

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 345420	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 09/19/2022
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<p>F 0580</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Immediately tell the resident, the resident's doctor, and a family member of situations (injury/decline/room, etc.) that affect the resident.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 44889</p> <p>Based on record review, staff interviews, and physician interviews, the facility failed to notify the physician or nurse practitioner (NP) when antiseizure medication remained unavailable for Resident #140, pain medication was unavailable for Resident #42, and when the nurse was unable to obtain intravenous (IV) access for Resident #111 to provide hydration as ordered for 3 of 4 residents reviewed for notifications (Resident #140, Resident #42, and Resident #111).</p> <p>Immediate jeopardy began on 7/14/22 when the physician was not notified the antiseizure medication continued to be unavailable and was not being administered. The facility failed to notify the physician of antiseizure medication not being administered as ordered for Resident #140. Immediate jeopardy was removed on 9/17/22 when the facility implemented an acceptable credible allegation of immediate jeopardy removal. The facility remains out of compliance at a lower scope and severity of E no actual harm with potential for more than minimal harm that is not immediate jeopardy to ensure monitoring systems and staff education put in place are effective.</p> <p>The facility was also cited at a scope and severity of E for example #2 (Resident #42) and example #3 (Resident #111).</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>1. Resident #140 was admitted to the facility on [DATE]. Diagnoses included epilepsy (seizure disorder) and Wernicke's encephalopathy (degenerative brain disorder).</p> <p>Resident #140 was initially ordered Vimpat (antiseizure medication) on 10/12/20. The order dated 5/27/22 revealed Vimpat 200 milligrams (MG) give 1 tablet by mouth two times a day for seizures, controlled substance.</p> <p>A nurse progress note dated 6/24/22 at 2:06 PM indicated there was a follow up with the neurologist's office for a replacement medication for Vimpat. It was noted the office would send new orders to the facility.</p> <p>A nurse medication administration note written by Nurse #10 dated 6/27/22 at 1:36 PM revealed Resident #140's Vimpat was unavailable, and the physician was aware.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

Any deficiency statement ending with an asterisk (*) denotes a deficiency which the institution may be excused from correcting providing it is determined that other safeguards provide sufficient protection to the patients. (See instructions.) Except for nursing homes, the findings stated above are disclosable 90 days following the date of survey whether or not a plan of correction is provided. For nursing homes, the above findings and plans of correction are disclosable 14 days following the date these documents are made available to the facility. If deficiencies are cited, an approved plan of correction is requisite to continued program participation.

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<p>F 0580</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>During an interview with Nurse #10 on 9/13/22 at 10:52 AM, she stated she did not notify the physician that Resident #140's antiseizure medication was unavailable. Nurse #10 stated Nurse #6 had notified the physician and the family representative. She stated resident #140 went without his Vimpat for awhile in June and July. Nurse #10 did not know exactly how long the resident was without the medication.</p> <p>A nurse medication administration note written by Nurse #23 dated 7/18/22 at 9:44 AM revealed Resident #140's Vimpat was unavailable, and the physician was aware.</p> <p>Review of controlled substance records revealed nurses administered Vimpat to Resident #140 until 6/26/22 when the medication became unavailable. The resident did not receive prescribed Vimpat from 6/26/22 - 7/9/22 or from 7/14/22 - 7/21/22.</p> <p>During an interview with Nurse #6 on 9/14/22 at 10:35 AM, she stated Resident #140 did not receive his Vimpat after the pharmacy could not refill it. Nurse #6 notified the NP who requested that staff contact the neurologist. Nurse #6 stated she did not know which nurse contacted the neurologist.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with NP #1 on 9/14/22 at 10:45 AM. NP #1 stated she was notified in June 2022 that Resident #140's Vimpat was not available. NP #1 informed the staff Resident #140 could not go without Vimpat and could end up in the hospital. Administrator #2 assured NP #1 the medication would be obtained, and the facility could cover the cost if needed. NP #1 understood the medication would be provided and was unaware the Vimpat continued to not be administered in June and July.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with Physician #1 on 9/15/22 at 10:19 AM. Physician #1 stated he was not aware Resident #140 did not receive Vimpat as ordered.</p> <p>During an interview with NP #2 on 9/16/22 at 9:41 AM, she stated in June 2022 Nurse #6 informed her Resident #140's Vimpat was not available. NP #2 believed Nurse #6 spoke with the neurologist.</p> <p>A follow up interview was conducted with NP #2 on 9/16/22 at 12:07 PM. NP #2 clarified she was made aware Resident #140 did not have his Vimpat in June 2022. She was not aware of the 3-day supply that was obtained 7/10/22 - 7/13/22 and was not aware the resident was again without the medication on 7/14/22 - 7/21/22 after the 3-day supply ran out.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with the Neurologist on 9/16/22 at 12:37 PM. She stated the office was notified that insurance would not cover Vimpat for Resident #140. On 6/24/22, a facility nurse called and requested an alternate medication. A prescription for the generic form of Vimpat was sent to the facility. She was not aware of how long Resident #140 was without Vimpat. In July 2022, the resident's family member spoke with the office nurse and reported Resident #140 had not been receiving Vimpat at the facility.</p> <p>The Administrator and Nurse Consultant were verbally notified of Immediate Jeopardy for F580 on 9/15/22 at 2:09 PM.</p> <p>The facility provided a credible allegation of Immediate Jeopardy removal with a correction date of 9/17/22:</p> <p>Removal Plan F580</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>Provide care and assistance to perform activities of daily living for any resident who is unable.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 38077</p> <p>Based on observation, record review and interviews with resident and staff, the facility failed to provide incontinence care (Resident#75) and failed to provide personal hygiene and grooming (Resident #355) for 2 of 15 dependent residents reviewed for activities of daily living (ADL) care.</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>1.Resident #75 was admitted to the facility on [DATE]</p> <p>The resident's most recent Minimum Data Set (MDS) was a quarterly assessment dated [DATE]. This assessment revealed Resident #75 was cognitively intact with a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) score of 15 out of 15. No behaviors were reported. The assessment also indicated Resident #75 required extensive assistance with bed mobility and total dependence with dressing, personal hygiene, and toileting with 1-person physical assistance. The MDS assessment indicated Resident #75 was always incontinent of bladder and bowel.