

<b>STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTIONS</b>		(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: <b>345341</b>	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. BUILDING B. WING	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED <b>01/08/2026</b>
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E0000	Initial Comments  An unannounced recertification survey was conducted on 01/05/26 through 01/08/26. The facility was found in compliance with the requirement CFR 483.73, Emergency Preparedness. Event ID# 1DFCAE-H1.	E0000		01/23/2026
F0000	INITIAL COMMENTS  A recertification investigation survey was conducted from 01/05/26 through 01/08/26. Event ID# 1DFCAE-H1.	F0000		01/23/2026
F0686 SS = D	Treatment/Svcs to Prevent/Heal Pressure Ulcer  CFR(s): 483.25(b)(1)(i)(ii)  §483.25(b) Skin Integrity  §483.25(b)(1) Pressure ulcers.  Based on the comprehensive assessment of a resident, the facility must ensure that-  (i) A resident receives care, consistent with professional standards of practice, to prevent pressure ulcers and does not develop pressure ulcers unless the individual's clinical condition demonstrates that they were unavoidable; and  (ii) A resident with pressure ulcers receives necessary treatment and services, consistent with professional standards of practice, to promote healing, prevent infection and prevent new ulcers from developing.  This REQUIREMENT is NOT MET as evidenced by:  Based on observation, record review, and interviews with the Wound Care Nurse Practitioner (NP), Medical Director (MD) and staff, the facility failed to follow up when a Wound Care NP recommended the staff contact the primary care provider about the condition of the wound and if antibiotics needed to be ordered for a resident who showed symptoms of a wound infection. This deficient practice affected 1 of 2 residents reviewed for pressure ulcers (Resident #11).  Findings included:	F0686	F686 – Treatment/Services to Prevent or Heal Pressure Ulcers  1. Corrective Action for Residents Affected  For resident #11- On 1/7/2026 resident was assessed by charge nurse with no acute distress noted and no complaints of pain verbalized. Medical director was notified of wound physicians' recommendation for antibiotic therapy related to possible wound infection. New orders for Clindamycin 300mg by mouth three times daily x 10 days and Doxycycline 100mg by mouth twice daily x 10 days were initiated and administered as ordered.  2. Corrective Action for Residents Potentially Affected  All current residents with wounds have the potential to be affected by the alleged deficient practice. On 1/13/2026 to 1/14/2026, the Director of Nursing and Unit Managers reviewed wound care notes for the past 30 days for 100 % of current resident with wounds to ensure all orders initiated and any treatment recommendations requiring review by facility medical provider were addressed. The finding of audit was no other resident affected.  3. Systemic Changes to Prevent Recurrence  On 1/14/2026, the Director of Nursing began educating all licensed nurses on pressure wound policy and required notification processes. Any licensed nurse (full time, part time and as needed) including agency agency) who did not receive in-service training by 1/19/2026 will not be allowed to work until training is	01/20/2026

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 reverse for further 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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F0686 SS = D	<p>Continued from page 1</p> <p>Resident #11 was admitted to the facility on 9/12/25 with diagnoses that included senile degeneration of the brain, type-2 diabetes mellitus, hemiplegia (paralysis or weakness on one side of the body) and hemiparesis (decreased control and strength on one side of the body) following a cerebral infarction affecting left non-dominant side.</p> <p>A quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment dated 12/12/25 indicated Resident #11 had severe cognitive impairment. The MDS showed that she required substantial/ maximal assistance with upper body dressing and was dependent on staff for all other activities of daily living (ADL) tasks and mobility. The MDS documented that she was at risk for developing pressure ulcers. It also documented that she had an unhealed stage 3 pressure ulcer and an unstageable pressure ulcer. The MDS further documented she had a pressure reducing device for the bed.</p> <p>A wound care note by Wound Care NP #2 dated 12/31/25 stated "current wounds with decline this week. Treatment plans adjusted. Contact primary care physician (PCP) for possible antibiotic treatment due to positive signs and symptoms of infection to hip."</p> <p>Review of the resident's electronic medical record revealed that no antibiotic orders were entered. The record also showed no documentation in the progress notes indicating that the primary care provider had been contacted.</p> <p>A care plan last revised on 1/6/26 was in place for a pressure ulcer to the right heel, left lower leg, and right hip. The care plan interventions included administering treatments as ordered and to monitor for effectiveness. Staff were directed to assess, record, and monitor wound healing every week and report improvements or declines to the MD.