

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  676155	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  09/03/2021
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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> 35963</p> <p>Based on interview, and record review the facility failed to ensure residents received treatment and care in accordance with professional standards of practice, the comprehensive person-centered care plan and the resident's choices for 1 of 5 residents (CR# 1) reviewed for quality of care.</p> <p>The facility failed to implement CR#1's physician order to increase Lactulose from 20g (30ml) to 40g (60ml) for 12 hours after a critical lab level ammonia level of 165 ( normal range 15 - 45 u/dL) was obtained from the lab company.</p> <p>The facility failed to ensure LVN A reported CR#1's critical lab level and medication change during the change of shift to the oncoming nurse for implementation resulting in the resident not receiving ordered medication .CR#1 was found unresponsive 16 hours later.</p> <p>The facility failed to ensure RN B immediately called 911 emergency services when CR#1 was found unresponsive and without a blood pressure reading but instead called the physician and non-emergency EMS resulting in a delay in emergency care and intervention for CR#1 whose Ammonia level increased from 165 (at the facility) to 179 (at the hospital) with altered mental status.</p> <p>An Immediate Jeopardy (IJ) situation was identified on 9/2/21. While the IJ was removed on 9/3/21, the facility remained out of compliance at a scope of isolated and severity of actual harm that is not immediate jeopardy due to the facility's need to evaluate the effectiveness of the corrective systems.</p> <p>These failures could place residents at risk for delayed medical intervention, decline in health and death.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>Record review of CR#1's face sheet revealed a [AGE] year-old male admitted to the facility on [DATE] and was transferred to the emergency roiaognom on [DATE] at 4:50am. His diagnoses included Pneumonia, Myocardial Infarction (heart attack), Cirrhosis of the Liver, Iron Deficiency Anemia, Gastroesophageal reflux disease, Muscle Wasting and Atrophy, Edema (swelling), Dementia without behaviors and Dysphagia (difficulty swallowing).</p> <p>Record review of CR#1's admission Minimum Data Set (MDS), dated [DATE], revealed CR#1 had a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) of 5, which indicated cognitive impairment.</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 CR#1's nursing note written by RN B, dated 8/24/2021 at 12:00 AM, read, Admission labs: CBC, BMP ordered for next lab routine date 8/24/21 and then weekly on Mondays thereafter via online, requisitions printed and placed in lab book.</p> <p>Record Review of CR#1's nursing note written by RN B, dated 8/24/2021 at 10:13 AM, read in part, . Resident is AAOx3-4 with episodes of confusion and forgetfulness. Resident is able to make needs known to the staff, requires assistance x1 with ADLs .</p> <p>Record review of CR#1's nursing note, dated 8/24/21 at 3:14 PM read, The Doctor visited resident and gave orders for CBC, CMP and Ammonia level to be drawn every Thursday due to confusion. Requisition for ordered labs were completed and placed in the lab book.</p> <p>Record review of CR#1's lab report, dated 8/25/21 read, Critical Value, RRB (received-read back), LVN A on 8/25/2021 at 11:40 AM . which revealed CR#1's ammonia level of 165.</p> <p>Record review of CR#1's nursing note written by RN B, dated 8/26/21 at 4:35 AM, read, Upon rounding citizen was hard to arouse, non-responsive to verbal or tactile stimulation. Would only open eyes for a second and would not verbally respond to writer. Resp even and unlabored. Unable to obtain BP, Spo2 at 95% on RA. Temp 97.5. Call placed to the doctor and gave order to send citizen to ER ASAP. After reviewing labs, Ammonia level noted to be critically high at 165. Non-emergency 911 contacted at this time. EMS en route.</p> <p>Record review of CR#1's nursing note written by RN B, dated 8/26/21 at 4:50 AM, read in part, EMS in facility at this time to transport citizen to ER. Citizen stable upon departure but still non-responsive per baseline .</p> <p>Record review of CR#1's medication administration record (MAR) revealed an order for Lactulose solution 20 gram/30 mL; amount to administer: 30 mL; oral, with a start date of 8/24/21 and a discontinue date of 8/25/21. CR#1 received the 30 ml of lactulose on 8/24/21 at 1:00 PM, 5:00 PM and 9:00 PM and on 8/25/21 at 9:00 AM, 1:00 PM, 5:00 PM and 9:00 PM.</p> <p>Record review of CR#1's MAR revealed an order for Lactulose solution 20 gram/30 mL; amount to administer: 40 mL; oral, with a start date of 8/26/21 and discontinue date 8/27/21.</p> <p>Record review of the August 2021 mediation administration record revealed CR#1 did not receive the increased lactulose order. CR#1 received 30 mL of lactulose.</p> <p>Record review of the nursing 24-hour report, dated 8/25/21 for 6a-6p shift, indicated CR#1 was stable with no new orders checked.</p> <p>Record review of CR#1's Prescription Fax Order, dated 8/26/21 at 8:59 AM, revealed the order for Lactulose 40 mL four times daily was ordered on 8/26/21 and the order for 30 mL of Lactulose four times daily was discontinued on 8/25/21 at 11:48 AM due to a change in order.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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