</p> <p>Resident # 75 ' s current care plan addressed a problem related to Activity of Daily living (ADL) self-care performance deficit related to limited range of motion (ROM) (Last Reviewed/Revised on 8/25/22). The planned interventions indicated the resident was extensive assistance for toileting.</p> <p>On 9/12/22 at 11:20 AM an interview was conducted with Resident #75. He stated he had not received any personal care today on day shift. The NA brought him his breakfast and that was the only time he had seen staff. He stated he was wet, and his linen was wet. He further stated that this was not the first time he had not received personal care in the morning. He stated his skin on his backside was beginning to hurt from being wet.</p> <p>On 9/12/22 at 11:30 AM an interview was conducted with Nurse Aide (NA) #1. She stated that she had not provided care to Resident #75 today on day shift. She indicated her shift started at 7:00 AM. She stated the resident was alert and oriented and could verbalize his needs. She stated she thought the agency NA had provided care to the resident this morning. She stated she could provide care now when requested.</p> <p>During an observation on 9/12/22 at 11:40 AM, NA #1 provided a bed bath and incontinence care to Resident #75. The resident's linen was wet with urine that had a strong odor all the way through to the mattress. The undergarment was soaked through with urine. The NA#1 wiped the mattress with a dry towel. The mattress was not cleaned of the visible urine with soap. The linen was changed. The resident also had a bowel movement. His skin was intact. Interview with NA #1, she stated the resident had not received personal care yet this morning because I was assisting other residents. A lingering odor of urine was detected in the room at the time of this interview and observation.</p> <p>On 9/12/22 at 11:45 AM an interview was conducted with Nurse #1, who indicated the resident was a heavy wetter and incontinent care should be completed every 2 hours by the nurse aides. Nurse indicated she was unsure if another NA who was agency staff provided care to the resident.</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>On 9/12/22 at 12:30 PM an interview was conducted with agency NA. NA #5 stated she was not assigned to the resident and had not provided incontinent care to the resident since morning. NA #5 stated when she was assigned to the resident, the resident had to be changed every 2 hours as he was a heavy wetter.</p> <p>An interview was conducted on 9/15/22 at 2:20 PM with the facility's Administrator. During the interview, the Administrator stated she would expect staff to address a resident ' s concern immediately when a call light was activated and for ADL care to be provided upon any request for incontinence care. Administrator further stated that routine checks with rounding should be conducted every two hours if the resident had not called out requesting assistance before that.</p> <p>43895</p> <p>2. Resident #355 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses that included surgical procedure for right shoulder dislocation.</p> <p>The admission Minimum Data Set assessment dated [DATE] revealed Resident #355 was cognitively intact and required extensive assistance for personal hygiene needs. She was totally dependent for all activities of daily living. She had functional impairment on one side of the upper extremity.</p> <p>The care plan dated 8/10/22 revealed Resident #355 was admitted for rehabilitation services due to a recent displaced fracture and dislocation of the right shoulder due to a fall at home.</p> <p>An interview and observation with Resident #355 were conducted on 9/12/22 at 10:15 am. She revealed staff had washed her hair earlier that morning around 5:00 am but her hair was not dried or combed yet. Her hair was loosely wrapped in a bath towel while lying in bed. She was able to comb her hair but needed staff to assist due to the length and right arm impairment. Upon further observation, Resident #355's hair appeared very oily and tangled. Her hair was long and was below shoulder length. She indicated she desired for staff to comb her hair daily and after washed but it was not being done. She indicated she didn't know why staff left the bath towel wrapped on her hair after it was washed. Resident #355 further indicated this contributed to her hair being matted and tangled since admission to the facility.</p> <p>On 9/12/22 at 11:55 am on a return visit with Resident #355 the bath towel was observed still loosely wrapped on her hair.</p> <p>On 9/12/22 at 12:36 pm an interview was conducted with Nurse Assistant (NA) #4 who was assigned to Resident #355 during the 7:00 am to 7:00 pm shift that day. NA #4 revealed that he was told staff had provided a bed bath to Resident #355 earlier in the morning on the previous shift, but he gave her another bed bath at approximately 11:00 am because she requested one. NA #4 indicated he had left the bath towel in Resident #355's hair after he provided a bed bath because she asked for it to be left on. NA #4 indicated he had not yet combed Resident #355's hair but would do it later in his 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>On 9/14/22 at 1:44 pm an interview was conducted with Unit Supervisor #1. She indicated Resident #355 required moderate to extensive assistance with hygiene and grooming needs. She was not aware that staff had left a bath towel on Resident #355's hair and left uncombed after washing on 9/12/22. Unit Supervisor #1 indicated Resident #355's hair was prone to oiliness and staff washed her hair on her shower days every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday on day shift.</p> <p>On 9/16/22 at 11:30 am during an interview with the interim Administrator, she indicated she expected nursing staff to provide Resident #355 with hygiene and grooming needs daily and as needed. She explained that staff were expected to comb or brush Resident #355's hair at least once a day to prevent tangles and matting. Resident #355's hair was also to be washed on her scheduled shower days and on other days as needed.</p>		

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<p>F 0686</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide appropriate pressure ulcer care and prevent new ulcers from developing.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 38129</p> <p>Based on observation, record review, and interview of staff and resident, the facility failed to follow the pressure ulcer dressing order and used saline instead of wound cleanser and placed the wrong medication in the wound bed (Resident #131) for 1 of 3 residents reviewed for pressure ulcer.</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>Resident #131 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with pressure ulcer of his sacral region stage 4.</p> <p>Resident #131 ' s quarterly Minimum Data Set, dated dated dated [DATE] documented stage four stage 4 pressure ulcers that were present on admission.</p> <p>Resident #131 ' s care plan dated 6/21/22 documented pressure ulcer to right lower leg and sacrum provide care as ordered.</p> <p>Resident #131 ' s physician order pressure ulcer dressing dated 9/7/22 documented dressing change to the sacrum cleanse with wound cleanser, apply collagen sheet (wound bed) and cover with foam border dressing and dressing change to the right lower leg cleanse with wound cleanser, apply collagen sheet (wound bed), and cover with foam border dressing.</p> <p>On 9/13/22 at 6:40 am an observation was done of Resident #131's sacral and right lower leg pressure ulcer care by Nurse #3. She cleansed the wounds with sterile saline, placed calcium alginate in the sacral and right leg ulcer wound bed, and covered with foam dressing. The wounds were clean with fresh granulation tissue. There were no signs of infection. Nurse #3 opened the resident ' s electronic medical record for the pressure ulcer orders and the orders documented cleanse with wound cleanser, place a collagen sheet, and cover with foam border dressing for the sacral and right leg.</p> <p>On 9/13/22 at 7:05 am an interview was conducted with Nurse #3. Nurse #3 stated she cleansed the wound with sterile saline because there was no wound cleanser available to use and she placed calcium alginate to the sacrum and right lateral lower leg pressure ulcer and not a collagen sheet because she thought the order was for calcium alginate. She stated she should have followed the order.</p> <p>On 9/13/22 at 10:40 am the Director of Nursing was informed of Resident #131 ' s dressing change was completed incorrect.</p>

