

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  675133	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  04/19/2022
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<p>F 0684</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide appropriate treatment and care according to orders, resident's preferences and goals.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> 31675</p> <p>Based on interview and record review the facility failed to provide care in accordance with resident's comprehensive assessment and failed to ensure resident received treatment and care in accordance with professional standards of practice, the comprehensive person-centered care plan, and the resident's choice for 1 of 8 residents reviewed for quality of care. (Resident #1)</p> <p>The facility did not monitor the condition of Resident #1's feet. Resident #1 developed gangrene (Gangrene is death of body tissue due to a lack of blood flow or a serious bacterial infection.) in his right great toe. Seven days later he was admitted to the hospital and had surgery to amputate all five toes on his right foot.</p> <p>An Immediate Jeopardy (IJ) was identified on at 2:40 p.m. on 04/14/2022. While the IJ was removed on 04/15/2022, the facility remained out of compliance at a scope of isolation and severity level of actual harm that is not immediate jeopardy, due to the facility's need to evaluate the effectiveness of the corrective plan.</p> <p>These failures could place residents at risk for failing to obtain their highest practicable physical and mental well-being and place them at risk for serious harm, hospitalization , or death.</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>Record review of consolidated physician orders dated 02/18/2022 indicated Resident #1 was a [AGE] year-old male, admitted [DATE] with diagnoses of Disease of Circulatory System, diabetes, end stage renal failure (stage 4 Kidney disease requiring dialysis), Resident #1 was to go to dialysis three times a week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and Bacteremia (The presence of viable bacteria in the circulating blood). There was no diagnosis of gangrene at the time of admission.</p> <p>Record Review of a MDS dated [DATE] indicated Resident #1 had a BIMS score of 15 which showed he was mentally intact and alert to person, place, and time. Resident #1 required two-person extensive physical assistance for bed mobility, transfer, and toilet use. Resident #1 required limited one-person assistance with personal hygiene and limited two-person assistance with dressing. Resident #1 was always continent to bladder and always incontinent to bowel.</p> <p>Record Review of a comprehensive care plan for Resident #1, dated 03/01/2022 indicated nursing staff are to inspect feet daily for open areas, sores, pressure areas, blisters, edema (swelling), or redness. Resident #1 was to go to dialysis three times a week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.</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 0684</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Record Review of a Routine Foot Care form completed by a Podiatrist and dated 03/28/2022 indicated resident was seen at the facility. Notation on the form showed Dry gangrene noted to right first toe. No infection. The form was not provided to the facility until 4/5/22 after request by the facility. (Podiatrist office alleged a broken fax machine.)</p> <p>Record Review of a skin assessment on admitted d 2/18/2022 showed skin to bottom and top of bilateral feet extremely dry and cracked. Prescription lotion scheduled Q-shift. Review of other weekly skin assessments dated 02/25/2022, 3/4/2022, 03/11/2022, 03/18/2022, 03/29/2022 and 04/01/2022 showed no skin impairments.</p> <p>Record Review of a progress note dated 04/03/2022 at 9:00 p.m. showed LVN B was called to Resident #1's room by Resident #1 to look at his feet. LVN B assessed Resident #1's right foot and documented all the toes on Resident #1's right foot was black with necrotic tissue. Necrotic (dead cells) tissue noted on the right lateral side of the foot and the whole circumference of the bottom of the right heel was black with necrotic tissue. Pictures were taken by LVN B and sent to Medical Director, nurse practitioner and assistant director of nursing (LVN A) were notifying of the change in condition. Resident #1 notified his sister on personal cell phone.</p> <p>Record Review of a progress note entered by LVN C dated 04/04/2022 at 8:05 a.m. showed nurse practitioner was in the facility making rounds. Nurse Practitioner ordered STAT (Immediate) doppler scan. (A scan to assess blood flow) Facility was unable to schedule scan as ordered, so Resident #1 was transported to the hospital via ambulance for evaluation and treatment.</p> <p>Record Review of hospital records dated 04/04/2022 showed Resident #1 chief complaint was gangrene right foot. Resident had gangrene from the tips of digits 1 through 5 proximally to the metatarsal phalangeal (toe) joints. Resident #1 also had necrosis spanning along the lateral aspect of the foot in the heel. Resident #1 told hospital staff the foot turned black about a week ago.</p> <p>Record Review of hospital records dated 04/06/2022 showed Resident #1 received a partial amputation of his right foot with wound vac placement. Resident #1 was a [AGE] year-old male who comes from a nursing home with gangrenous changes to the right foot. Doctors amputated all five toes down to the phalangeal (toe) joints on Resident #1's right foot. Records showed the area of the foot which was amputated was gangrenous and mummified. According to the hospital documentation the foot was partially covered by a black-tan skin with a large amount of necrosis and mummification.</p> <p>During an interview on 04/13/2022 at 9:45 a.m. LVN B said the last time she saw Resident #1 was 04/01/22 during her 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. shift. LVN B said she completed a skin assessment on Resident #1 on 04/01/2022, but she did not look at his feet. LVN B said she did not know Resident #1 had gangrene on his toe. LVN B said Resident #1 goes to dialysis at noon and returned about 5:45 p.m. LVN B said the darker a person's skin the harder it is to assess changes in condition. LVN B said Resident #1 did not like for her to turn the light or open to blinds on the windows. LVN B said Resident #1 had dark skin, which made it harder to see his skin. LVN B said she had not had any specialize training on assessing darker skin.