental status, visual observation of consumption, response in the event of resident self-medication to include; immediate removal of substance from resident to stop ingestion if possible, then providing emergency medical care as necessary and remaining with resident, calling MD/NP for new orders and calling 911 if indicated, then removing, counting and securing under double lock and key any medications/illegal substances with a second licensed nurse witness, then notification to the DON and Administrator for further investigation and follow-up, revising resident care plan to reduce risk of reoccurrence, education of the facility abuse and neglect policy and reporting immediately to the charge nurse if they hear or suspect a staff member is self-medicating or has an illegal substance in the facility. In the event illicit drug use is suspected the local police department will be contacted and a report made. The Director of Nursing will ensure no licensed nurses or medication aides will work without receiving this education. Any new hires including agency will receive education prior to the beginning of their next shift.</p> <p>On [DATE], the Director of Nursing and Chief Nursing Officer educated current staff members on fall protocol. Education to include the following: Identifying high fall risk residents upon admission using the Morse fall scale and putting in [TRUNCATED]</p>		

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<p>F 0695</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide safe and appropriate respiratory care for a resident when needed.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 35789</b></p> <p>Based on observations, record review, and staff interviews the facility failed to keep emergency tracheostomy (surgically created airway in the front of neck) supplies needed for an unplanned extubation (removal of airway tube) or emergency supplies for mechanical ventilation (ambu bag) at bedside and easily accessible for immediate use in an emergency (Resident #11). The facility also failed to change oxygen tubing as ordered and clean oxygen filters (Resident #10). This affected 2 of 3 residents reviewed for respiratory services.</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>1. Resident #11 was readmitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses that included: attention to tracheostomy, acute respiratory failure with hypoxia, disorder of diaphragm, and others.</p> <p>Review of a physician order dated 01/23/23 read: Tracheostomy size 8 cuffless</p> <p>The significant change Minimum Data Set (MDS) dated [DATE] revealed that Resident #11's cognition was not assessed. He was noted to have a tracheostomy during the assessment reference period.</p> <p>An observation of Resident #11's room was made on 04/18/23 at 10:09 AM. Resident #11 was resting in bed with his eyes open and was observed to have a tracheostomy in place with oxygen at four liters being delivered via tracheostomy collar. There was no ambu bag noted at Resident #11's bedside or in his nightstand that was next to his bed. Upon closer inspection of Resident #11's nightstand it was noted that there were several spare tracheostomies for size 6 tracheostomy, size 7 tracheostomy, and 8.5 size tracheostomy. There was no spare tracheostomy size 8 noted in Resident #11's room.</p> <p>Nurse #10 was interviewed on 04/19/23 at 2:30 PM who confirmed that she was working at the facility through an agency and was taking care of Resident #11. Nurse #10 was unaware of what size tracheostomy Resident #11 had and was not sure of what emergency supplies were kept at bedside, she stated she worked at the facility through an agency and was not there that frequently enough to know that information.</p> <p>An observation of Resident #11's room was made on 04/19/23 at 2:53 PM along with Nurse Aide (NA) #5. In Resident #11's nightstand there was tracheostomy replacements for size 6, 7, and 8.5 but no size 8 tracheostomies were found. There were multiple inner cannulas found for size 6 and 7. There was also no ambu bag noted in Resident #11's room.</p> <p>Director of Nursing (DON) #2 was interviewed via phone on 04/19/23 at 11:18 AM who confirmed that all residents that had a tracheostomy should have an ambu bag and replacement tracheostomy of the correct size in their room and easily accessible to staff in case of emergency.</p> <p>DON #1 was interviewed on 04/26/23 at 10:16 AM who confirmed that all residents who had a tracheostomy should have a suction machine, an ambu bag, and a spare tracheostomy of the correct size at bedside and easily accessible by staff in case of an emergency.</p> <p>37280</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0695</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>2. Resident #10 was readmitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses that included chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.</p> <p>Resident #10's quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment dated [DATE] revealed the Resident was cognitively intact and received oxygen.</p> <p>A review of Resident #10's physician orders dated revealed:</p> <p>*An order dated 06/22/22 to change oxygen tubing and set up weekly on Wednesday.</p> <p>*An order dated 07/03/22 for oxygen at 2 liters per minute via nasal cannula.</p> <p>A review Resident #10's Medication Administration Record (MAR) for 04/2023 revealed the oxygen tubing and set up was changed on Wednesday 04/12/23.</p> <p>On 04/18/23 at 10:00 AM an observation and interview were made of Resident #10 who was lying in bed with oxygen being delivered via nasal cannula by the bedside concentrator at a setting of 2 liters per minute. The oxygen tubing was dated 04/09/23 with no initials and the black filters on the oxygen concentrator were gray with dust accumulation. Resident #10 explained that she did not know when the last time the oxygen tubing was changed or when the filters were cleaned.</p> <p>On 04/19/23 at 12:15 PM an observation was made of Resident #10's oxygen concentrator revealed the filters remained in the same condition. Resident #10 was not in the room but at dialysis.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with Nurse #5 on 04/19/23 at 2:33 PM who was scheduled to work on Wednesday night 04/12/23. The Nurse stated she did not remember changing Resident #10's oxygen tubing or cleaning the oxygen filters.</p> <p>An observation was made of Resident #10 at 04/19/23 at 5:00 PM. The Resident wore the oxygen tubing dated 04/09/23 and the oxygen filters remained with the dirty gray filters.</p> <p>On 04/19/22 at 5:15 PM during an interview with Nurse #6 who was working with Resident #10 that day explained that Resident #10 required oxygen at 2 liters per minute via nasal cannula. She continued to explain that the correct oxygen setting should be checked once a shift and the oxygen tubing and set up was changed once a week on Wednesday by the night shift. The Nurse stated the oxygen filters should be cleaned when the tubing was changed as well. The Nurse referred to Resident 10's 04/2023 MAR and stated the oxygen tubing and set up was changed on Wednesday 04/12/23. The Nurse went to Resident #10's room and observed that the oxygen tubing was dated 04/09/23 and the filters on the oxygen concentrator were dusty gray. Nurse #6 stated the filters should be black not gray and indicated the filters looked as if the filters had not been changed in a while.