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<p>F 0695</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>On [DATE] at 10:40 am an interview was conducted with the Transportation Coordinator. The coordinator stated she remembered Resident #505 and that the van driver who was responsible to take the resident to his appointment left without an oxygen tank. A tank was sent to the cardiology office for the resident to return.</p> <p>On [DATE] at 2:40 pm an interview was conducted with the Interim Administrator and Corporate Nurse Consultant. The Interim Administrator stated she was not aware that Resident #505, oxygen dependent, was sent to an outside cardiology appointment without oxygen on one occasion and that the resident had respiratory distress.</p> <p>The Administrator was notified of immediate jeopardy on [DATE].</p> <p>The facility provided a credible allegation of immediate jeopardy removal.</p> <p>Credible Allegation of Compliance</p> <p>F695</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 failed to provide ordered respiratory care that met the need for Resident #46 to maintain a clear airway from tracheal secretions which resulted in hypoxia and multiple trips to the emergency department to clear her airway.</p> <p>Per interview with resident, center staff did not respond to resident #505 's call for help early morning [DATE] due to shortness of breath for a reported 45 minutes which resulted in hypoxia of 50% oxygen level. Resident stated he was not receiving oxygen; it had run out. Emergency medical services were required, and a non-rebreather oxygen mask (high level oxygen flow) was needed. For same resident, on [DATE] the facility did not provide a full oxygen tank for Resident #505 's cardiology appointment. When the resident arrived at the office, he was in respiratory distress and the oxygen tank was found to be empty. Upon notification to the center, the center took a replacement oxygen tank to the MD office.</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>Resident #46 was assessed by the Director of Nursing (DON) on [DATE] and was noted as stable with trach care and suctioning. New orders were implemented between ,d+[DATE]- [DATE] to include suctioning every four hours, and trach care every 12 hours and as needed. The DON verified the new orders were being implemented on the specific frequency, the new orders were validated to be present on the TAR for the ordered frequency, and the DON verified the respiratory equipment was functioning as intended. The care plan was updated on [DATE] to include every aspect of trach care, suctioning, and respiratory assessment.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0695</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>A contracted Respiratory Therapist evaluated resident #46 on [DATE] and orders were updated as needed, to include suctioning documentation related to amount, consistency, color and odor, and documented through/in the supplemental documentation attached to the treatment administration record. No current patients are receiving trach care at the center.</p> <p>In the event there is a concern during ordered trach care, the staff member cannot effectively suction a resident ' s trach care, and/or the trach tube become dislodged, the physician will be notified for follow-up, and this will be documented in the medical record for shift reporting, and for nursing administration during the 24-hour review. In the event of an trach tube becoming dislodged, nurse will use the beside ambu bag and/or replacement trach located at beside to aide in respirations.</p> <p>Resident # 505 discharged on [DATE]. Currently, there are five residents that are on either bipap or cpap therapies. Additionally, 26 patients are on oxygen therapy. Personalized care plans for residents with bipap, cpap and oxygen therapies were developed for all residents with oxygen to include every aspect such as supplemental oxygen, transportation with oxygen, application of oxygen to a CPAP/BiPAP. There were no new orders or recommendations by the Registered Respiratory Therapist, Respiratory Care Practitioner. (RTT, RCP)</p> <p>Current nursing leadership to include DON, Assistant Director of Nursing (ADON) Staff Development Coordinator (SDC) and all nurse leadership received education on [DATE] by the center respiratory therapist regarding trach care to include: tracheostomy care, frequency of suctioning, respiratory assessment and documentation of such care, to include return demonstration, as well as caring for patients with cpaps, bipaps, and oxygen while in center and preparing for external appointments.</p> <p>In turn, nurse leadership (DON, ADON SDC) provided full time, part time, as needed, and contracted nursing staff (agency) the same education with return demonstration on [DATE]. Any staff assigned to a trach patient or patient with oxygen therapies will receive this education prior to the beginning of their shift, if not available on [DATE]. This training will be added to the orientation program.</p> <p>The individual responsible for this education is a registered respiratory therapist (RTT), respiratory care practitioner (RCP). As a contracted RTT RCP, she will be here weekly to monitor the trach patient, with monthly visits to review CPAP/BIPAP patients. She will also be available as needed to address any issues related to other respiratory care needs.</p> <p>Alleged date of IJ removal is [DATE].</p> <p>Person responsible for implementation is the administrator</p> <p>[TRUNCATED]</p>		

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<p>F 0725</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide enough nursing staff every day to meet the needs of every resident; and have a licensed nurse in charge on each shift.</p> <p>28265</p> <p>Based on observations, record review and interviews with staff, resident, and family the facility failed to provide sufficient nursing staff to meet the needs of the residents. The facility failed to provide activities of daily living for dependent residents who need help. This affected (Resident #75) and (Resident #355) 2 of 15 residents reviewed for staffing.</p> <p>Cross referring:</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>This tag is cross referenced to:</p> <p>1.F 677: Based on observation, record review and interviews with resident and staff, the facility failed to provide incontinence care (Resident#75) and failed to provide personal hygiene and grooming (Resident #355) for 2 of 15 dependent residents reviewed for activities of daily living (ADL) care.</p> <p>During an interview with Nursing Assistant (NA) #21 during the tour on 09/15/22 at 4:45am, NA #21 indicated they had been working in the facility for 3 plus years and indicated because the state had been in the facility all week, there was plenty of staff scheduled. NA #21 indicated that on a normal night we have up to 20 plus residents and it was hard to meet the needs of the residents. Staff indicated that some of the residents were wet and soaked by the time they get to them. Staff also indicated that the facility allow agencies staff to come in and the staff have no knowledge of what the residents need are or how to provide care for them.