</p> <p>A telephone interview was conducted with Wound Care NP #3 on 1/7/26 at 3:12 PM. He stated he remembered Resident #11 and her "DTI" (deep tissue injury) (damage to the skin and underlying soft tissues that can quickly become a deep pressure ulcer). He explained how a DTI developed and said that an initial insult to the area, such as a scrape or bump, made the area more sensitive to pressure and increased the risk of developing a DTI. He said that he believed the patient herself may have told him she bumped her hip. He explained you could not always see the trauma or where it started, but things like bumping or scrapping could cause trauma to an area and blood vessels to break</p>	F0686	<p>Continued from page 1 completed. This information has been integrated into the standard orientation training and in the required in-service refresher courses for all employees and will be reviewed by the Quality Assurance Process to verify that the change has been sustained. Any newly hired full-time or agency staff will receive this education during orientation.</p> <p>4. Monitoring to Ensure Ongoing Compliance</p> <p>Beginning the week of 1/26/2026, The Director of Nurses or designee will monitor Compliance using the QA Tool for Pressure Ulcer Prevention. Monitoring will include reviewing wound provider notes and resident's chart for at least 5 residents with wounds to ensure all orders/recommendations are completed. This is to be completed weekly x 4 weeks then monthly x 2 months. Reports will be presented by the Director of Nursing to the Monthly Quality of Life- QA committee and corrective action initiated as appropriate. The weekly QA Meeting is attended by the Administrator, Director of Nursing, Nurse Managers, Wound Nurse, MDS Coordinator, Therapy Manager, Health Information Manager, and the Dietary Manager.</p> <p>5. Completion Date: 1/20/2026</p>	

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F0686 SS = D	<p>Continued from page 2 under the skin. He said for Resident #11 something caused trauma to her hip and then she developed a DTI. He stated a DTI was what she initially had and that it had been covered with eschar. He explained when a DTI opened, it would then be staged as a pressure injury. Wound NP #3 said when Resident #11's DTI opened, it would be staged as a pressure wound because it was over a bony prominence.</p> <p>On 1/7/26 at 9:23 AM an observation was conducted of Resident #11's right hip wound with Nurse #2. The dressing was saturated with copious purulent brown drainage. The drainage had leaked out of the dressing and was visible on the under-bed pad. A malodorous smell was present. The wound was circular and opened into a visible cavity. A clumped gray piece of eschar was present at the wound opening. Nurse #2 measured the wound as 4 centimeters (cm) in length, 5 cm in width, and 5.5 cm in depth.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with Nurse #2 on 1/7/26 at 9:44 AM. Nurse #2 was the facility's wound care nurse. She said Resident #11's wound was found on 11/20/25 and was covered with black eschar (hard black dead tissue that forms over a deep wound). She believed that Resident #11's wound on her right hip was a pressure ulcer because it was over a bony prominence and there had been no trauma or transfer related trauma that had happened. She was not sure how Wound Care NP #3 had determined it was a transfer trauma wound. Nurse #2 explained Wound Care NP #3 was no longer coming to the facility and that a new Wound Care NP (Wound Care NP #2) had started coming the previous week. Nurse #2 reported she rounded with Wound Care NP #2 during her visit on 12/31/25 and was present when Resident #11's wound was evaluated by Wound Care NP #2. Nurse #2 recalled the odor to Resident #11's wound had been worse last week. Nurse #2 was aware of Wound Care NP #2's progress note from 12/31/25, which mentioned contacting the primary care provider for a possible antibiotic due to symptoms of infection in the right hip wound. Nurse #2 stated she had mentioned this to NP #1 when NP #1 was at the facility on Thursday (1/2/26). She said NP #1 had not thought Resident #1 needed an antibiotic. Nurse #2 reported that NP #1 did not examine Resident #11's wound. She could not explain why NP #1 believed Resident #11 did not need an antibiotic without evaluating the wound.</p> <p>A telephone interview was conducted with NP #1 on 1/7/26 at 10:23 AM. NP #1 stated she had been at the facility on 12/31/25 and again on 1/2/26. She stated she had not been informed and did not recall anyone contacting her about Resident #11's wound status or the</p>	F0686		

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F0686 SS = D	<p>Continued from page 3 need for an antibiotic.</p> <p>A telephone interview was conducted with Wound Care NP #2 on 1/7/26 at 2:56 PM. Wound Care NP #2 explained 12/31/25 had been her first time coming to the facility. She recalled seeing Resident #11 on 12/31/25 and evaluating her wound. She recalled she ordered Santyl (wound treatment used to debride (remove) dead tissue) for the wound care treatment because the wound was covered in eschar, she said the eschar was not stable and needed to come off. She stated Resident #11's wound was bad and that she had asked the Wound Care nurse (Nurse #2) to contact the primary care provider to get her started on an antibiotic. She said there was no doubt in her mind that there was probably some infection going on because of the amount of purulent drainage and the odor. She stated Resident #11 had moderate purulent drainage when she saw her on 12/31/25. Wound Care NP #2 explained that a wound did not heal correctly if there was infection present and that infection could impede healing. She explained that when an antibiotic was needed, her process was to notify the primary care provider and defer to them to decide about the antibiotic because she felt the primary care provider knew more about what was going on with the resident medically. Wound Care NP #2 said Nurse #2 had rounded with her on 12/31/25. She recalled discussing with Nurse #2 that Resident #11 had symptoms of infection and needed follow up with the primary care provider regarding a possible antibiotic. Wound Care NP #2 stated that she had also documented it in her note.