</p> <p>At 5:30 PM on 04/19/23 an interview was conducted with Unit Manager (UM) #2 who explained oxygen concentrators should be washed and cleaned at the same time as the tubing change.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0695</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>On 04/19/23 at 5:45 PM during an interview with Medication Aide (MA) #2 he explained that he was only filling in for the Scheduler who also functioned as the Medical Supply Clerk while she was on her vacation. The MA stated changing the oxygen tubing and set up was a duty of the Medical Supply Clerk, but he had not done it in about 1.5 weeks because he had been too busy with other duties. The MA stated he remembered changing Resident #10's oxygen set up about 2 weeks ago but did not clean the oxygen filters.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with Director of Nursing (DON) #1 on 04/26/23 at 10:25 AM who stated it should be the responsibility of the nurse on the hall once a week on Wednesday to change out the oxygen tubing and clean the oxygen filters.</p> <p>On 04/26/23 at 3:05 PM an interview was conducted with Administrator #2 who indicated that she understood that there was a problem with the facility's current system on maintaining oxygen compliance and the current system needed to change.</p>

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<p>F 0745</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide medically-related social services to help each resident achieve the highest possible quality of life.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> 37280</p> <p>Based on record review, staff, Hospice, and family interviews the facility failed to arrange transportation to a follow up medical appointment (hematologist) for 1 of 3 residents (Resident #6) reviewed for medically related social services.</p> <p>The finding included:</p> <p>Resident #6 was readmitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses that included thrombocytopenia (a low platelet level) and thoracic aortic aneurism.</p> <p>A review of Resident #6's Progress Notes from a Hematology/Oncology office visit dated 01/26/23 provided by the facility revealed: 1. Thrombocytopenia, 2. Low Fibrinogen and 3. Follow up in one month.</p> <p>A review of Resident #6's After Visit Summary from the Hematology/Oncology office visit dated 01/26/23 provided by the family member revealed: Next appointment February 27th at 3:00 PM for lab work and patient visit.</p> <p>A review of Resident #6's physician orders revealed an order dated 02/14/23 for Hospice Services. There was no order for Resident #6 to discontinue outside medical appointments.</p> <p>On 04/18/23 at 11:40 AM an interview was conducted with the Transportation Aide (TA) who also arranged transportation to medical appointments for the residents. The TA explained that she transported residents to their appointments as well as using an outside transportation service if the residents' appointments were double booked. The TA continued to explain that the outside transportation service took Resident #6 to her 01/26/23 medical appointment and there was a follow up appointment scheduled for 02/27/23 at 3:00 PM. The TA stated someone must have notified her of the appointment or the doctor's office called her to confirm the appointment because when they did, she remembered that Resident #6 had recently changed to Hospice Services and knew that when the residents went Hospice, they normally stopped all their doctor's appointments and lab work. The TA explained that she asked the former Director of Nursing #2 about the situation, and she was told not to take Resident #6 to the scheduled appointment because the Resident was under Hospice Services. The TA stated she did not cancel the scheduled medical appointment for February 27th because she was on the road all day transporting residents a lot and must have forgot.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with the family member of Resident #6 on 04/18/23 at 7:35 PM who was the Resident #6's Power of Attorney (POA). The POA explained that she was unaware that the Resident did not go to the scheduled hematology appointment until she received a letter in the mail from the doctor's office notifying her of the missed appointment and she confirmed the appointment was missed through another family member. The POA continued to explain that Resident #6 began Hospice Services on 02/14/23 related to a diagnosis of a thoracic aorta aneurism but also had a diagnosis of thrombocytopenia and required close monitoring by the hematologist/oncologist. The POA stated there was never a decision made to discontinue outside medical appointments for Resident #6.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0745</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>An interview was conducted with the Hospice Nurse on 04/20/23 11:20 AM who explained that Resident #6 began Hospice Services on 02/14/23 for a thoracic aortic aneurism. She continued to explain that cancelling further medical appointments was a decision made by the Resident's family and in reference to Resident #6 there was no decision made to cancel outside medical appointments. The Hospice Nurse stated she was not aware that Resident #6 did not go to her scheduled medical appointment until after the fact and it was brought to her attention by the Resident's family member.</p> <p>On 04/20/23 at 1:05 PM an interview was conducted with Unit Manager (UM) #2 who explained that the TA was responsible for arranging transportation for medical appointments for the residents by either transporting the residents herself with the facility van or by an outside transportation company. The UM stated she did not recall that Resident #6 had a follow up appointment made for February 27th.</p> <p>During an interview with Director of Nursing (DON) #2 on 04/21/23 at 3:05 PM she explained that normally when a resident went under Hospice Services, they discontinued all lab work and medical appointments outside the facility. The DON continued to explain that she remembered the TA had asked her about Resident #6's medical appointment and remembered that the Resident recently went under Hospice Services, and she told the TA that she would speak with Hospice about the situation, but the DON never got around to doing it so Resident #6 missed the medical appointment.</p> <p>On 04/26/23 at 10:25 AM an interview was conducted with Director of Nursing (DON) #1 who explained that the facility had problems receiving paperwork from the residents' medical appointments and it needed to be the responsibility of the hall nurse, unit manager or transportation to obtain the progress notes from their medical appointments and follow up with scheduling appointments according to the order. The DON continued to explain that there should have been a discussion with Hospice and the family about whether Resident #6's outside medical appointments should be continued and a physician's order should have been written so that everyone understood the situation. The DON indicated what should not have happened was Resident #6 not being taken to her medical appointment.</p>		



