

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  555438	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  08/26/2022
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER  Kei-Ai Los Angeles Healthcare Center		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 2221 Lincoln Park Ave Los Angeles, CA 90031	
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<p>F 0825</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide or get specialized rehabilitative services as required for a resident.</p> <p>36395</p> <p>Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to ensure one of three sampled residents (Resident 1), who had diagnoses including dementia (loss of memory, language, problem solving and other thinking abilities that are severe enough to interfere with daily life) was provided supervision while eating, per the comprehensive assessment, and was provided speech therapy services (treatment of impairments and disorders of speech, voice, language, communication and swallowing). The facility failed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Implement care plan interventions of stand by assist for Resident 1 during self-feeding.</li> <li>-Develop a care plan with appropriate interventions to address Resident 1's behavior of eating rapidly, per the Speech Therapist assessment on 10/18/2021.</li> <li>-Assess Resident 1 for dysphagia (difficulty in swallowing) as recommended on 10/19/2021, per the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Medical Consultant's Initial Evaluation.</li> </ul> <p>As a result, on 11/6/2021 at 9:10 a.m., during breakfast, Resident 1 choked on his food, became unresponsive and needed the Heimlich maneuver (emergency procedure for removing foreign object lodged in the airway that is preventing a person from breathing). Resident 1 was transferred to the general acute hospital (GACH) by paramedics where Resident 1 was intubated (medical procedure in which a tube is placed into the windpipe through the mouth or nose), admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) for acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS, life threatening condition where the lungs [a group of organs and tissues for breathing] cannot provide the body with enough oxygen) and septic shock (serious condition when an infection causes extremely severe low blood pressure and organ failure).</p> <p>Findings:</p> <p>A review of the Admission Record indicated the facility readmitted Resident 1 on 10/13/2021, with diagnoses including cerebral infarction (the blood circulation in the brain is suddenly disrupted) affecting the left side of the body, encephalopathy (abnormal brain function or structure) and dementia.</p> <p>A review of the Care Plan initiated on 10/14/2021 indicated Resident 1 had self-care deficit as evidenced by requiring assistance with:</p> <p>Transfers - moderate assistance (requires more help than touching)</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 0825</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Gait - moderate assistance</p> <p>Self-feeding - standby assistance (presence of another person within reach)</p> <p>Toileting - moderate assistance.</p> <p>The Care Plan interventions indicated to provide verbal, visual and physical cues as indicated, instruct resident on the use of adaptive equipment when eating, personal hygiene and dressing, avoid rushing resident and give rest periods to conserve energy.</p> <p>A review of the Speech Therapy Evaluation and Plan of Treatment dated 10/18/2021 indicated Resident 1 had impaired memory, confusion, lack of insight and awareness causing problem solving and safety awareness concerns. The evaluation indicated Resident 1 needed speech therapy services which included to enhance cognitive skills (able to receive, interpret and understand messages), promote safety awareness and facilitate immediate memory in order to enhance quality of life by improving ability to participate in meaningful interactions and increase participation with ADLs.</p> <p>A review of the Minimum Data Set (MDS, standardized assessment and care screening tool) dated 10/19/2021 indicated Resident 1 was disoriented to year, month and day, needed supervision (oversight encouragement or cuing) while eating, and limited assistance (resident highly involved with activity staff provide guided maneuvering of limbs or other non-weight bearing assistance) with walking. The MDS indicated Resident 1 required extensive assistance (resident involved in activity, staff provide weight bearing support) with bed mobility, transfer, dressing, toilet use and personal hygiene.</p> <p>According to a review of the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Medical Consultant's Initial Evaluation dated 10/19/2021, at 7:01 p.m., Resident 1 had some weakness in the left and lower extremities and had mild right side facial droop (facial weakness that may cause one corner of the mouth to droop). The Physician's Initial Evaluation indicated recommendations that included speech language pathology (study of the cause and effects of a disease or injury) and evaluation, and treat as appropriate to assess for dysphagia, speech language disorder, higher cognitive function and to improve safety awareness.</p> <p>A review of the Speech Therapy Discharge Summary with dates of service 10/18 - 10/29/2021, indicated Resident 1 was often confused, forgetful and impulsive. The Summary indicated Resident 1 did not make much progress due to status of cognitive skills with frequent forgetfulness, confusion and anxious behavior/tendencies. The discharge recommendation indicated for frequent monitoring and observation of Resident 1 due to tendencies to escape and wander, resulting in falls, somewhat impulsive behaviors. (The discharge recommendation did not indicate Resident 1 needed cuing and reminders to eat slowly to prevent choking).</p> <p>A review of the Care Plan revised on 10/29/2021 by speech therapy, indicated Resident 1 had impaired cognition secondary to memory, orientation, problem solving/safety awareness deficits. The goal indicated Resident 1 will enhance cognitive skills and prevent further decline in function. The Care Plan interventions indicated Resident 1 to receive speech therapy three times a week for 60 days for cognition-memory, safety awareness, problem solving and orientation. (No other intervention addressing Resident 1's identified behavior of eating rapidly, needs cuing to slow down when eating to prevent choking).</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0825</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>A review of the facility policy titled, Rehabilitation Services, dated 1/1/2017 indicated Speech Language Therapy shall be provided in an agreement with qualified contracted resources. There shall be written administrative and resident care policies and procedures developed for each rehabilitation services provided. The policy and procedure shall cover consultation, the responsibility of the attending physicians, coordination of services, reporting mechanism to communicate with attending physicians.</p> <p>A review of the facility policy titled, Care Planning, with an effective date of 10/1/2017 indicated licensed nurses and other Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) members will develop preliminary plan to meet the resident's immediate care needs at the time of admission. The IDT shall complete a comprehensive care plan within seven days of completion of the MDS. The IDT members include but not necessarily limited to attending physician, MDS coordinator, licensed nurses who was responsible for the resident and therapists as applicable. Care planning shall include review of clinical issues, discharge planning, coordination of care and management of resources. Care Plans are revised during Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI, resident comprehensive assessment) schedules and as changes in the resident's condition dictates or in preparation for discharge.</p> <p>A review of the facility policy titled, Supporting Activities of Daily Living (ADLs), revised on 3/2018 indicated appropriate care and services will be provided for residents who are unable to carry out ADLs independently, with the consent of the resident and in accordance with the plan of care, including appropriate support and assistance with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Hygiene (bathing, dressing, grooming and oral care)</li> <li>b. mobility (transfer and ambulation, including walking)</li> <li>c. elimination (toileting)</li> <li>d. dining (meals and snacks)</li> <li>e. communication (speech, language and any functional communication systems).</li> </ul> <p>The policy indicated interventions to improve or minimize a resident's functional abilities will be in accordance with the resident's assessed needs, stated goals and recognized standards of practice. The resident's response to interventions will be monitored, evaluated and revised as appropriate.</p>		