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<p>F 0697</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide safe, appropriate pain management for a resident who requires such services.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on interview and record review, the facility failed ensure pain services provided per standards of practice when staff failed to document providing appropriate pain medication to address pain in a timely manner for one resident (Resident #93) admitted from the hospital after knee replacement surgery. The facility census was 37.</p> <p>Review of the facility policy admission Orders. revised 04/2025, showed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -A physician must personally approve, in writing, a recommendation that an individual be admitted to a facility. A physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist must provide written and/or verbal orders for the resident's immediate care and needs; -The written and/or verbal orders should include at a minimum dietary, medication orders if indicated, and routine care orders; -The orders should allow facility staff to provide essential care to the resident consistent with the resident's mental and physical status on admission; -The orders should provide information to maintain or improve the resident's functional abilities until staff can conduct a comprehensive assessment and develop an interdisciplinary care plan. <p>Review of the facility's policy Pain Management, revised 04/2025, showed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Acute pain refers to pain that is usually sudden in onset and time-limited with a duration of less than one month and often is caused by injury, trauma, or medical treatments such as surgery; -Chronic pain refers to pain that typically lasts greater than three months and can be the result of an underlying medical disease or condition, injury, medical treatment, inflammation, or unknown cause; -Subacute pain refers to pain that has been present for one to three months; -Recognize when the resident is experiencing pain and identify circumstances when the pain can be anticipated; -Evaluate the resident for pain and the cause(s) upon admission, during ongoing scheduled assessments, and when a significant change in condition or status occurs; <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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