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<p>F 0760</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Ensure that residents are free from significant medication errors.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> 38515</p> <p>Based on record review, and interviews with staff and the Nurse Practitioner the facility failed to prevent a significant medication error when Narcan (reversal agent used in case of overdose) was not administered as prescribed for a resident who had a known history of substance abuse that included crushing and snorting pills/medications. The Nurse Practitioner ordered Narcan as needed for overdose on [DATE] for Resident #3. Resident #3 was found unresponsive in his room on [DATE]. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) was initiated but Narcan was not administered as ordered and the resident was unable to be revived. Nursing Assistant (NA) #11, NA #12, and Housekeeper #1 had observed a white, powdery substance on the tray table in Resident #3's room. The facility also failed to notify Emergency Medical Services (EMS) that responded to Resident #3's cardiac arrest on [DATE] that he had a history of drug abuse nor that there was a white powdery substance found next to him. This affected 1 of 4 residents reviewed with sudden cardiac arrest (Resident #3) Resident #3 expired in the facility on [DATE].</p> <p>Immediate Jeopardy began on [DATE] when Resident #3 was found unresponsive in his room with a white powdery substance on his bedside table and the facility staff failed to administer an ordered dose of Narcan for a suspected drug overdose. Immediate jeopardy was removed on [DATE] when the facility provided an acceptable credible allegation of immediate jeopardy removal. The facility will remain out of compliance at lower scope and severity D (no actual harm with more than minimal harm that is not immediate jeopardy) to ensure monitoring systems are in place and the completion of staff education.</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>Resident #3 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses that included cocaine dependence, congestive heart failure, and chronic respiratory failure.</p> <p>Resident #3's quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment dated [DATE] revealed he was cognitively intact with no psychosis, behaviors, or rejection of care. Resident #33 was coded with having frequent pain and he received opioids 7 of 7 days during the lookback period. The MDS revealed Resident #3 was born in 1960 indicating he was [AGE] years old.</p> <p>Review of Resident #3's physician orders revealed the following physician orders: - Oxycodone (opioid pain medication) HCl Tablet 20 milligrams (mg) - Give one table by mouth every 6 hours as needed for pain. Crush oxycodone and the patient is to take the medication in front of the nurse. The order's start date was [DATE] - Narcan [reversal agent used in case of overdose] liquid 4mg/0.1 milliliter (ml) - 4 mg in nostril every 6 hours as needed for overdose. The order's start date was [DATE].</p> <p>Resident #3's care plan last updated on [DATE] revealed the following information: - Resident #3 exhibits or has the potential to exhibit verbal/physical behaviors related to opioid dependence and anxiety; history of snorting pills/medications, misuse of oxygen. Interventions included monitoring medication administration to ensure medications are taken and swallowed prior to leaving resident.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0760</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>- Resident #3 does complain of pain at times due to impaired mobility. Resident #3 has a diagnosis of chronic pain and opioid dependence. Resident has pain medication in place and is followed by pain clinic. Interventions included Per MD order Narcan 1 milliliter by nasal route as needed for opioid overdose. Repeat every 2 minutes until emergency medical services arrive.</p> <p>An interview with the Pharmacist on [DATE] at 12:12 PM revealed they received the physician order for Narcan on [DATE] and that the prescription was filled and delivered on [DATE]. She reported the Narcan they sent would have had Resident #3's name on it along with the dosing schedule.</p> <p>A review of Resident #3's medication administration record from [DATE] revealed the order for Narcan to be administered in the event of an overdose. No dose of Narcan was signed off on as having been given on [DATE].</p> <p>A review of Resident #3's physician progress notes revealed a note from [DATE] that included the following: Behavioral concerns - this NP [Nurse Practitioner] recommends that the patient be discharged from this facility for numerous documented reports from the staff of overdose, abuse, and noncompliance. I believe that the patient puts the facility at risk for liability if he were to overdose. I have added Narcan 4mg [Milligrams] nasal every 6 hours as needed for overdose. I have expressed by concerns with the [Former] Director of Nursing, Administration, and Medical Director. The note was electronically signed by NP #2.</p> <p>During an interview via telephone on [DATE] at 9:01 AM with Nurse Practitioner (NP) #2 reported she was no longer working at the facility. She reported Resident #3 had a history of taking his narcotic pain medication and then turning his oxygen up on his portable tanks and concentrator until he would pass out. She stated she was concerned about Resident #3 abusing his narcotics because she heard from unknown staff members that he pocketed the medications and then crushed and snorted them. She reported several months before August of 2022 she refused to prescribe him narcotic pain medications and referred him to a pain clinic for monitoring. The pain clinic ordered oxycodone. She reported Resident #3's narcotic pain medication was to be crushed and Resident #3 observed until it was fully taken in applesauce or another medium. She reported she received information from a staff member whom she could no longer remember, who informed her there was a picture of Resident #3 cutting a white powdery substance on his tray table in the facility that was turned into administration. She explained this was when she prescribed Resident #3 Narcan ([DATE]) to be given in the event of an accidental overdose.</p> <p>The Medication Administration Record (MAR) for [DATE] revealed oxycodone was administered to Resident #33 on [DATE] at 2:16 AM by Medication Aide (MA) #3.