</p> <p>On 1/7/26 at 3:50 PM during an interview with the Administrator, Director of Nursing (DON), and Regional Nurse they were made aware by the surveyor of the condition of Resident #11's wound and Wound Care NP #2's progress note from 12/31/25 recommending antibiotics. The Regional Nurse stated that they would update the provider and see if the provider wanted to start antibiotics.</p> <p>The electronic medical record included an order dated 1/7/26 that read, clindamycin (antibiotic) 300 milligrams (mg) by mouth three times a day for wound infection for 10 days.</p> <p>The January 2026 medication administration record (MAR) documented the clindamycin was administered as ordered on 1/7/26 and 1/8/26.</p> <p>A follow up interview was conducted on 1/8/26 at 11:48 with Wound Care NP #2. She reported she had evaluated Resident #11's wound today and that it had looked better today than it had looked last week. She</p>	F0686		

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F0686 SS = D	<p>Continued from page 4 explained the santyl was doing its job to remove the eschar and it looked better because all the eschar was gone and there was less odor. Wound Care NP #2 said Resident #11's wound did not look the way it had looked last week but stated she thought Resident #11 would still benefit from antibiotics because of the drainage. She explained she suspected there was some infection present, although the wound looked better than it had last week. She reported the drainage was brown but not as purulent as it had appeared last week.</p> <p>A telephone interview was conducted with the Medical Director on 1/8/26 at 4:48 PM. The Medical Director stated his last day at the facility was on 12/31/25. He said he had not been contacted about Resident #11's wound or the need for an antibiotic. He explained that if the Wound Care NP had recommended antibiotics, he typically would have started an antibiotic. The Medical Director stated that someone should have followed up about the antibiotic for Resident #11 and made sure it happened.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with the Director of Nursing (DON) and Regional Nurse on 1/8/26 at 2:03 PM. The Regional Nurse stated the information should have been communicated to the primary care provider regarding the possibility of an antibiotic being needed for Resident #11. When asked who was responsible for reviewing the wound care providers notes, the DON stated it was a collective effort by the clinical team and that notes were reviewed in the daily clinical meeting. The DON reported he could not say they reviewed all notes in the clinical meeting but said he thought it was the responsibility of the clinical team to make sure provider notes were reviewed. The DON stated any notes from an outside provider should be reviewed and addressed by the clinical team for the best outcome for the resident. The DON did not remember reviewing Resident #11's wound notes from 12/31/25.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with the Administrator on 1/8/26 at 5:00 PM. The Administrator stated there should have been follow-up with the primary care provider regarding Resident #11 possibly needing an antibiotic. The Administrator said there should be a process for reviewing provider notes for orders.</p>	F0686		
F0759 SS = D	<p>Free of Medication Error Rts 5 Prcnt or More</p> <p>CFR(s): 483.45(f)(1)</p> <p>§483.45(f) Medication Errors.</p> <p>The facility must ensure that its-</p>	F0759	<p>F759 – Medication Error Rate 5% or More</p> <p>1. Corrective Action for Residents Affected</p> <p>For resident # 116- On 1/7/2026 the Nurse Supervisor assessed resident, those findings were no harm noted. Additionally, the RP and MD were notified of medication</p>	01/20/2026

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F0759 SS = D	<p>Continued from page 5</p> <p>§483.45(f)(1) Medication error rates are not 5 percent or greater;</p> <p>This REQUIREMENT is NOT MET as evidenced by:</p> <p>Based on record review, observations and interviews with staff, resident, Nurse Practitioner and Pharmacist, the facility failed to maintain a medication error rate of less than 5% as evidenced by a medication ordered not to be crushed was administered crushed and medication omissions (3 medication errors out of 34 opportunities), resulting in a medication error rate of 8.82% for 1 of 3 residents (Resident #116) observed during medication pass.</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>Resident #116 was admitted to the facility on 1/13/23 with diagnoses that included chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), benign prostatic hyperplasia (condition where the prostate gland enlarges) and age-related bilateral cataract.</p> <p>a. The Physician's Orders in Resident #116's electronic medical record indicated an active order dated 11/2/24 for Oxybutynin Chloride XL oral tablet extended release 24 hour 5 milligrams (mg) – give 1 tablet by mouth one time a day for bladder spasms/urgency. Do not crush.