</p> <p>During an interview with a family member (FM) on 09/14/22 at 3:30pm, they had concerns about Resident #28 ' s care and indicated the facility had a staff shortage and at times Resident #28 had to wait for 45 minutes to over a hours before staff provided care and treatment. FM indicated that she understood Resident #28 ' s condition and now has hospice in place involved but the facility needed more staff.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with the Resident Council President on 09/15/22 at 2:00 pm and it was indicated the facility had been short of staff for months, he indicated that Residents complained to him about the waiting time for care and treatment from staff. He indicated many residents complained about being in bed during the late second shift and on third shift.</p> <p>On 9/16/22 at 5:10 pm an interview was conducted with the Administrator. She stated she only had been at the facility since August 1, 2022. The administrator indicated that her expectation was for staff to meet the needs of the residents in the facility.</p> <p>The administrator also indicated staffing was challenging and the facility had a lot of agency staff.</p>

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<p>F 0726</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Ensure that nurses and nurse aides have the appropriate competencies to care for every resident in a way that maximizes each resident's well being.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 38129</p> <p>Based on observations, record review and interviews of staff, contracted Respiratory Therapist, and Medical Director, the facility failed to train nursing staff and verify competency to provide for and to meet the respiratory care needs for 1 of 1 resident reviewed for tracheostomy care. Resident #46 required 5 trips to the Emergency Department (ED) over a two and a half week period of time to clear her airway and treat hypoxia as a result of staff not maintaining a clear airway from tracheal secretions.</p> <p>Immediate jeopardy began on 8/26/22 when the failure to train and verify competence of nursing staff resulted in the necessary tracheostomy care not being provided and Resident #46 had to be sent to the ED for tracheal tube obstruction, large amounts of secretions, and loss of her tracheostomy tube. Immediate jeopardy was removed on 9/17/22 when the facility implemented a credible allegation of immediate jeopardy removal. The facility remains out of compliance at a lower scope and severity of an E which is no actual harm with potential for more than minimal harm that is not immediate jeopardy to complete staff education and ensure monitoring systems put in place are effective.</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>Resident #46 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with the diagnosis of acute respiratory failure. The admission history indicated the resident was admitted for tracheostomy tube management.</p> <p>Resident #46's admission Minimum Data Set (MDS) dated [DATE] documented the resident had an intact cognition and no refusal of care. Treatments included tracheostomy care and suctioning.</p> <p>Resident #46's physician orders dated 7/12/22 included, in part:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tracheostomy care every shift and as needed. Clean or change the inner cannula as applicable. Specify inner cannula size 6. - Suction excess secretions as needed <p>On 9/13/22 at 3:15 pm an interview was conducted with the Medical Director (MD). The MD clarified his order for tracheostomy care each shift meant every twelve hours (nursing had 12 hours shifts) and included suctioning the resident at least once a shift, but this was not how the order was written on 7/12/22.</p> <p>On 9/13/22 at 3:15 pm an interview was conducted with Unit Supervisor #1. She stated she was not aware the physician expected nursing staff to suction Resident #46 each shift with the tracheostomy care. She stated she was aware there was an order for tracheostomy suctioning as needed. She stated that nursing staff were responsible for all respiratory care including the equipment, there was no Respiratory Therapist.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0726</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>a. On 8/26/22, a nurse's note was documented by Nurse #6. Resident #46 had a change of condition due to an obstructed tracheostomy tube. The resident's oxygen level was 95% out of 100%, pulse was 80, and respirations were 19. The Nurse Practitioner (NP) was called and gave orders to send the resident to the ED.</p> <p>The Emergency Department (ED) record dated 8/26/22 documented Resident #46 was seen for tracheal tube obstruction. The facility informed the ED that they were unable to suction the resident. No inner cannula was in place from the facility, and one was placed in the ED. The Respiratory Therapist (RT) was unable to pass a suction catheter because of secretions and mucous accumulation and hardening causing a partial obstruction. The ear nose and throat (ENT) physician changed the tracheostomy tube. The resident was observed for two- and one-half hours and returned to the facility.</p> <p>On 9/14/22 at 11:40 an interview was conducted with Nurse #6. She stated, I was assigned to Resident #46 on 8/26/22. I was not able to pass the suction catheter and suction the resident. She said she typically suctioned when she completed tracheostomy care. Nurse #6 stated she did not listen to the resident's lungs. She reported that she participated in a tracheostomy in-service when Resident #46 was first admitted . Nurse #6 stated this was her first tracheostomy care resident.</p> <p>b. On 8/30/22 a nurse's note was documented and indicated Resident #46 coughed, and her tracheostomy tube came out (it was not noted if the inner cannula was in place). All efforts to replace the tracheostomy by staff were not successful. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) were contacted, and the resident was taken to the emergency room .</p> <p>The ED note dated 8/30/22 documented Resident #46 was seen and diagnosed with tracheostomy tube change and aspiration pneumonia of the left lung. The resident required suctioning by the RT and the cough improved. Antibiotics were ordered. The resident was suctioned, tracheostomy tube was changed, and she returned to the facility. The resident maintained her oxygen level with use of oxygen while in the ED.</p> <p>On 9/16/22 at 12:30 pm an interview was conducted with the facility contracted Respiratory Therapist (RT) hired on 9/16/22. She stated that nursing should not replace a tracheostomy tube because they were not trained to properly perform this. She stated that EMS should be called. She stated that the resident should be suctioned as needed to clear the rhonchi and cough. Cough can contribute to loss of the tracheostomy tube. She stated repeated loss of a tracheostomy tube was not usual.</p> <p>c. The ED note dated 9/4/22 documented Resident #46 was seen for dried secretions and tracheostomy change due to secretion accumulation. The inner cannula was not present when the resident arrived at the ED and the Ear Nose and Throat (ENT) Physician recommended the resident have a disposable inner cannula in place at all times to prevent crust and secretion accumulation. The resident was suctioned of a large amount of secretions. The resident reported to the ED Staff the tracheostomy was dislodged due to coughing secretions and she was feeling short of breath. The resident had increased work of breathing and oxygen was provided at the ED until the tube was changed.</p> <p>There was no corresponding nurse's note for the 9/4/22 ED evaluation.