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0760</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>An interview with Medication Aide #3 (MA) on [DATE] at 3:14 PM revealed she was assigned on the medication cart and was responsible for providing Resident #3 with his medication from 7:00 PM on [DATE] until 7:00 AM on [DATE]. She stated she last gave him his narcotic pain medication at 2:16 AM on [DATE] and found him unresponsive around 5:30 AM. She could not recall with certainty if she crushed his oxycodone when she last administered the medication. She went onto say that she would have administered them as it was ordered on the MAR. MA #3 stated she had worked with Resident #3 a few times previously and she remembered reading in his chart that he had some drug seeking behaviors. She revealed when she worked with him, he came up to her medication cart before he was due to receive his narcotic pain medication and waited there until it was time for it to be administered. She further stated Resident #3 did not have a physician order for Narcan because she would have made a note to herself. She also reported she did not have Narcan on her cart and that it would have been out of the ordinary for a resident to have a physician order for Narcan. She reported during the entirety of time she assisted with Resident #3's emergency, she never saw anyone administer Narcan or tell EMS personnel when they arrived that Resident #3 had a history of drug abuse. Med Aide #3 indicated she had not received any formal education on how to administer Narcan nor any education on how to identify a resident who had an overdose.</p> <p>A nurse progress note completed by Nurse #13 dated [DATE] at 7:28 AM read in part, Resident #3 reported on floor at 6:15 AM by [Med Aide #3] following ambulation by resident from smoking area .emergency medical services [EMS] notified by staff while this nurse and additional nurse performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation in resident room. EMS arrived at 6:25 AM .Resident #3 pronounced expired by EMS at 6:46 AM.</p> <p>During an interview with Nurse #13 via phone on [DATE] at 3:44 PM, he reported he responded to calls for help from MA #3. He stated he went to Resident #3's room and found him on the floor, still warm but with no pulse or respiration. He stated he immediately called a code blue and began chest compressions. Nurse #13 stated Resident #3 was not on his assignment, and he did not know anything about Resident #3's medical history including past drug abuse or overdoses. He stated he had no reason to suspect a drug overdose and stated that Narcan was not administered by him. He reported he was assigned to oversee the Medication Aide #3 on that hall but stated he had no knowledge of Resident #3's medical history or care needs.</p> <p>A review of the EMS run report from [DATE] at 6:25 AM revealed they arrived at the facility and began CPR on an unresponsive resident. Per the report, the responding EMS personnel were not informed of a potential overdose situation when they arrived or at any time while they provided emergency assistance to Resident #3.</p> <p>An interview with NA #11 (agency) on [DATE] at 12:05 PM via telephone, she reported she was assigned to Resident #3 on [DATE] on 3rd shift. She stated MA #3 went into Resident #3's room to give him his medications around 5:00 AM and found him unresponsive. She reported MA #3 screamed for assistance and she and NA #12 went running. She stated when she got to the room, she noticed a white, powdery substance on Resident #3's tray table.</p> <p>Interview with NA #12 (agency NA) on [DATE] at 12:35 PM revealed she worked the night of [DATE] Resident #3 and had run to the room when MA #3 called for help after finding him unresponsive. She stated when she arrived at the room, she noticed a white, powdery substance on his side table.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0760</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>An interview with Housekeeper #1 on [DATE] at 3:33 PM via telephone, revealed she went into Resident #3's room on [DATE] and wiped off a white, powdery substance from his tray table. She reported she did not know Resident #3's medical history or if he had a history of substance abuse. She reported she only wiped off the tray table after EMS requested her to do so. She could not provide any information on why EMS asked her to wipe off Resident #3's tray table.</p> <p>During an interview with NA #7 on [DATE] at 3:28 PM she reported she believed Resident #3 died due to an overdose due to her experience of seeing him snort an unidentified powdery substance on more than one occasion. NA #7 stated each time she observed Resident #3 snorting a white substance, she stopped him and got the nurse on the hall. She reported by the time she and the nurse returned to the room, the white, powdery substance was gone, and Resident #3 stated it was baby powder and denied snorting it. She reported she also wrote two separate reports regarding what she observed and slid them under Administrator #3's door. NA #7 stated she could not remember the dates she completed the reports but was certain she slid them underneath Administrator #3's door. She reported to her knowledge, nothing was done to prevent Resident #3 from snorting a white, powdery substance.</p> <p>Administrator #1 was asked on [DATE] at 4:30 PM to locate the written statements from NA #7 regarding Resident #3's observed behaviors of crushing and snorting his medications but she reported on [DATE] at 10:00 AM she was unable to locate them.</p> <p>An interview with Resident #3's former roommate, Resident 13, was conducted via telephone on [DATE] at 1:16 PM revealed he had reported Resident #3's drug abuse to facility staff multiple times including to the Wound Nurse and to former Social Worker #1. He stated he even sent pictures and video he had taken on his cell phone to them on their personal cell phones. Resident #3's former roommate reported he felt that someone from the facility was bringing in either cocaine or opioids and providing them to Resident #3. He stated he watched Resident #3 numerous times pull out pills, chop them up on his tray table, and snort them.</p> <p>On [DATE] at 12:18 PM the photograph and video recorded by Resident #13 was reviewed. They showed Resident #3 sitting in his wheelchair, in his room, next to his bed with his back to the door. Resident #3 was wearing a lime green t-shirt and had a bank debit card in his hand pressing the edge down onto a white, powdery substance that was on his tray table beside his bed.</p> <p>An interview with the Wound Nurse on [DATE] at 12:01 PM via telephone revealed it was very well known that Resident #3 had a substance abuse problem and crushed his opioid medications and snorted them. She also reported she had received a photograph and a short video, unable to recall the date, from Resident #3's roommate, Resident #13, that showed Resident #3 using a credit card to cut a white, powdery substance on his tray table in his room at the facility. She reported she immediately sent them to Director of Nursing #3 and provided them to a Corporate Staff member who was a female. She was unable to remember her name or her position. She stated she also wrote a statement, unable to recall the date, and provided it to the Corporate Staff member. The Wound Nurse reported she heard nothing back from Director of Nursing #3 or the Corporate Staff member about the situation. The Wound Nurse reported she felt that the situation was ignored.