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0684</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>During an interview on 04/13/2022 at 9:45 a.m. the DON said LVN B did not follow facility protocol when completing the skin assessment for Resident #1. The DON said any changes in the color of skin should be documented on the weekly skin assessment and the doctor notified of the change in condition. The DON said a skin assessment should be head-to-toe and LVN B should have looked at all areas of Resident #1's body, which included both feet.</p> <p>During an Interview on 04/08/2022 at 11:55 a.m., Resident #1's family member said Resident #1 was brought to the facility on [DATE] for rehabilitation services. She said Resident #1 told her that the podiatrist had seen him a week before he went to the hospital and trimmed his toenails. She said when he was admitted to the facility, he was on the first floor. She said the facility moved him to the second floor and she did not think they were providing adequate care, because when he was sent to the hospital on 04/04/2022 he arrived dirty, and it was obvious he had not been bathed. She said Resident #1 will not be returning to the facility and she would find another facility that will provide better care.</p> <p>During an interview on 04/08/2022 at 12:50 p.m. the Social Worker said on 04/04/2022 Resident #1's family member complained about the facility not taking good care of Resident #1. The Social Worker said she discussed the complaint with the Administrator. The Social Worker said the family member said the facility was not giving Resident #1 showers as needed.</p> <p>During a telephone interview on 4/11/22 at 4:28 p.m. with the Medical Assistant for the Podiatrist for Resident #1. She said there was not treatment needed on 03/28/22 because there was no sign of injection. She said the gangrene was dry and no treatment was needed at the time. (Podiatrist unavailable)</p> <p>During a telephone interview on 04/13/2022 at 10:46 a.m. Resident #1 said he had been released from the hospital and now was in another facility and receiving good care. Resident #1 said he was not pleased with the care provided when at the facility and the quality of care was very poor. Resident #1 said he normally wore socks on his feet which were changed every other day when he went to dialysis. He said staff had to help him change his socks because he could not do it without help. Resident #1 said he did not notice his feet turning black until after the podiatrist saw him. Resident #1 said he told CNA B a couple days after the podiatrist left about his foot turning black. Resident #1 said CNA B said she would tell the nurse, but the nurse did not come. Resident #1 said a couple days later he told CNA B again about his foot turning black. Resident #1 said after he told the CNA B the second time the nurse came and looked at his foot. Resident #1 said the nurse told him the doctor would look at his foot the next day. Resident #1 said the next morning the doctor looked at his foot and he was sent to the hospital and all the toes and part of his right foot were amputated. Resident #1 said it hurts him physically and emotionally to lose his toes and is afraid losing part of his foot will hinder him from being able to walk again.</p> <p>During an interview on 04/14/2022 at 10:27 a.m. CNA B said she worked the morning shift and would help Resident #1 to get ready to go to dialysis. CNA B said Resident #1 insisted on keeping his socks on and did not say anything about his feet being sore. CNA B said on the day before Resident #1 went to the hospital, she saw his foot and it looked dead. CNA B said she reported it to LVN C. CNA B said, Since he (resident #1) was a diabetic, we are supposed to look for things like that.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0684</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>* Expected completion date will be 04/15/2022.</p> <p>* Staff who have not been trained on I. Policy and procedure regarding skin assessment: Skin assessment to be completed on admission, readmission, weekly and as needed. II. Following resident's care plan. III. Education on how to assess dark pigmented and complicated skin. IV. Education/training with nursing staff and podiatrist to obtain podiatry assessment/notes immediately after assessment/visits will not be allowed to work until they have undergone training. The staff that will be trained are the Licensed nursing staff: Licensed vocational nurse, Registered nurses, and certified nursing assistants. A comprehensive list of all the licensed nurses and certified nursing assistants that work in the facility will be used to ensure that they are trained.</p> <p>Implementation of Changes</p> <p>Director of Nursing will round weekly with charge nurse and/or treatment nurse and review wound care physician progress notes/Podiatry notes to verify any new recommendations.</p> <p>Upon identification of a new or worsening wound, physician will be notified to promptly obtain an appropriate treatment. Resident representative will be notified. Rehabilitation will be consulted for pressure related devices. Resident care plan will be updated based on dietary, rehabilitation and physician recommendations and updated as needed. Nursing will initiate treatment per physician orders, implement nutritional and pressure relieving recommendations.</p> <p>Monitoring</p> <p>* Director of Nursing, Assistant Director of Nursing, and charge nurse and/or treatment nurse will review and verify skin assessments for all new admissions, readmissions, and new findings from weekly skin sweeps.</p> <p>* Regional Nurse Consultant will review weekly pressure injuries and non-pressure injury report and round one time monthly with Director of Nursing and charge nurse and/or treatment nurse.</p> <p>* Any negative outcomes will be reported to QAPI committee.</p> <p>Involvement of Medical Director</p> <p>The Medical Director as notified about the immediate jeopardy on 04/14/2022.</p> <p>Involvement of QA</p> <p>An ad hoc QAPI meeting will be held with the Medical Director, facility administrator, director of nursing, and social services director to review plan of removal on 04/14/2022.</p> <p>Who is responsible for implementation of Process?</p> <p>The Director of Nursing will be responsible for implementation of new process. The process/system will be started on 04/14/2022.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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