</p> <p>d. On 9/9/22 Nurse #1 documented a nurse's note. Resident #46 came out into the hall with her tracheostomy in her hand. She had coughed the tracheostomy out and staff was unable to replace. The resident was sent to the ED. No oxygen level was documented in this nurse's note.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0726</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Resident #46's ED documentation dated 9/9/22 indicated ENT had inserted a size 4 (smaller) tracheostomy cannula in place of the size 6 tracheostomy cannula that was dislodged due to coughing and lodged secretions. The resident received oxygen to increase her oxygen level from 90% to 98%. The ED physician was unable to place a size 6. The facility reported to ED staff they were unable to suction the resident at the facility due to thick, dry secretions. The hospital documented discharge instructions to change the inner cannula every 12 hours and to suction the tracheostomy every 4 hours to prevent clogging. An order was provided to follow up with ENT to be evaluated to have a surgical procedure to enlarge the tracheostomy again.</p> <p>Nurse #1 was not available for interview.</p> <p>e. Resident #46's nurse's note dated 9/12/22 documented that the resident complained about not being able to breathe. The resident was suctioned a few times. Oxygen reading was 88% out of 100% and heart rate was 133. The Nurse Practitioner was called and provided an order to send the resident out to the ED.</p> <p>Resident #46's ED note dated 9/12/22 documented the resident was unable to breathe due to secretions. The resident had secretions that the facility, reportedly, was not able to suction and clear without significant relief. EMS documented resident was hypoxic (low in oxygen) in the high 80s oxygen reading (out of 100). The resident had increased work of breathing. with oxygen saturation of 90% on room air. The diagnosis was clogged tracheostomy tube with thick clear secretions that the hospital RT had to clear. Coarse rhonchi were cleared after suctioning. The oxygen saturation was 96% on room air after suctioning. The chest x-ray had no acute findings. The resident was stable for discharge back to the facility.</p> <p>On 9/14/22 at 5:50 am an observation was done of Resident #46. She was sleeping in her bed with the head of the bed elevated approximately 30 degrees. The resident's tracheostomy dressing was clean and dry. Her mist collar (provides humidification to the tracheostomy) was in place but was dry and not misting.</p> <p>On 9/14/22 at 5:40 am an interview with Nurse #3. She stated she worked here 2 months and was agency staff. She indicated she had worked with Resident #46 and provided tracheostomy care that included suctioning but had not been provided education for tracheostomy care and/or suctioning by the facility. She stated she had a concern that the mist collar was not moist this shift, it appeared dry. There was no mist observed.</p> <p>On 9/14/22 at 8:10 am an observation was conducted of Resident #46 with assigned Nurse #4. The resident was ambulating in her room and not wearing the mist collar. The collar was sitting on the humidification device, and it was not misting. The resident coughed and rhonchi were audible, and she was holding her tracheostomy in place. Interview with Resident #4, she stated the mist collar was dry. Nurse #4 was concurrently interviewed and stated she was not aware the mist collar was not working. Nurse #4 stated she did not know how to correct the mist/humidification device.</p> <p>On 9/16/22 at 12:30 pm an interview was conducted with the facility contracted Respiratory Therapist hired on 9/16/22. She stated that the tracheostomy collar mist device was not properly set up and was not misting as intended for an unknown period. Secretions can become dry and occlude when humidification was not provided. Occlusion can cause hypoxia and an inability to pass the suction catheter.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0726</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>On 9/13/22 at 10:00 am an interview was conducted with Nurse #2. Nurse #2 stated she had not received in-service for tracheostomy care and was assigned to a resident with a tracheostomy.</p> <p>On 9/13/22 at 3:30 pm an interview was conducted with the Medical Director (MD). The MD stated that he was not aware Resident #46 was seen in the Emergency Department (ED) 5 times in the last 3 weeks due to a mucous-plugged or loss of her tracheostomy tube. The staff had called the Nurse Practitioner and she had addressed the concerns by sending the resident to the ED. A stable tracheostomy would not need to be sent to the ED for this frequency. The MD stated Resident #46's tracheostomy was no longer stable. The Medical Director revealed when Resident #46 was admitted to the facility with a tracheostomy he had concerns that nursing would not be capable to manage the resident's tracheostomy. There was currently 70% agency nursing staff that he was not sure could manage or was trained in tracheostomy care. The Medical Director stated he informed the facility they could not take another tracheostomy resident. The Medical Director stated he had a discussion with corporate staff and administration that there were concerns with nurse staffing and care provided.</p> <p>The Administrator was notified of immediate jeopardy on 9/16/22.</p> <p>The facility provided a credible allegation of immediate jeopardy removal.</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 failed to document the resident's tracheal suctioning frequency, how the resident tolerated suctioning, and what was retrieved. The facility failed to provide adequate training to staff, including agency staff and hires including: tracheostomy care, including suctioning, respiratory assessment, and steps to take when a resident requires additional suctioning or is hypoxic.</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>Resident #46 was assessed by the Director of Nursing (DON) on 9/15/22 and was noted as stable with trach care and suctioning. New orders were implemented between 9/13- 9/14/22 to include suctioning every four hours, and trach care every 12 hours and as needed. The DON verified the new orders were being implemented on the specific frequency, the new orders were validated to be present on the TAR for the ordered frequency, and the DON verified the respiratory equipment was functioning as intended. The care plan was updated on 9/16/22 to include every aspect of trach care, suctioning, and respiratory assessment.</p> <p>A contracted respiratory therapist evaluated resident #46 on 9/16/22 and orders were updated as needed, to include suctioning documentation related to amount, consistency, color and odor. No other current patients are receiving trach care at the center.</p> <p>In the event there is a concern during ordered trach care, the staff member cannot effectively suction a resident's trach care, and/or the trach tube become dislodged, the physician will be notified for follow-up, and this will be documented in the medical record for shift reporting, and for nursing administration during the 24-hour review.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0726</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Current nursing leadership to include DON, Assistant Director of Nursing (ADON) Staff Development Coordinator (SDC) and all nurse leadership received education on 9/16/22 by a contracted registered respiratory therapist (RTT), respiratory care practitioner (RCP), contracted on 9/16/22, according to professional standards of tracheostomy care. Training with return demonstration included: tracheostomy care, tracheal suctioning, how to manage a dislodged tracheal tube, and documentation of care provided.