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0760</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Interview with the former Social Worker #1 via telephone on [DATE] at 3:15 PM revealed she remembered Resident #3 and that he had a history of abusing his medications by crushing and snorting them. She reported Resident #3's former roommate, Resident #13, had approached her in her office some time, unable to recall the date, and told her Resident #3 was storing medications under his tongue then crushing and snorting them. She stated she brought it up to Director of Nursing #3 and Administrator #3 immediately after being informed, but it was blown off. She stated, everyone knew about it, and no one did anything. She reported there were no additional interventions put into place to increase supervision and despite his behaviors being discussed weekly at morning meeting; it was always not taken seriously.</p> <p>An interview was attempted with Director of Nursing #3 and was unsuccessful.</p> <p>An interview was attempted with Administrator #3 by telephone and was unsuccessful.</p> <p>An interview with Director of Nursing (DON) #1 on [DATE] at 10:26 AM, revealed although she was not working in the facility at the time of the incident, if there was a suspected overdose situation with a resident with a known substance abuse issue, who had a physician order for Narcan, she expected her staff to administer the Narcan as ordered. She also reported she expected the medication aides and the hall nurses to know which residents were at risk for overdose and administer Narcan as ordered. She reported she also expected her medication aides and hall nurses to be educated on how to administer Narcan and to notify responding EMS personnel on the drug abuse history of the resident in distress immediately upon their arrival.</p> <p>During a follow up interview with Nurse Practitioner (NP) #2 via phone on [DATE] at 4:00 PM, she stated due to Resident #3's history of drug abuse, along with continued observed abuses of his opioid medications while admitted to the facility she prescribed Narcan to be administered not if but when Resident #3 overdosed. She reported the Narcan was on the medication cart and should have been dedicated to Resident #3. She stated the failure of the facility to administer the ordered Narcan was a significant medication error and reported if it had been given, more than likely, could have saved Resident #3's life. She reported giving Resident #3 a dose of Narcan if he was having a genuine cardiac arrest of respiratory failure situation would have had no significant adverse effect. She reported when Narcan was ordered, it should have shown up directly under Resident #3's opioid prescription because that was the medication, she was worried he would overdose using.</p> <p>Administrator #2 was notified of the immediate jeopardy on [DATE] at 4:33 PM.</p> <p>The facility provided the following credible allegation of immediate jeopardy removal:</p> <p>Identify those residents who have suffered, or likely to suffer, a serious adverse outcome as a result of the noncompliance:</p> <p>Resident #3 was identified as having a significant medication error. Resident #3 was found unconscious on [DATE] with a white, powdery substance noted on the bedside and NARCAN was not administered. Resident #3 had a history of substance abuse. Resident #3 expired on [DATE] at the facility.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0760</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>All current residents that have a history of drug abuse have the potential to be affected. A list was made by the Chief Nursing Officer of the residents who had a history of polysubstance abuse. The list was placed on the nurse carts and placed in the narc book. The Director of Nursing will be responsible for updating the list with new admissions that have a history of polysubstance abuse.</p> <p>Specify the action the entity will take to alter the process or system failure to prevent a serious adverse outcome from occurring or recurring, and when the action will be complete:</p> <p>On [DATE], the Director of Nursing and Chief Nursing Officer educated licensed nurses and medication aides on the administration of NARCAN in the event a resident with known drug use history should be found unconscious and that residents with history of polysubstance abuse had physician order for NARCAN. Education also included signs and symptoms of overdose and nursing communication shift to shift on residents with history of polysubstance abuse and presence of list of residents with history of polysubstance abuse being located in the narc book on the cart for ease of access. Furthermore, education included notifying EMS upon their arrival of the substance abuse history and the administration of Narcan. The Director of Nursing will ensure no licensed nurses or medication aides will work without receiving this education. Any new hires including agency will receive education prior to the beginning of their next shift. Education will be completed on [DATE] by the Director of Nursing or Chief Nursing Officer.</p> <p>Effective [DATE], Administrator #2 will be responsible to ensure implementation of this IJ removal plan for this alleged non-compliance.</p> <p>The alleged date of IJ removal is [DATE].</p> <p>On [DATE] and [DATE] the credible allegation of immediate jeopardy was validated. A full list of residents with histories of drug abuse was observed at the nurses' stations and on the medication carts. The interviewed medication aides and nurses were aware of the individuals identified by the facility as having histories of drug abuse and were also able to articulate what they needed to do in a suspected overdose situation and how to administer doses of Narcan. The facility's immediate jeopardy removal date of [DATE] was validated.</p>		