</p> <p>On 1/7/26 at 9:04 AM, Medication Aide (MA) #1 was observed as she prepared and administered Resident #116's medications. MA #1 crushed Resident #116's medication which included an Oxybutynin extended-release tablet while stating that Resident #116 preferred to take his medications crushed without applesauce or pudding. MA #1 administered the crushed medications to Resident #116 who swallowed them with a sip of water afterwards.</p> <p>An interview with MA #1 on 1/7/26 at 9:07 AM revealed she did not notice the order for Oxybutynin included instructions to not crush this medication, so she crushed it. MA #1 explained that the instruction to not crush medications was usually in bold letters and it was not for the Oxybutynin order which was why she didn't notice it. MA #1 stated that she did not know why the Oxybutynin could not be crushed.</p> <p>A phone interview with the Nurse Practitioner (NP) on 1/7/26 at 11:01 AM revealed the recommendation for Oxybutynin extended-release tablet was to not crush this medication because it was intended to work over a</p>	F0759	<p>Continued from page 5 error and MD gave no new orders. On 1/7/2026, the Director of Nursing verbally reeducated medication aide# 1 related to the six rights of medication administration and completed medication error forms. Self- administration of medication assessment was completed for resident #116 related Refresh eyedrops and Fluticasone inhaler for resident #116 and Careplan was updated.</p> <p>2. Corrective Action for Residents Potentially Affected</p> <p>All resident receiving medications have potential to be affected. On 1/14/2026 the Director of Nursing began random medication pass observations on all halls to identify and medication pass errors. The results of the audit were no other issues identified. The medication pass observations were completed on 1/19/2026.</p> <p>3. Systemic Changes to Prevent Recurrence</p> <p>On 1/14/2026, the Director of Nursing began in servicing in person and via phone with written education to all full time, part time, and prn licensed nurses, medication aides, and agency staff on the following topics: Medication Administration Process including the five rights of medication administration to assure that medications are provided to residents per medical order. The Director of Nursing will ensure any licensed nurse or medication aide who does not receive the above education by 1/19/2026 will not be allowed to work until training completed.</p> <p>4. Monitoring to Ensure Ongoing Compliance</p> <p>Beginning the week of 1/26/2026, The Director of Nurses or designee will monitor Compliance with the regulatory requirements utilizing F759 Med Pass Observation monitoring tool. Monitoring will include completing medication pass observations for 2 nurses and 2 medication aides to include at least 3 medication opportunities for each observation for a total of 4 med pass observations to include day and night shifts and weekends to ensure staff are following the 6 rights of medication administration. The monitoring will be completed weekly x 4 weeks, then monthly x 2 months. The findings will be reported in the weekly Quality assurance (QA) meeting. The weekly QA Meeting is attended by the Administrator, Director of Nursing, Nurse Managers, Wound Nurse, MDS Coordinator, Therapy Manager, Health Information Manager and Social Worker.</p> <p>5. Completion Date: 1/20/2026</p>	

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F0759 SS = D	<p>Continued from page 6 24-hour period and if it was crushed, then the medication would have a tendency to hit at one time. The NP stated that she had noted that Resident #116 was getting his medications crushed per his preference, but they could have substituted this medication for a formulation that could be crushed.</p> <p>A phone interview with the Pharmacist on 1/7/26 at 12:13 PM revealed extended-release tablets were not crushable because crushing them would destroy the integrity of the tablet and would release all the medication at one time. She stated that Oxybutynin extended-release tablet should not be crushed.</p> <p>b. The Physician's Orders in Resident #116's electronic medical record indicated an active order dated 7/29/24 for Refresh Tears ophthalmic solution – instill 1 drop in both eyes three times a day for dry eyes, and an active order dated 12/21/24 for Fluticasone-Salmeterol inhalation aerosol (steroid and bronchodilator combination medication) – 1 inhalation orally two times a day for COPD.</p> <p>On 1/7/26 at 9:04 AM, MA #1 was observed as she prepared and administered Resident #116's medications. MA #1 did not administer the Refresh eye drops and the Fluticasone-Salmeterol inhaler to Resident #116.</p> <p>An interview with MA #1 on 1/7/26 at 10:05 AM revealed she did not administer Resident #116's Refresh eye drops and Fluticasone-Salmeterol inhaler because he kept these medications at the bedside and he administered them to himself.</p> <p>An observation and interview with Resident #116 on 1/7/26 at 10:26 AM revealed he did not keep his Refresh eye drops and Fluticasone-Salmeterol inhaler at the bedside and denied administering them to himself.</p> <p>An interview with the Interim Director of Nursing (DON) on 1/7/26 at 12:25 PM revealed Resident #116 did not have physician orders that he could administer medications to himself, and he was not sure why MA #1 thought he kept his inhaler and eye drops at the bedside. The Interim DON stated that MA #1 should have followed the medication pass administration protocol, which was to make sure she gave the right medication, right dosage, right resident, right strength and right product form. He also stated that MA #1 should not have crushed any medication that was not supposed to be crushed.</p>	F0759		