</p> <p>In turn, nurse leadership (DON, ADON SDC) provided full time, part time, as needed, and contracted nursing staff (agency) the same education with return demonstration on 9/16/22. Any staff assigned to a trach patient will receive this education prior to the beginning of their shift, if not available on 9/16/22. This education with return demonstration will be added to all future orientations and as needed when tracheostomy patients are admitted .</p> <p>The individual responsible for this education is a registered respiratory therapist (RTT), respiratory care practitioner (RCP). The contracted RTT, RCP will be here weekly to monitor the trach patient, with monthly visits to review CPAP/BIPAP patients. She will also be available as needed to address any issues related to respiratory care needs.</p> <p>Alleged date of immediate jeopardy removal is 9/17/22.</p> <p>Person responsible for implementation is the Administrator.</p> <p>The credible allegation of immediate jeopardy removal was verified on 9/19/22 by onsite validation. On 9/19/22 at 1:15 pm an observation was done of nursing education and return demonstration for respiratory care/tracheostomy suctioning of Nurse #14 and Unit Supervisor #1 according to the credible allegation requirements. The nursing in-service signed roster was reviewed. The skills check list had all required components for tracheostomy care and suctioning. The list was reviewed by the contracted Respiratory Therapist. A Respiratory Therapist (RT) was contracted on 9/16/22 to oversee all respiratory care, education, and equipment. The RT completed education and return demonstration of all nursing management on 9/16/22. The facility's immediate jeopardy removal date was determined to be 9/17/21 based on the validation.</p>		

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<p>F 0755</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide pharmaceutical services to meet the needs of each resident and employ or obtain the services of a licensed pharmacist.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 44889</p> <p>Based on record review, staff interviews, pharmacist interview, and Physician interview, the facility failed to provide access to over-the-counter pain patches (Salonpas pain relief patch) for a resident with joint pain (Resident #42) resulting in two missed doses of the pain medication. This occurred for 1 of 10 residents reviewed for pharmacy services.</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>Resident #42 was readmitted to the facility on [DATE]. Diagnoses included arthropathy (disease of joints) and polyosteoarthritis (joint pain and swelling).</p> <p>Resident #42 was ordered Salonpas pain relief patch on 5/25/22. It was to be applied to the left shoulder daily.</p> <p>Resident #42's quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS) dated [DATE] revealed the resident was cognitively intact.</p> <p>On 8/20/22, Nurse #12 indicated on the Medication Administration Record (MAR) she administered a Salonpas pain patch for Resident #42. A progress note dated 8/20/22, however, indicated the medication was not given, stating the resident's medication was unavailable.</p> <p>On 8/21/22, Nurse #12 indicated on the MAR the Salonpas pain patch was not administered for resident #42. A progress note dated 8/21/22 confirmed Nurse #12 did not administer the Salonpas patch as it was unavailable.</p> <p>The pain assessment was not completed on the MAR for dayshift on 8/20/22 and 8/21/22. The pain level was documented as 0 on the MAR for nightshift on 8/20/22 and 8/21/22.</p> <p>Attempts to interview Nurse #12 on 9/13/22 were unsuccessful.</p> <p>Observations of Resident #42 on 9/12/22 at 1:48 PM and 9/15/22 at 9:10 AM revealed she was wearing the Salonpas pain patch to her left shoulder. During an interview with Resident #42 on 9/12/22 at 1:48 PM, she stated the facility had run out of the pain patches in the past. She did not recall the dates when she was not administered the pain patch.</p> <p>During an interview with Nurse #10 on 9/13/22 at 9:26 AM, she stated when Salonpas patches were unavailable, nurses would contact Central Supply for more patches. Observation of Nurse #10's medication cart during the interview revealed there were two boxes of Salonpas patches available.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0755</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>An interview was conducted with Central Supply on 9/13/22 at 2:30 PM. She stated she ordered over-the-counter (OTC) medications for the facility. Central Supply revealed there was not a process for obtaining stocked OTC medications when they ran out over the weekend. During the week, nurses notified her when they needed Salonpas patches for the weekend. If the nurse doesn't ask for the patches, she would not know they needed it. During the weekend of 8/20/22 and 8/21/22, Salonpas patches were locked in her office desk and inaccessible to nurses. They were locked up so that no one would steal them. Currently, the patches were accessible in the medication supply room as well as a shelf in her office.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with Pharmacist #1 on 9/14/22 at 9:30 AM. Pharmacist #1 stated Resident #42 had an active order for Salonpas patches. The pharmacy last dispensed the medication to the facility in May of 2022. On 6/1/22, the corporate office instructed the pharmacy to no longer dispense most OTC medications, including Salonpas pain patches. Since then, the facility's central supply staff provided the pain patch. If an OTC medication was unavailable, the facility could send a one-time authorization request to receive the medication from the pharmacy.</p> <p>During an interview with Nurse #6 on 9/14/22 at 10:35 AM, she stated she was aware the Salonpas patches were not administered to Resident #42 on 8/20/22 and 8/21/22. Nurse #6 asked Nurse #12 to get an order for an alternate medication. It was unknown if Nurse #12 called the physician.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with Administrator #1 on 9/14/22 at 1:00 PM. She stated she was unaware Resident #42 did not receive pain patches on 8/20/22 and 8/21/22. Administrator #1 stated she had not been asked to authorize a request for the Salonpas pain patches.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with Nurse Practitioner (NP) #2 on 9/14/22 at 2:16 PM. NP #2 stated she was not notified that Resident #42 did not receive her pain patches. She further explained not receiving the Salonpas pain patches would mean Resident #42's pain was uncontrolled.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with Physician #1 on 9/15/22 at 10:19 AM. He stated he was not aware Resident #42 did not receive Salonpas patches on 8/20/22 and 8/21/22.</p> <p>During an interview with the Assistant Director of Nursing (ADON) on 9/15/22 at 2:41 PM, she confirmed Nurse #12 documented the Salonpas patches were not given on 8/20/22 and 8/21/22. Progress notes indicated the patch was not available on those days.</p>		

