

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 285138	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 01/16/2025
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<p>F 0641</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Ensure each resident receives an accurate assessment.</p> <p>Licensure Reference Number 175 NAC 12-006.09D</p> <p>Based on observation, record review and interview; the facility failed to ensure the MDS (Minimum Data Set-a comprehensive assessment tool used to develop a resident's care plan) was coded to reflect the resident used a wander guard system (a medical alert device used to send an alert to staff or sound an alarm to prevent elopement for wandering residents)for 1 (Resident 6) of 11 residents that utilized a wander guard system. The facility census was 42.</p> <p>Findings are:</p> <p>Observation on 01/16/25 at 8:34 AM revealed Resident 6 seated in a recliner in their room. Resident 6 had a wander guard system bracelet present on the right wrist.</p> <p>Interview on 01/15/25 at 3:18 PM with the facility Social Worker confirmed that the wander guard was placed on Resident 6 on 12/19/24. The Social Worker further confirmed that Resident 6 was at risk for elopement.</p> <p>Record review of Resident 6's CCP (Comprehensive Care Plan, a individualized plan of care which identifies care needs for the resident) dated revised 12/19/24 revealed that Resident 6 had the potential for elopement related to exit-seeking due to Dementia. Interventions included: Wander guard used to alert staff to resident near exits. This was initiated on 12/19/2024.</p> <p>Record review of Resident 6's annual MDS annual 12/26/24, with a review period between 12/20/24 and 12/26/24, revealed an admission date of 2/8/24 and diagnoses that included Unspecified Dementia, Depression and Generalized anxiety Disorder. Resident 6's MDS identified a BIMS (Brief Interview for Mental Status, aides in detecting cognitive impairment) score of 05 which indicated severely impaired cognitive ability, wandering occurred 1-3 days during the assessment review dates, no impairment with range of motion, walker and wheelchair use, independent while in a manual wheelchair with wheeling 50 feet - 150 feet, and no wander guard used.</p> <p>Interview on 01/16/25 at 9:40 AM with the MDS Coordinator confirmed the information in the CCP and that a wander guard was placed on Resident 6 on 12/19/24. The MDS Coordinator confirmed that there was an error in the MDS and that the wander guard system was not coded correctly in Section P0200 E of the MDS to identify the use of a wander guard system for Resident 6.</p> <p>Record review of facility Order Listing Report dated 1/16/25 revealed a total of 11 residents with orders for a wander guard system.</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 0880</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p>	<p>Provide and implement an infection prevention and control program.</p> <p>D. Record review of Resident 17's Quarterly MDS (Minimum Data Set - a comprehensive standardized assessment of resident's functional capabilities and health needs) dated 11/8/24 revealed an admission date of 2/2/23 and diagnoses that included Malignant Neoplasm of Oropharynx; Dysphagia (difficulty swallowing); and Gastrostomy Status (presence of a feeding tube in the stomach for nutrition and hydration support). The MDS identified BIMS (Brief Interview for Mental Status, aids in detecting cognitive impairment) score of 14 which indicated the resident was cognitively intact. The MDS identified Resident 17 did not eat due to a medical condition and had a feeding tube while a resident with 51% or more calories by feeding tube and 501 cc or more for fluids.</p> <p>Record review of Resident 17's Physician Orders revealed the following orders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 12/01/2023 NPO (nothing by mouth) diet, - 11/08/2024 Nutren 2.0 Oral Liquid (Nutritional Supplements) Give 250 ml via G-Tube three times a day with minimum of 100 ml water before and after each feeding - By Gravity. <p>Observation on 01/15/25 at 08:20 AM revealed Resident 17 was in isolation due to use of the feeding tube. A sign on the door indicated that personal protective equipment, including gowns, gloves, N-95 mask, and eye protection were required during cares.</p> <p>Observation on 01/15/25 at 08:20 AM revealed LPN (Licensed Practical Nurse) C knocked on the door, entered the room in goggles, an N 95 Mask, a gown and gloves. LPN C explained the procedure to Resident 17, cleaned the bedside table with a disinfectant cloth and placed a tissue barrier. With the same gloves and no hand hygiene performed, LPN C reached into the pocket of their uniform pants, retrieved a set of keys, unlocked the supply cabinet and replaced the keys into the same pocket. With the same gloves in place and no hand hygiene performed, LPN C placed 3 cups on the barrier and retrieved a bottle of tube feeding from a box on the floor. LPN C shook the tube feeding well, opened and poured the contents of the bottle into a cup. LPN C retrieved an open bottle of distilled water from the floor and poured 240 cc into one of the cups. LPN C proceeded to check placement and administer tube feeding with water flushes as ordered. During the administration LPN C did not change gloves or perform hand hygiene. LPN C disconnected the syringe and capped the gastrostomy tube. With the same gloves in place and no hand hygiene performed, LPN C adjusted the 4x4 gauze dressing at the gastrostomy site, then adjusted Resident 17's clothing. With the same gloves in use and no hand hygiene, LPN C rinsed out the syringe and placed it back into the cabinet where clean supplies were stored.</p> <p>Interview on 01/15/25 at 8:35 AM with LPN C confirmed that the facility always keeps tube feeding supplies on the floor and that soiled gloves should have been removed and hygiene performed after the keys were touched. LPN C confirmed that the keys would have been considered soiled because they were in a pocket.</p> <p>Interview on 01/15/25 at 02:04 PM with Clinical Care Lead Coordinator (CCLC) confirmed that tube feeding supplies and water should not be stored on the floor and that hand hygiene and a glove change should have been performed after the keys were touched. The CCLC confirmed that the keys would be considered soiled as they were in a pocket.</p> <p>Licensure Reference Number 175 NAC 12-006.18</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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