F0761 SS = D	Label/Store Drugs and Biologicals	F0761	F761 – Labeling and Storage of Drugs and Biologicals	01/20/2026

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F0761 SS = D	<p>Continued from page 7 CFR(s): 483.45(g)(h)(1)(2)</p> <p>§483.45(g) Labeling of Drugs and Biologicals</p> <p>Drugs and biologicals used in the facility must be labeled in accordance with currently accepted professional principles, and include the appropriate accessory and cautionary instructions, and the expiration date when applicable.</p> <p>§483.45(h) Storage of Drugs and Biologicals</p> <p>§483.45(h)(1) In accordance with State and Federal laws, the facility must store all drugs and biologicals in locked compartments under proper temperature controls, and permit only authorized personnel to have access to the keys.</p> <p>§483.45(h)(2) The facility must provide separately locked, permanently affixed compartments for storage of controlled drugs listed in Schedule II of the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1976 and other drugs subject to abuse, except when the facility uses single unit package drug distribution systems in which the quantity stored is minimal and a missing dose can be readily detected.</p> <p>This REQUIREMENT is NOT MET as evidenced by:</p> <p>Based on record review, observations and staff interviews, the facility failed to date an opened insulin pen and discard an expired stock medication available for use in 1 of 5 medication carts (500 hall long-side medication cart). Additionally, the facility failed to store a heparin flush syringe in a locked cart instead of leaving it unsecured on a resident's bedside table (Resident #8).</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>1. An observation of the 500 hall long-side medication cart with Nurse #1 on 1/8/26 at 10:24 AM revealed an opened and undated Novolog flex pen available for use in the top drawer of the medication cart. The insulin pen had a pharmacy label indicating it was filled by the pharmacy on 11/10/25. A review of the manufacturer's instructions for Novolog pen indicated that it lasted 28 days after its first use. The observation further revealed an open bottle of Acidophilus tablets with manufacturer's expiration date of 11/25. There were approximately 40 tablets left in</p>	F0761	<p>Continued from page 7</p> <p>1. Corrective Action for Residents Affected</p> <p>On 1/8/2026, all improperly stored, unlabeled, or expired medications were removed and discarded immediately. Nurse #1 was verbally educated related medication storage and labeling policy.</p> <p>2. Corrective Action for Residents Potentially Affected</p> <p>All residents in the facility who take medications or supplements have the potential to be affected.</p> <p>Beginning on 1/14/2026, the Unit Support Nurses audited all med carts to identify any expired medications. Any expired medications noted were immediately removed and discarded. This was completed by 1/14/2026.</p> <p>Beginning on 1/14/2026, the Director of Nursing completed an 100 % audit of all current resident rooms to identify meds at bedside. The audit identified no medications at bedside. This was completed on 1/15/2026.</p> <p>3. Systemic Changes to Prevent Recurrence</p> <p>On 1/14/2026 the Director of Nursing began in-servicing all current full time, part time and PRN Nurses and medication aides. This in-service included the following topics: Storage and Labeling of medications to include the following.</p> <p>Checking medications for expiration date prior to opening medication.</p> <p>Labeling medications and supplements when opened with date open as indicated.</p> <p>-Ensure no meds are left at the bedside following administration.</p> <p>The Director of Nursing will ensure that any licensed Nurse or medication aide who has not received this training by 1/19/2026 will not be allowed to work until the training is completed. This information has been integrated into the standard orientation training and in the required in- service refresher courses for all staff identified above and will be reviewed by the Quality Assurance process to verify that the change has been sustained.</p> <p>4. Monitoring to Ensure Ongoing Compliance</p>	

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F0761 SS = D	<p>Continued from page 8 the bottle. Acidophilus is probiotic bacteria naturally found in the human gut and fermented foods.</p> <p>An interview with Nurse #1 on 1/8/26 at 10:28 AM revealed she wasn't sure whether the expiration date was 28 days or 30 days after the Novolog pen was opened, but it should have been dated. Nurse #1 stated that she was not sure when the Novolog pen was opened, but she remembered administering it this morning to a resident and she didn't notice that it wasn't dated when she used it. Nurse #1 stated that the nurses were responsible for checking the medication carts for undated insulin and expired medications. She shared that she did not give any of the Acidophilus tablets, and she didn't have time to check all of the stock medications in the medication cart for expiration dates. Nurse #1 stated that she only checked the stock bottles she got medications out of during her shift.</p> <p>An interview with the Interim Director of Nursing (DON) on 1/8/26 at 12:30 PM revealed the Novolog pen should have been dated when it was opened because it was good for 28 days after opening, and that the expired stock medication should have been discarded. The Interim DON stated that each nurse on the medication cart was responsible for checking the medications and ensuring that the medications they gave to residents were within date.