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<p>F 0760</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Ensure that residents are free from significant medication errors.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 44889</p> <p>Based on record review, staff interviews, family interview, pharmacist interview, and physician interviews, the facility failed to provide prescribed antiseizure medication for 1 of 10 residents (Resident #140) reviewed for medication errors. Resident #140 did not receive prescribed Vimpat (antiseizure medication) from 6/26/22 - 7/10/22 and from 7/14/22 - 7/21/22. This resulted in the resident not receiving 45 doses of antiseizure medication.</p> <p>Immediate jeopardy began on 6/26/22 when the facility failed to obtain Resident #140's antiseizure medication. Immediate jeopardy was removed on 9/17/22 when the facility implemented an acceptable credible allegation of immediate jeopardy removal. The facility remains out of compliance at a lower scope and severity of E no actual harm with potential for more than minimal harm that is not immediate jeopardy to ensure monitoring systems and staff education put in place are effective.</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>Resident #140 was admitted to the facility on [DATE]. Diagnoses included epilepsy (seizure disorder) and Wernicke's encephalopathy (degenerative brain disorder).</p> <p>Resident #140's care plan, created 11/3/21 and revised on 1/20/22, revealed a focus area for seizures. Interventions included provided medications as ordered.</p> <p>The annual minimum data set (MDS) dated [DATE] revealed Resident #140 was moderately cognitively impaired.</p> <p>Resident #140 had an order dated 5/25/22 to give Depakote (antiseizure medication) delayed release 500 milligrams (MG). He received two tablets by mouth every 12 hours for seizures.</p> <p>Resident #140 was initially ordered Vimpat on 10/12/20. The order dated 5/27/22 revealed Vimpat 200 MG give one tablet by mouth two times a day for seizures, controlled substance.</p> <p>A progress note by Nurse Practitioner (NP) #2 dated 6/7/22 indicated Resident #140 was seen for an assessment. It was noted Resident #140 had seizures and was managed on Vimpat and Depakote (antiseizure medications). No seizure activity was documented or reported by the resident.</p> <p>A nurse progress note written by Director of Nursing (DON) #2 dated 6/24/22 at 2:06 PM indicated there was a follow up with the neurologist's office for a replacement medication for Vimpat.</p> <p>The neurologist office sent a new prescription on 6/24 after speaking with the facility nurse. The pharmacy received the prescription (unreadable) on 6/25/22.</p> <p>Review of controlled substance records revealed nurses administered Vimpat to Resident #140 until 6/26/22 when the medication became unavailable. The resident did not receive prescribed Vimpat from 6/26/22 - 7/9/22 or from 7/14/22 - 7/21/22. Resident #140 received Vimpat from 7/10/22 - 7/13/22 when a 3-day emergency supply had been authorized and dispensed to the facility by the pharmacy.</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 - Some</p>	<p>An interview was conducted with Resident #140's family member on 9/12/22 at 11:40 AM. The family member stated they received a notification from the pharmacy stating Vimpat would no longer be on the formulary (a formulary was a list of medications that were available and provided by the pharmacy). The family member gave the information to Nurse #6 and did not hear back from the facility. At some point, the Neurologist faxed over a generic prescription to the facility, but the family member learned it was not covered by insurance either. The family member completed paperwork and was told Resident #140 did not qualify for the medication assistance program. The family member did not know how long the resident was without Vimpat but had documentation that showed the Vimpat was filled for a 3-day supply in July and again on 7/22/22.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with Nurse #10 on 9/13/22 at 10:52 AM. She stated resident #140 went without his Vimpat for awhile. Nurse #10 did not know exactly how long the resident was without the medication. She indicated, in June 2022, Nurse #6 informed her there was a pharmacy and insurance issue with Resident #140's Vimpat.</p> <p>During an interview with Nurse #6 on 9/14/22 at 10:35 AM, she stated Resident #140 did not receive his Vimpat in June 2022 after the pharmacy could not refill it due to issues with insurance coverage. The NP was notified by Nurse #6 and requested staff contact the neurologist. Nurse #6 indicated she did not contact the neurologist and an unknown nurse had called the neurology office. Nurse #6 explained Resident #140 did not receive Vimpat during June 2022 and July 2022. No medications were prescribed in the place of Vimpat. Resident #140 had received Depakote since 10/2020.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with NP #1 on 9/14/22 at 10:45 AM. NP #1 stated she was notified in June 2022 that Resident #140's Vimpat was not available. NP #1 discussed the issue in a meeting with Administrator #2, the DON at the time, and the unit managers. NP #1 informed the staff Resident #140 could not go without Vimpat and could end up in the hospital. Administrator #2 assured NP #1 the medication would be obtained, and the facility could cover the cost if needed. NP #1 understood the medication would be provided and was unaware the Vimpat continued to not be administered.</p> <p>During an interview with Pharmacist #1 on 9/14/22 at 11:03 AM, she stated there were no insurance coverage issues or prior authorization requests for Resident #140's Vimpat. The dispensing history was as follows: On 6/25/22, the pharmacy received a fax from the facility that was unreadable. The pharmacist at the time spoke with a nurse aide (name unknown) at the facility. The nurse aide told the pharmacist they would have the nurse fax over the prescription. No refax was obtained. On 7/9/22 a verbal authorization was received for an emergency 3-day supply of Vimpat for Resident #140, and it was dispensed. On 7/22/22, a new prescription was received for Vimpat, and it was dispensed.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with former Administrator #2 on 9/14/22 at 11:17 AM. She did not recall Resident #140, the medication, or being notified the resident's Vimpat was not available.</p> <p>During an interview with the Regional Director of Clinical Services #1 on 9/14/22 at 1:00 PM, she stated nurses should call the physician for further orders when a medication was not available in the medication backup system.</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 - Some</p>	<p>An interview was conducted with Physician #1 on 9/15/22 at 10:19 AM. Physician #1 stated he was not aware Resident #140 did not receive Vimpat. He indicated not receiving a medication such as Vimpat was a very serious problem, and the resident could have had seizures that he wouldn't have otherwise. Resident #140 was on Depakote and Vimpat was ordered to stop recurrent seizures that were not maintained on Depakote alone. Physician #1 stated residents should receive medications as ordered and without delay. He considered missing Vimpat a significant medication error and indicated abruptly stopping the medication could result in withdrawals.</p> <p>During an interview with NP #2 on 9/16/22 at 9:41 AM, she stated in June 2022 Nurse #6 informed her Resident #140's Vimpat was not available. NP #2 explained she was told there was an issue with insurance and the medication would not be covered. The NP further indicated Resident #140 needed the Vimpat but was on Depakote while the Vimpat was not available. NP #2 believed Nurse #6 spoke with the neurologist, but the neurologist did not order a substitute medication. NP #2 explained Resident #140 did not have any reported seizures or withdrawal symptoms while he was without Vimpat.</p> <p>During an interview with DON #1 on 9/16/22 at 10:45 AM, she indicated she was not working at the facility at the time the Vimpat was not provided to Resident #140. The DON stated Vimpat was not available in the medication backup system during June and July. There was not a way for Vimpat to be obtained for Resident #140 until it was dispensed by the pharmacy.</p> <p>A follow up interview was conducted with NP #2 on 9/16/22 at 12:07 PM. NP #2 clarified she was made aware Resident #140 did not have his Vimpat in June 2022. She was not aware of the 3-day supply that was obtained in July 2022 and was not aware the resident was again without the medication after the 3-day supply ran out. NP #2 stated it took a week initially in June to contact the neurologist office regarding Resident #140's Vimpat. NP #2 was not aware the resident began receiving Vimpat in July 2022 as prescribed until she followed up with the nurse.