

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 366094	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 12/16/2022
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<p>F 0880</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p>	<p>Provide and implement an infection prevention and control program.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 41266</p> <p>Based on the unprecedented global pandemic that resulted in the Presidential declaration of a State of National Emergency dated 03/13/20, review of Nursing Home Guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), observations of staff and residents, medical record reviews, review of the facility Coronavirus (COVID-19) policies and staff and resident interviews, the facility failed to implement effective and recommended infection control practices, including the implementation of appropriate isolation and quarantine procedures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the facility. This resulted in Immediate Jeopardy on 11/21/22 when 11 residents (Residents #2, #3, #12, #26, #36, #43, #44, #54, #65, #66, and #78) on the second floor tested positive for COVID-19. Residents #43 and #78 were roommates and each tested positive on 11/21/22. On 11/25/22, 17 additional residents (Residents #5, #15, #30, #39, #40, #41, #49, #50, #53, #57, #58, #67, #71, #72, #74, #77, and #87) tested positive for COVID-19. On 11/26/22, Resident #47 tested positive for COVID-19. On 11/26/22, Resident #45, who was Resident #47's roommate, was moved to another room and placed with Resident #37 who had not been exposed and had tested negative for COVID-19. The facility failed to place Resident #45 under quarantine due to exposure despite the facility's current COVID-19 outbreak. On 11/27/22, Resident #13 tested positive for COVID-19. Resident #55, who was Resident #13's roommate remained in a room with Resident #55 from 11/27/22 to 11/30/22. On 11/30/22, Resident #55 who was not vaccinated for COVID-19 and was Resident #13's roommate, was moved to another room with Resident #32, who was unvaccinated, had not been exposed to COVID-19, and had tested negative for COVID-19. The facility failed to place Resident #55 under quarantine due to exposure despite the facility's current COVID-19 outbreak. On 11/28/22, Resident #87, who tested positive for COVID-19 on 11/25/22, was transported to the hospital, where Resident #87 remained until 12/06/22. Furthermore, the facility failed to monitor a COVID-19 positive resident (Resident #43) during a smoke break to ensure he did not smoke with Resident #46 who was negative for COVID-19, failed to ensure staff properly utilized personal protective equipment (PPE), failed to dispose of PPE properly, and failed to ensure staff properly sanitized equipment. The lack of current effective infection control practices and prevalence of continued positive cases in the facility placed all 77 residents currently residing in the facility at potential risk for serious life-threatening harm, negative health outcomes/complications, and/or death related to the facility's failure to control the COVID-19 outbreak.</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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