</p> <p>2. Resident #8 was admitted to the facility on 7/9/24.</p> <p>A physician's order dated 12/8/25 for heparin (anticoagulant) lock flush solution 10 unit/milliliter. Use 5 milliliter intravenously every shift for PICC (peripherally inserted central catheter) line patency. Flush PICC line with 10 milliliters saline followed by 5 milliliters (10 units/milliliter). The order was discontinued on 12/15/25.</p> <p>On 1/5/26 at 11:57 AM an observation of Resident #8's room revealed a syringe in a sealed bag. The syringe was located on a shelf next to Resident #8's chair and was labeled heparin (fast-acting anticoagulant (blood thinner) used to treat and prevent blood clots in the body) lock flush solution 5 milliliters, and the syringe was partially full.</p> <p>On 1/5/26 at 12:04 PM Nurse #1 was interviewed and confirmed the syringe contained medication and removed it from Resident #8's room. Nurse #1 stated he had given Resident #8's medication earlier on 1/5/26 and did not see the medication syringe on the shelf. Nurse #1 indicated he did not know who had left the heparin</p>	F0761	<p>Continued from page 8 Beginning the week of 1/26/2026, the Director of Nursing or designee will monitor compliance utilizing the Medication Storage Quality Assurance Tool weekly x 4 weeks then monthly x 2 months. The Director of Nursing or designee will monitor for compliance with labeling medications and supplements with a date when opened, ensuring the medication carts are free of expired medications and no medication left at bedside. Reports will be presented to the weekly Quality Assurance committee by the DON to ensure corrective action is initiated as appropriate. Compliance will be monitored and the ongoing auditing program reviewed at the weekly Quality Assurance Meeting. The weekly QA Meeting is attended by the Administrator, Director of Nursing, MDS Coordinator, Therapy Manager, Unit Support Nurses, Health Information Manager, and Social Worker.</p> <p>5. Completion Date: 1/20/2026</p>	

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F0761 SS = D	Continued from page 9 lock flush in the Resident's room.  On 1/8/26 at 12:31 PM the Director of Nursing (DON) stated medications should never be left in a Resident's room and he did not know who had left the medication at bedside.  On 1/8/26 at 5:06 PM the Administrator stated medications should not be kept at bedside unless a resident had an order for self-administration of medication.	F0761		
F0791 SS = D	Routine/Emergency Dental Srvcs in NFs  CFR(s): 483.55(b)(1)-(5)  §483.55 Dental Services  The facility must assist residents in obtaining routine and 24-hour emergency dental care.  §483.55(b) Nursing Facilities.  The facility-  §483.55(b)(1) Must provide or obtain from an outside resource, in accordance with §483.70(f) of this part, the following dental services to meet the needs of each resident:  (i) Routine dental services (to the extent covered under the State plan); and  (ii) Emergency dental services;  §483.55(b)(2) Must, if necessary or if requested, assist the resident-  (i) In making appointments; and  (ii) By arranging for transportation to and from the dental services locations;  §483.55(b)(3) Must promptly, within 3 days, refer residents with lost or damaged dentures for dental services. If a referral does not occur within 3 days, the facility must provide documentation of what they did to ensure the resident could still eat and drink adequately while awaiting dental services and the extenuating circumstances that led to the delay;	F0791	F791 – Routine/Emergency Dental Services  1. Corrective Action for Residents Affected  Resident #55- On 1/13/2026, Residents tooth extraction rescheduled for 2/2/2026 and new orders initiated per facility medical provider.  2. Corrective Action for Residents Potentially Affected  On 1/14/2026, A facility wide audit was completed to determine dental assessment status and identify any unmet needs or orders with hold parameters for scheduled procedures. No other issues identified.  3. Systemic Changes to Prevent Recurrence  On 1/14/2026, the Director of Nursing began education related to Dental Services and Physician progress Notes and Consults Policy and Procedures was provided to all licensed nurses and Social Services. The Director of Nursing will ensure that any licensed Nurse or Social Worker who has not received this training by 1/19/2026 will not be allowed to work until the training is completed. This information has been integrated into the standard orientation training and in the required in- service refresher courses for all staff identified above and will be reviewed by the Quality Assurance process to verify that the change has been sustained.  4. Monitoring to Ensure Ongoing Compliance  Beginning the week of 1/26/2026, the Director of Nursing or designee will monitor compliance utilizing the Quality Assurance Tool for Dental Services This will be complete weekly x 4 weeks then monthly x 2 months. The Director of Nursing or designee will monitor for compliance by reviewing 5 residents scheduled for dental services to ensure orders are followed per provider. Reports will be presented to the weekly Quality Assurance committee by the DON to ensure	01/20/2026