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with the Neurologist on 9/16/22 at 12:37 PM. She stated Nurse #6 notified the office that insurance would not cover Vimpat for Resident #140. On 6/24/22, the nurse requested an alternate medication. A prescription for the generic form of Vimpat was sent to the facility. The office nurse provided the facility with information regarding a patient medication assistance program. The Neurologist indicated the resident had been on Vimpat since being admitted to the facility 10/2020. Vimpat had been added to Resident #140's Depakote because he continued to have seizures while just being on Depakote. The neurologist explained it was not ideal for Resident #140 to only be on Depakote. She explained antiseizure medications should not be stopped abruptly or substituted with a different medication as seizures could occur. She was not aware of how long Resident #140 was without Vimpat. In July 2022, the resident's family member spoke with the office nurse and reported Resident #140 had not been receiving Vimpat at the facility.</p> <p>The Administrator and Nurse Consultant were verbally notified of Immediate Jeopardy for F760 on 9/15/22 at 2:09 PM.</p> <p>The facility provided a credible allegation of Immediate Jeopardy removal with a removal date of 9/17/22:</p> <p>Removal Plan F760</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 - Some</p>	<p>1. Identify those recipients who have suffered, or are likely to suffer, a serious adverse outcome as a result of the noncompliance</p> <p>Vimpat was not administered as ordered on 6/26/22 - 7/10/22 and from 7/14/22 - 7/21/22. The medication was ultimately made available via generic medication order/ insurance authorization and after 7/21/22, the patient has received the medication.</p> <p>The MD and one NP indicated Vimpat was a medication Resident #140 should not go without and he could have a seizure, end up in the hospital, and/or sustain serious harm as a result of a seizure. There was no harm or adverse effect on Resident #140. Resident was receiving other ordered seizure medications during the missed administrations of the Vimpat.</p> <p>2. 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>The Assistant Director of Nursing (ADON) reviewed medication orders for all current residents receiving seizure medications to assure that medications were available on 9/15/22. No other anti-seizure medications were unavailable.</p> <p>Education will be provided by 9/16/22 by the Director of Nursing, Staff Development Coordinator, or designee to all full time, part time, as needed, and contracted nursing staff (if applicable) on proper notification to providers, including Physician and NP, when a medication is unavailable. Staff not working on 9/16/22 will receive education prior to the start of their shift after 9/16/22.</p> <p>The protocol would include, but not limited to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. receive clarification for a medication hold order, and/or 2. request alternative orders while original order is being processed or provided by pharmacy or while insurance authorization is being obtained. 3. Follow-up with the pharmacy to understand the cause of medication unavailability with immediate resolution. 4. Follow-up to internal provider (MD or NP) if specialist office is not available immediately for follow-up orders. <p>Alleged date of IJ removal is September 17th 2022.</p> <p>Person responsible for implementation is the administrator.</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 - Some</p>	<p>The credible allegation was validated on 9/16/22 when staff interviews revealed that they had received recent education on processes when medications were unavailable, pharmacy notifications, addressing issues with insurance, when to have an authorization form completed, contacting the physician and nurse practitioner when medications were unavailable, and obtaining orders for medication substitutes when applicable. Facility documentation revealed staff were educated on issues related to medication availability. Review of the audit performed by the facility revealed all residents had their antiseizure medication available on the medication carts and the order listing report was used to verify this information.</p> <p>Date of IJ removal 9/17/22</p>		

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<p>F 0812</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p>	<p>Procure food from sources approved or considered satisfactory and store, prepare, distribute and serve food in accordance with professional standards.</p> <p>20906</p> <p>Based on observations and staff interviews, the facility failed to keep food preparation areas, food storage areas and food service equipment clean, free from debris, grease buildup, and/or dried spills during two kitchen observations. This practice had the potential to affect food served to all residents.</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>1. During a kitchen tour on 9/12/22 at 9:33 AM, the following observations were made with the kitchen Supervisor:</p> <p>a. The walk-in refrigerator had dried frozen liquids under a black mat on the floor. There were food products and cups on the floor under the shelves.</p> <p>b. The walk-in freezer had frozen food products, ice cream cups and trash on the floor under the shelving where food was stored. The floor had frozen liquids under a black mat.</p> <p>c. The 9- stove burners had a heavy grease build up on the stove burners, walls behind the stove, and front of the stove. There were large amounts of burnt foods, dried, encrusted, liquid and splatters throughout the stove area. The inside and outside of the combination stove and oven doors had grease buildup, dried foods, and liquid spills.</p> <p>d. The 4-compartment ovens had a heavy grease buildup, dried food, and liquids on the inside and outside. The grease buildup was encrusted on doors/shelves where foods were being cooked. There was a dried grease buildup was observed on the fronts of the ovens and on the walls on the inner walls of the oven or on the walls behind the oven.</p> <p>e. The fryer had dried brown/yellow liquid matter encrusted on edges inside and outside. In addition, the fryer had heavy grease and food build up inside and outside, food products behind the fryer.</p> <p>f. The 10 meal carts with dry food products stored in them had dried liquids, food crumbs and particles inside. The outside cart also had dried liquids running down the fronts/sides of the cart.</p> <p>An interview was conducted on 9/12/22 at 9:50 AM, the Dietary Manager presented a checklist of the kitchen cleaning schedule. She stated staff were required to wipe down meal carts after each meal and deep clean carts weekly, oven/stove should be wiped down after each meal and deep cleaned weekly. The DM further stated she was responsible for ensuring the kitchen staff kept the equipment clean and orderly. She added the kitchen equipment should be wiped down daily and cleaned weekly in accordance with the kitchen cleaning checklist. The DM confirmed the identified meal cart and kitchen equipment had not been cleaned.</p> <p>Follow-up observation on 9/13/22 at 8:00 AM, revealed the meal carts and kitchen equipment remained the same as the initial tour on 9/12/22.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0812</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p>	<p>An interview was conducted on 9/14/22 at 10:00 AM, the Administrator stated the Dietary Manager was responsible for ensuring the kitchen was cleaned and maintained. The expectation would be for the Dietary Manager to ensure all kitchen cleaning protocols were in place and followed in accordance to with kitchen sanitation guidelines.</p>		