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<p>F 0761</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Ensure drugs and biologicals used in the facility are labeled in accordance with currently accepted professional principles; and all drugs and biologicals must be stored in locked compartments, separately locked, compartments for controlled drugs.</p> <p>35789</p> <p>Based on observation, record review, and staff interview the facility to secure 1 of 4 medications carts (Cart D) observed during medication pass.</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>A continuous observation of Nurse #5 was made on 04/20/23 at 5:21 AM to 5:38 AM. Nurse #5 was at medication cart D and was preparing medications. The medication cart was parked near one end of the hall. Once Nurse #5 had the medications prepared, she would walk from the medication cart to rooms at various locations on the hallway leaving the medication cart unlocked and unsecured. During the continuous observation a male resident in a wheelchair rolled up to the unlocked and unsecured medication cart and observed it for several minutes before continuing down the hallway.</p> <p>An observation of Nurse #5 was made on 04/20/23 at 6:10 AM to 6:14 AM. Nurse #5 was again at medication cart D and was continuing to prepare medications. The medication cart remained parked at one end of the hall. Nurse #5 continued to prepare medications and walk them to various rooms on the hallway leaving the medication cart unlocked and unsecured.</p> <p>Nurse #5 was interviewed on 04/20/23 at 6:15 AM who stated, I know what is going on with my cart and if I am going to be gone away from it for a bit I will lock it. Nurse #5 confirmed that her medication cart should be locked and secured anytime she walked away from the cart.</p> <p>Director of Nursing (DON) #1 was interviewed on 04/20/23 at 10:16 AM who stated that medication carts should locked and secured anytime the staff walked away from the cart and was administering medications in a resident room.</p>

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<p>F 0835</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Administer the facility in a manner that enables it to use its resources effectively and efficiently.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> 35789</p> <p>Based on record review, staff, Nurse Practitioner, and Medical Director interviews the facility's Administration failed to provide leadership and oversight to ensure the facility had supplies that were readily available and easily accessible to immediately start Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) when 3 of 4 residents experienced sudden cardiac arrest (Resident #1, Resident #2, and Resident #3). This practice had the high likelihood of affecting other residents.</p> <p>Immediate Jeopardy began on [DATE] when Resident #3 experienced cardiac arrest and the facility did not have an ambu bag (used to deliver rescue breaths during CPR) readily available for use and it took the staff approximately three minute to locate the ambu bag and start rescue breathing. Immediate jeopardy was removed on [DATE] when the facility provided an acceptable credible allegation of immediate jeopardy removal. The facility will remain out of compliance at lower scope and severity E (no actual harm with potential for more than minimal harm that is no immediate jeopardy) to ensure monitoring system are in place and the completion of employee education.</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>This tag is cross referenced to F678:</p> <p>F678: Based on record review, staff, Nurse Practitioner and Medical Director interviews the facility failed to have basic lifesaving equipment readily available for use to immediately begin cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) when Resident #3 experienced sudden cardiac arrest on [DATE] and staff were unable to immediately begin CPR because the first crash cart (cart of emergency supplies) that was [NAME] to the bed side did not have a ambu bag or manual resuscitator (device to administer rescue breathing) on it, staff began chest compressions and it took the staff approximately three minutes to get the second crash cart that did have a ambu bag to begin rescue breathing. Resident #1 experienced sudden cardiac arrest on [DATE] and staff were unable to immediately begin CPR because the staff could not locate an ambu bag or manual resuscitator to begin rescue breaths and could not locate a backboard (hard surface to do chest compressions on while in bed). It took the staff approximately five minutes to locate the needed items to begin CPR. On [DATE] Resident #2 experienced sudden cardiac arrest and staff were unable to immediately begin CPR because they could not locate an ambu bag or manual resuscitator and had to borrow one from another resident's room. The staff also could not locate the paddles for the Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) (device used to deliver a shock to the heart). It took staff several minutes to locate the ambu bag to begin CPR and paddles for the AED. This affected 3 of 4 residents reviewed who experienced sudden cardiac arrest.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		



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<p>F 0835</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Director of Nursing (DON) #1 was interviewed on [DATE] at 10:16 AM who explained that she began working in the facility as the Minimum Data Set (MDS) nurse at the beginning of [DATE] and had become the interim DON at the beginning of [DATE]. The DON stated she had no knowledge of Resident #1 as he was expired months prior to her arrival at the facility. She also stated she was not familiar at all with Resident #2 or any issues that arose during his sudden cardiac arrest and code situation. The DON further stated that she recalled hearing during the clinical morning meeting that when Resident #3 went into cardiac arrest and was coded by the staff that the facility did not have the appropriate equipment to immediately begin Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). She added that she distinctly remembered the former Nurse Practitioner (NP) who was directly involved in the code situation voicing her dissatisfaction with how the code was handled and the lack of equipment that was available. The DON stated she recalled the former NP going around to the nurses talking to them about the situation and how it should have gone differently. The DON stated that she also recalled Administrator #1 asking the Unit Managers (UM) why the crash carts were not stocked, and they continued to insist that they had checked them, and they were stocked and believed that someone was taking the ambu bags off the crash carts. From what the DON could recall there was no resolution to that issue but stated after the event another staff member had gone to the hospital and borrowed a box of ambu bags.</p> <p>Administrator #2 was interviewed on [DATE] at 3:02 PM who confirmed that from [DATE] to [DATE] she was the Regional [NAME] President of Operations and provided oversight to the facility under the direction of Administrator #1. Administrator #2 stated that she had no knowledge of the situations that had occurred with Resident #1, Resident #2, and Resident #3, she stated that nothing had been communicated to her that there were issues that had arisen during the code situations that all three residents experienced. She contributed the failures of the facility on lack of effective leadership.</p> <p>Administrator #1 and DON #1 were notified of the Immediate Jeopardy on [DATE] at 11:03 AM.</p> <p>The facility provided the following IJ removal plan:</p> <p>Identify those recipients who have suffered, or are likely to suffer, a serious adverse outcome as a result of the noncompliance.