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F0791 SS = D	<p>Continued from page 10</p> <p>§483.55(b)(4) Must have a policy identifying those circumstances when the loss or damage of dentures is the facility's responsibility and may not charge a resident for the loss or damage of dentures determined in accordance with facility policy to be the facility's responsibility; and</p> <p>§483.55(b)(5) Must assist residents who are eligible and wish to participate to apply for reimbursement of dental services as an incurred medical expense under the State plan.</p> <p>This REQUIREMENT is NOT MET as evidenced by:</p> <p>Payor source: Medicaid</p> <p>Based on record review, and resident and staff interviews, the facility failed to hold aspirin (an antiplatelet medication that helps prevent blood clots) which resulted in Resident #55 not being able to have an ordered tooth extraction in November 2025 for 1 of 1 resident reviewed for providing dental services (Resident #55).</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>Resident #55 was admitted to the facility on 3/27/25 with diagnoses of severe protein-calorie deficiency and heart disease.</p> <p>A physician's order for one Aspirin Oral Tablet Chewable 81 milligrams at bedtime was ordered on 4/9/25.</p> <p>Resident #55 was care planned on 4/10/25 for dental health problems related to broken teeth and poor repair. The care plan included Resident #55 had recent tooth pain related to abscess and recurring abscesses. The care plan intervention included reporting bleeding gums and complaints of mouth or tooth pain.</p> <p>Resident #55's quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment dated 8/25/25 coded him as cognitively intact, received a mechanically altered diet, and had no significant weight loss. The resident had mouth or facial pain and discomfort with chewing.</p> <p>The dental extraction consent form dated 8/25/25 was reviewed. The form included Resident #55's signature giving consent to have extractions and filling completed by the dentist. Additionally, the consent</p>	F0791	<p>Continued from page 10</p> <p>corrective action is initiated as appropriate. Compliance will be monitored and the ongoing auditing program reviewed at the weekly Quality Assurance Meeting. The weekly QA Meeting is attended by the Administrator, Director of Nursing, MDS Coordinator, Therapy Manager, Unit Support Nurses, Health Information Manager, and Social Worker.</p> <p>5. Completion Date: 1/20/2026</p>	

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F0791 SS = D	<p>Continued from page 12 have the rest pulled in November 2025. Resident #55 indicated the November 2025 dentist appointment had to be canceled because the medication was not stopped before the dentist visit.</p> <p>The SW was interviewed on 1/6/26 at 3:10 PM. She stated the dental clinic would send a resident list 7-10 days prior to the facility visit. The list contained which residents would be seen and what they would be seen for. The SW reviewed the list to remove any residents who had been discharged from the facility. Residents who were to have extractions needed to sign a dental extraction form which included a signature from the physician. The dental extraction form included orders to hold blood thinner medications for 24-48 hours prior to tooth extractions and the order was active for 1 year. The SW added Resident #55 had half of his teeth extracted on 10/09/25 and was to have the rest of his teeth extracted on 11/20/25. The SW explained Resident #55 was unable to have his teeth extracted on 11/20/25 because his thinner blood medication had not been held.</p> <p>On 1/8/26 at 3:50 PM the previous Director of Nursing (DON) was interviewed. She stated Resident #55's blood thinner (aspirin) was held for the teeth extractions on 10/09/25. The signed physician's consent form did state the order to hold blood thinners was valid for 1 year. The previous DON stated the consent form was scanned into the resident's chart and the resident's nurses may have forgotten about the consent form being valid for 1 year and were looking for a new order to hold Resident #55's blood thinner. She added the consent form order to hold Resident #55's blood thinner was missed for the 11/20/25 dental visit. The DON added she did not remember the SW telling her about Resident #55's extractions being scheduled for 11/20/25. The former DON did not know when the Dentist was coming back and expected a new physician's order to hold the resident's blood thinner. The former DON stated the nurses would not know when to hold the blood thinner if they did not know when the Dentist was coming to the facility.</p> <p>The Administrator was interviewed on 1/8/26 at 5:08 PM and stated the facility needed to ensure a proper process was in place that included checks and balances for dentist visits so residents would not miss appointments.</p>	F0791		
F0812 SS = E	<p>Food Procurement,Store/Prepare/Serve-Sanitary</p> <p>CFR(s): 483.60(i)(1)(2)</p> <p>§483.60(i) Food safety requirements.</p>	F0812	<p>F812__ Food Procurement, Store, Prepare, Serve-Sanitary</p> <p>1. Corrective action for affected residents</p> <p>On 1/5/2026, outdated food item was discarded from walk in refrigerator by Dietary Manager</p>	01/20/2026

