

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 035151	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 10/22/2025
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Sabino Canyon Rehabilitation & Care Center		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 5830 East Pima Street Tucson, AZ 85712	

For information on the nursing home's plan to correct this deficiency, please contact the nursing home or the state survey agency.

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F 0628 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Provide the required documentation or notification related to the resident's needs, appeal rights, or bed-hold policies. (continued on next page)

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.

LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE	TITLE	(X6) DATE
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<p>F 0628</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on clinical record reviews, interviews, and review of facility policies, the facility failed to ensure that a resident's discharge rights were honored during a discharge appeal. The sample size was 3. The deficient practice could result in the resident not being able to receive services to support their recovery. Findings include: Resident #32 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses that included spinal stenosis, morbid (severe) obesity, and type 2 diabetes. Review of the discharge Minimum Data Set (MDS), dated [DATE], indicated Resident #32 completed a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) and scored a 15 which indicated she was cognitively intact. Review of the Progress Notes in Resident #32's clinical chart revealed an entry, dated September 25, 2025 at 4:55 P.M. The entry stated that the resident was given a Notice of Medicare Non-Coverage (NOMNC) with a last date of service as September 27, 2025. The note indicated the discharge date was September 28, 2025. It also indicated that Resident #32 disagreed with the discharge and was considering filing an appeal. Review of a second Progress Note, dated September 26, 2025 at 2:21 P.M. indicated Resident #32 filed an appeal. Additional review of Progress Notes revealed a note dated September 27, 2025 at 10:26 A.M. that noted Resident #27 was discharging home. Further review of Progress Notes gave no indication that the resident was discharging a day early on her own accord or that the resident was reminded that her actual discharge date was the next day at no cost to her. The final Progress Note, in Resident #32's, clinical record revealed a note written on September 29, 2025 at 1:23 P.M. The note revealed that Resident #32 was contacted and informed that she had won her appeal and was able to return to the facility. Review of the actual NOMNC form indicated the last day of Skill Nursing Facility Services was September 27, 2025. It also indicated the resident has the right to appeal the decision to end Medicare coverage of your services. The bottom of the form revealed a signature that belonged to Resident #32 with a date of September 25, 2025. An interview was conducted on October 21, 2025 at 2:26 P.M. with Resident #32 via telephone. She explained that she was not aware that she could stay at the facility while her NOMNC appeal was pending and that she had felt forced to leave on September 27, 2025. She also shared that she felt conflicted about leaving because she didn't feel ready but she also missed her home. An interview was conducted on October 21, 2025 at 1:32 P.M. with Social Services (Staff #47). Staff #47 shared that residents are able to stay at the facility while appealing the upcoming discharge. However, she also shared, that if they do not get an appeal status prior to their discharge, they would be responsible to pay for the costs of services if the appeal is denied. Staff #47 also added that without therapy services, the cost for a bed is \$250 a day. Staff #47 indicated that Resident #32 did file an appeal however, the appeal was faxed to the facility on a Saturday which was September 27, 2025. Staff #47 indicated that she does not work weekends. An interview was conducted with Social Services Supervisor (Staff #63) on October 22, 2025 at 8:26 A.M. Staff #63 shared that residents are able to stay at the facility while a NOMNC appeal is pending and they will still provide therapy services. She added that the facility does not discharge residents while the appeal is pending but they do explain to residents that they might be responsible for the costs of services provided past the coverage date if the appeal is denied. Staff #63 indicated that Resident #32 appealed her discharge on [DATE] and the facility was notified of the outcome of the appeal on September 29, 2025. Staff #63 was not able to identify why Resident #32 was discharged a day before her planned discharge date of September 28, 2025. She also acknowledged that she had no way of knowing if Resident #32 discharged on her own the day before because there was no progress note indicating that. An interview was conducted on October 22, 2025 at 9:02 A.M. with Director of Nursing (DON/Staff #8). Staff #8 explained that the NOMNCs are issued to residents and they are then informed of when their discharge date is. However, there is a process for appeals if a resident wants to appeal the discharge and residents are informed that they are able to stay at the facility while the appeal is being processed. Staff #8 added that residents are informed that might have to private pay (pay out of pocket) a day or two while the appeal is going through if the appeal is denied. She also indicated that residents are able to discharge, if they wanted to, while the appeal is pending. Staff #8 explained that Resident #32 was issued a NONMNC on September 25, 2025 and the last date of service was September 27, 2025 and she was set to discharge on [DATE]. She added that resident #32 appealed the discharge on [DATE]. Staff #8 was asked to read the discharge policy and she indicated that the policy stated the resident was not to be discharged if there was an appeal. Staff #8 indicated that Resident #32 was alert and oriented and could have left the facility on her own free will. However, she was</p>		