</p> <p>The facility's administration did not ensure that the crash carts (used in emergency situations) were stocked with the needed equipment that included Ambu bag or manual resuscitator, back board, suction machine, and automatic external defibrillator (AED) which are all required to perform CPR in the event of cardiac arrest.</p> <p>On [DATE] at approximately 1:00 AM Resident #1 experienced sudden cardiac arrest. The staff were unable to locate an Ambu bag or manual resuscitator used to deliver ventilation to residents not breathing. The staff were also unable to locate a back board (hard surface) to correctly deliver chest compressions to the correct depth for delivery of CPR. It took the staff approximately 5 minutes of time to locate the required items to deliver CPR when Resident #1 was pulseless. Resident #1 expired on [DATE] in the facility.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0835</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Effective [DATE], Administrator will receive on site visit from Regional Director of Operations or designated outside Administrator no less than once per week. Visit will include audit of the following:</p> <p>crash carts to ensure location, supply, and emergency crash cart checklist completed and accurate</p> <p>ensure adequate supply of BLS equipment is present on the crash cart and supply room and is housed in designated location</p> <p>review of cardiac event investigations since previous visit to ensure CPR procedure was followed</p> <p>interview staff to confirm knowledge of CPR procedure and role in cardiac event response.</p> <p>Review any new hires since last visit to ensure CPR procedure education was completed.</p> <p>Effective [DATE] the Administrator will be responsible for ensuring implementation of this immediate jeopardy removal for this alleged non-compliance.</p> <p>Alleged Date of IJ Removal: [DATE]</p> <p>On [DATE] and [DATE] the facility's credible allegation of immediate jeopardy removal was validated. Interviews with the DON and Administrator #2 revealed that they had been educated by the Regional Director of Nursing on the CPR policy and procedures, emergency crash cart check list, location of crash carts, and location of back up supplies. Administrator #2 is also the Regional Director of Operations (RDO) and was aware of her responsibility as the Administrator to thoroughly investigate cardiac events to ensure the facility's policy and procedures were followed. The investigation should include interviews with staff directly involved with the incident and should be reviewed by Administrator #2/RDO. Interviews with the management team confirmed that they had been educated on the importance of conducting thorough investigation after any cardiac event to ensure facility staff followed the proper procedures and that basic life saving equipment was readily available for use by the direct care staff. Administrator #2/RDO verbalized understanding of her responsibility to check crash carts and availability of supplies, review any cardiac events and review new hire orientation to ensure newly hired staff received the education during the orientation process. The facility's immediate jeopardy remove date of [DATE] was validated.</p>		

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<p>F 0867</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Set up an ongoing quality assessment and assurance group to review quality deficiencies and develop corrective plans of action.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> 38515</p> <p>Based on observations, record reviews, and staff interviews, the facility's Quality Assessment and Assurance (QAA) committee failed to maintain implemented procedures and monitor interventions the committee put into place following the complaint investigations that occurred on [DATE], [DATE], [DATE], [DATE], and [DATE] and the recertification and complaint investigation that occurred on [DATE]. This failure was for eight deficiencies that were originally cited in the areas of Resident Assessment (F637 and F641), Quality of Life (F677), Quality of Care (F689 &amp; F695), Pharmacy Services (F760 &amp; F761), and Administration (F835) and were subsequently recited on the current complaint investigation of [DATE]. The repeat deficiencies during multiple surveys of record showed a pattern of the facility's inability to sustain an effective QA program.</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>This tag is cross referred to:</p> <p>F637: Based on record review and staff interviews the facility failed to complete a significant change Minimum Data Set assessment within 14 days of the determination of Hospice services for 1 of 1 resident (Resident #6) for Hospice.</p> <p>During the recertification and complaint investigation conducted on [DATE] the facility failed to complete a significant change Minimum Data Set Assessment for a resident who admitted to hospice care for 1 of 2 residents (Resident #16) reviewed for hospice.</p> <p>F641: Based on record review and staff interview, the facility failed to accurately code cognition or section C of the Minimum Data Set (MDS) for 5 of 5 residents reviewed (Resident #1, Resident #7, Resident #10, Resident #11, and Resident #12). The facility also failed to accurately code the MDS in the area of indwelling catheters for 1 of 2 residents reviewed with indwelling catheters.</p> <p>During the complaint investigation conducted on [DATE] the facility failed to accurately code the Minimum Data Set assessments to reflect residents received dialysis therapy, this was evident for 2 of 2 residents reviewed for dialysis.</p> <p>F677: Based on observation, record review, and staff interviews, the facility failed to trim a dependent resident's fingernails for 1 of 3 residents reviewed for activities of daily living (Resident #1).</p> <p>During the complaint investigation conducted on [DATE], the facility failed to provide incontinence care prior to a resident wetting through her brief onto her draw sheet, failed to provide incontinence care to a resident who had a bowel movement, failed to provide showers as scheduled for 1 resident, and failed to provide nail care for 2 residents for 4 of 4 residents reviewed for activities of daily living for dependent residents.</p> <p>During the complaint investigation completed on [DATE], the facility failed to provide incontinence care for 1 of 3 residents reviewed for pressure ulcers.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0867</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>During the complaint investigation completed on [DATE], the facility failed to provide dependent residents with showers for 3 of 6 residents reviewed for activities of daily living.