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F0812 SS = E	<p>Continued from page 13 The facility must -</p> <p>§483.60(i)(1) - Procure food from sources approved or considered satisfactory by federal, state or local authorities.</p> <p>(i) This may include food items obtained directly from local producers, subject to applicable State and local laws or regulations.</p> <p>(ii) This provision does not prohibit or prevent facilities from using produce grown in facility gardens, subject to compliance with applicable safe growing and food-handling practices.</p> <p>(iii) This provision does not preclude residents from consuming foods not procured by the facility.</p> <p>§483.60(i)(2) - Store, prepare, distribute and serve food in accordance with professional standards for food service safety.</p> <p>This REQUIREMENT is NOT MET as evidenced by:</p> <p>Based on observations and staff interviews, the facility failed to dispose of food stored past the use by date in 1 of 3 refrigerators (walk-in refrigerator). Furthermore, the facility failed to maintain clean air vents located directly above the kitchen's tray line free from gray debris and practice hand hygiene during tray line service for 1 of 4 kitchen staff (Kitchen Staff #1) observed in the kitchen. The deficient practice had the potential to affect food served to residents.</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>a. On 1/5/26 at 10:34 AM an observation was conducted in the walk-in refrigerator with the Dietary Manager. An opened 1-gallon container of soy sauce was observed on the top shelf of a storage rack. The container contained a written date 6/11 -12/11.</p> <p>On 1/5/26 at 10:43 AM the Dietary Manager stated the soy sauce useful date range was 6 months after it was opened on 6/11/25. The soy sauce should have been disposed after 6 months (12/11/25).</p> <p>b. On 1/7/26 at 11:31 AM during tray line service Kitchen Staff #1 was observed removing his hat and rubbing his hair with his bare hands. The Kitchen Staff #1 did not wash his hands before putting on a pair of</p>	F0812	<p>Continued from page 13</p> <p>On 1/8/2026, air vents were cleaned by maintenance director</p> <p>On 1/8/2026, Kitchen staff #1 was verbally by Dietary Manager</p> <p>2. Corrective Action for Potentially Affected Residents.</p> <p>All current residents have the potential to be affected by the alleged deficient practice. On 1/14/2026, the Dietary Manager completed inspection of all walk-in refrigerators and all food items were properly stored. Any food items noted unlabeled or without a date were removed and discarded.</p> <p>3. Systemic Changes to Prevent Recurrence</p> <p>On 1/14/2026, the Administrator began In-service education to all full time, part time, and as needed dietary staff on checking for and discarding all food items noted not labeled and not dated and all food must be stored, dated and discarded per NC State Regulations and Food Safety, Food Storage Policy reviewed. The Administrator will ensure that any of the above identified staff who does not receive scheduled in-service training by 1/19/2026 will not be allowed to work until training has been completed. This information has been integrated into the standard orientation training and in the required in-service refresher courses for all staff identified above and will be reviewed by the Quality Assurance process to verify that the change has been sustained.</p> <p>4. Monitoring to Ensure Ongoing Compliance</p> <p>Beginning the week of 1/26/2026, the Administrator or designee will monitor food storage weekly x 4 weeks then monthly x 2 months using the Dietary Quality Assurance Audit Tool. Monitoring will include auditing kitchen reach-in and walk-in refrigerators and freezers in which food is stored to ensure all items are stored properly. Reports will be presented to the weekly Quality Assurance committee by the Administrator to ensure corrective action initiated as appropriate. Compliance will be monitored and ongoing auditing program reviewed at the weekly Quality Assurance Performance Meeting. The weekly QA Meeting is attended by the Administrator, Director of Nursing, MDS Coordinator, Therapy, Health Information Manager, Maintenance Director, Environmental Services Director, and the Dietary Manager</p>	

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F0812 SS = E	<p>Continued from page 14 gloves. The continued observation revealed the kitchen staff left the kitchen wearing gloves, entered the dining room area and then returned to the kitchen without washing his hands. Kitchen Staff #1 was plating hot tray liners into plate covers and then onto trays used to plate food. He also was observed touching covered dessert containers used on the tray line.</p> <p>On 1/7/26 at 12:30 PM the Kitchen Staff #1 stated he may have forgotten to wash his hands after he touched his hair while in the kitchen. He stated he knew he needed to wash his hands when entering the kitchen and when changing gloves and he thought he had washed his hands every time he was supposed to.</p> <p>c. On 1/7/26 at 11:45 AM an observation made during tray line service found an air vent located directly above the tray line covered in debris. The air vent was covered in a thick, clumpy, and grayish in color substance.</p> <p>On 1/7/26 at 12:01 PM the Dietary Manager stated the Kitchen Staff #1 should have washed his hands after he touched his hair and each time, he entered the kitchen and changed gloves. Furthermore, the Dietary Manager stated the air vents in the kitchen should be cleaned every 3 to 4 months and did not know when they were last cleaned. She added, maintenance was responsible for cleaning the air vents and she would put in a work order to have them cleaned.</p> <p>The Administrator stated on 1/8/26 at 5:04 PM the food stored past its usable date should have been disposed. The air vents above the tray line needed to be cleaned and maintained and the kitchen staff needed to follow good hand hygiene.</p>	F0812	Continued from page 14 Compliance Date: 1/20/2026	