</p> <p>F689: Based on record review, observation, and interviews with resident, Nurse Practitioner, and staff, the facility failed to implement measures to mitigate the risk of an accidental drug overdose for a resident who had a known history substance abuse that included crushing and snorting pills/medications. On [DATE] Resident #3 was found unresponsive in his room as a result of sudden onset cardiac arrest and he was unable to be revived. Nursing Assistant (NA) #11, NA #12, and Housekeeper #1 had observed a white, powdery substance on the tray table in his room. Additionally, the facility failed to provide supervision to a cognitively impaired resident (Resident #4) who was a high fall risk and was left alone and unattended in his room after a therapy session, and was later found on the floor, and was sent to the local emergency room (ER) then transferred to a local trauma center for treatment of his injuries that included right ninth through eleven rib fractures, right frontal bone fracture extending into the superior orbit roof and lateral orbit wall. (Resident #3 &amp; Resident #4) This deficient practice was for 2 of 3 residents reviewed for supervision to prevent accidents.</p> <p>During the complaint investigation completed on [DATE], the facility failed to provide a safe smoking environment for two smokers when staff failed to properly store oxygen at a safe distance from open flame and prevent a resident who utilized oxygen from smoking while his oxygen was in use for 2 of 2 residents reviewed for safe smoking. A resident lit a cigarette with his nasal cannula in his nares and his oxygen tank on while out in the designated smoking area which resulted in burns to the resident's face and high likelihood of injury to the other resident who was in the smoking area.</p> <p>F695: Based on observations, record review, and staff interviews, the facility failed to keep emergency tracheostomy (surgically created airway in the front of the neck) supplies needed for an unplanned extubation (removal of airway tube) or emergency supplies for mechanical ventilation (ambu bag) at bedside and easily accessible for immediate use in an emergency (Resident #11). The facility also failed to change oxygen tubing as ordered and clean oxygen filters (Resident #10). This affected 2 of 3 residents reviewed for respiratory services.</p> <p>During the recertification and complaint investigation survey completed on [DATE], the facility failed to ensure oxygen therapy was delivered at the prescribed rate ordered for 3 of 5 residents reviewed for oxygen and failed to provide routine maintenance to oxygen concentrators to ensure the air filters were free from dust and debris for 4 of 5 residents reviewed for oxygen therapy.</p> <p>F760: Based on record review, and interviews with staff and the Nurse Practitioner the facility failed to prevent a significant medication error when Narcan (reversal agent used in case of overdose) was not administered as prescribed for a resident who had a known history of substance abuse that included crushing and snorting pills/medications. The Nurse Practitioner ordered Narcan as needed for overdose on [DATE] for Resident #3. Resident #3 was found unresponsive in his room on [DATE], CPR was initiated but Narcan was not administered as ordered and the resident was unable to be revived. Nursing Assistant (NA) #11, NA #12, and Housekeeper #1 had observed a white, powdery substance on the tray table in Resident #3's room. The facility also failed to notify Emergency Medical Services (EMS) that responded to Resident #3's cardiac arrest on [DATE] that he had a history of drug abuse nor that there was a white powdery substance found next to him. This affected 1 of 4 residents reviewed with sudden cardiac arrest (Resident #3) Resident #3 expired in the facility on [DATE].</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0867</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>During the complaint investigation completed on [DATE], the facility failed to prevent significant medication errors by not accurately transcribing and administering medication as ordered from the hospital discharge summary prescribed to treat chronic pain, shortness of breath, and anxiety for a hospice resident for 1 of 1 resident reviewed for medication errors. As a result, the resident reported her pain level was a 7 to 9 on a scale of 1 to 10 across all three shifts during her 4 days as a resident in the facility.</p> <p>During the complaint investigation completed on [DATE], the facility failed to prevent significant medication errors when medications were not obtained and administered per the physician orders for 3 of 3 residents reviewed for medications.</p> <p>During the complaint investigation completed on [DATE] the facility failed to prevent a significant medication error when staff failed to administer ordered doses of an IV antibiotic on [DATE] and [DATE]. The Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter (PICC) (intravenous (IV) line used to administer IV antibiotics) line was replaced with a different type of IV access on [DATE] and the staff failed to administer the IV antibiotic on [DATE] and [DATE] for 1 of 1 resident (Resident #1) reviewed for significant medication errors. There was the high likelihood for bacterial regrowth, resistance to antibiotic, sepsis, or return to hospital due to the missed medications.</p> <p>F761: Based on observation, record review, and staff interview, the facility failed to secure 1 of 4 medications carts (Cart D) observed during medication pass.</p> <p>During the complaint investigation completed on [DATE], the facility failed to ensure controlled substances were stored and secured using a double lock feature for 1 of 2 medication storage refrigerators. Additionally, the facility also failed to remove a local anesthetic patch placed at bedside for 1 of 1 resident.</p> <p>F835: Based on record review, staff, Nurse Practitioner, and Medical Director interviews, the facility's Administration failed to provide leadership and oversight to ensure the facility had supplies that were readily available and easily accessible to immediately start Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) when 3 of 4 residents experienced sudden cardiac arrest (Resident #1, Resident #2, and Resident #3). This practice had a high likelihood of affecting other residents.</p> <p>During the complaint investigation completed on [DATE], the facility failed to provide effective oversight to ensure nurses obtained and administered medications as ordered for newly admitted residents. This practice resulted in missed doses of medications for 3 residents.</p> <p>During an interview with Administrator #2 on [DATE] at 3:02 PM, she reported her quality assurance (QA) team met monthly and included the medical director, unit managers, administrative staff, and even some direct care staff. She reported she had not been involved in the QA process yet before taking over as the Administrator but planned to run the meeting and set her expectations clearly. She reported she felt there was a lack of effective leadership in the facility prior to her arrival and stated all the repeat deficiencies would be entered into the facility's QA program and monitored extensively to ensure compliance is met moving forward.</p>		