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June 14, 2024

Administrator  
Thief River Care Center  
2001 Eastwood Drive  
Thief River Falls, MN 56701

RE: CCN: 245252  
Cycle Start Date: April 12, 2024

Dear Administrator:

On May 9, 2024, May 24, 2024 and June 13, 2024, the Minnesota Department of Health completed revisits to verify that your facility had achieved and maintained compliance. Based on our review, we have determined that your facility has achieved substantial compliance; therefore no remedies will be imposed.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kamala Fiske-Downing'.

Kamala Fiske-Downing  
Federal Enforcement | Health Regulation Division  
Minnesota Department of Health  
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Re: Reinspection Results  
Event ID: RUZR12

Dear Administrator:

On June 13, 2024 survey staff of the Minnesota Department of Health - Health Regulation Division completed a reinspection of your facility, to determine correction of orders found on the survey completed on May 2, 2024. At this time these correction orders were found corrected.

Please feel free to call me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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May 10, 2024

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RE: CCN: 245252  
Cycle Start Date: April 12, 2024

Dear Administrator:

On May 1, 2024 we informed you of imposed enforcement remedies.

On May 2, 2024, the Minnesota Department of Health completed a survey and it has been determined that your facility is not in substantial compliance. The most serious deficiencies in your facility were found to be isolated deficiencies that constituted no actual harm with potential for more than minimal harm that was not immediate jeopardy (Level D), as evidenced by the electronically attached CMS-2567, whereby corrections are required.

At the time of this survey we identified the following deficiency:

F550 Resident Rights/Exercise of Rights S/S D

## REMEDIES

As a result of the survey findings and in accordance with survey and certification memo 16-31-NH, this Department recommended the enforcement remedy(ies) listed below to the CMS location for imposition. The CMS location concurs and is imposing the following remedy and has authorized this Department to notify you of the imposition:

- Mandatory Denial of Payment for new Medicare and/or Medicaid Admissions, Federal regulations at 42 CFR § 488.417(a), effective Medicaid Admissions, Federal regulations at 42 CFR § 488.417(a), effective July 12, 2024

The CMS location will notify your Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) that the denial of payment for new admissions is effective July 12, 2024. They will also notify the State Medicaid Agency that they must also deny payment for new Medicaid admissions effective July 12, 2024.

You should notify all Medicare/Medicaid residents admitted on, or after, this date of the restriction.

The remedy must remain in effect until your facility has been determined to be in substantial compliance or your provider agreement is terminated. Please note that the denial of payment for new admissions includes Medicare/Medicaid beneficiaries enrolled in managed care plans. It is your obligation to inform managed care plans contracting with your facility of this denial of payment for new admissions.

**The CMS location may determine to impose other remedies such as a Civil Money Penalty.**

### **NURSE AIDE TRAINING PROHIBITION**

Please note that Federal law, as specified in the Act at §§ 1819(f)(2)(B) and 1919(f)(2)(B), prohibits approval of nurse aide training and competency evaluation programs and nurse aide competency evaluation programs offered by, or in, a facility which, within the previous two years, has operated under a § 1819(b)(4)(C)(ii)(II) or § 1919(b)(4)(C)(ii) waiver (i.e., waiver of full-time registered professional nurse); has been subject to an extended or partial extended survey as a result of a finding of substandard quality of care; has been assessed a total civil money penalty of not less than \$11,995, has been subject to a denial of payment, the appointment of a temporary manager or termination; or, in the case of an emergency, has been closed and/or had its residents transferred to other facilities.

If you have not achieved substantial compliance by April 19, 2024, the remedy of denial of payment for new admissions will go into effect and this provision will apply to your facility. Therefore, Thief River Care Center will be prohibited from offering or conducting a Nurse Aide Training and/or Competency Evaluation Program (NATCEP) for two years from April 19, 2024. You will receive further information regarding this from the State agency. This prohibition is not subject to appeal. Further, this prohibition may be rescinded at a later date if your facility achieves substantial compliance prior to the effective date of denial of payment for new admissions. However, under Public Law 105-15, you may contact the State agency and request a waiver of this prohibition if certain criteria are met.

### **ELECTRONIC PLAN OF CORRECTION (ePOC)**

Within ten (10) calendar days after your receipt of this notice, you must submit an acceptable ePOC for the deficiencies cited. An acceptable ePOC will serve as your allegation of compliance. Upon receipt of an acceptable ePOC, we will authorize a revisit to your facility to determine if substantial compliance has been achieved. The failure to submit an acceptable ePOC can lead to termination of your Medicare and Medicaid participation (42 CFR 488.456(b)).

To be acceptable, a provider's ePOC must include the following:

- How corrective action will be accomplished for those residents found to have been affected by the deficient practice.
- How the facility will identify other residents having the potential to be affected by the same deficient practice.
- What measures will be put into place, or systemic changes made, to ensure that the deficient practice will not recur.
- How the facility will monitor its corrective actions to ensure that the deficient practice is being

corrected and will not recur.

- The date that each deficiency will be corrected.
- An electronic acknowledgement signature and date by an official facility representative.

## **DEPARTMENT CONTACT**

Questions regarding this letter and all documents submitted as a response to the resident care deficiencies (those preceded by a "F" and/or an "E" tag), i.e., the plan of correction should be directed to:

**Susie Haben, Regional Operations Supervisor, Rapid Response**

Licensing and Certification Program

Health Regulation Division

Minnesota Department of Health

Midtown Square

3333 Division Street, Suite 212

Saint Cloud, Minnesota 56301-4557

Email: [susie.haben@state.mn.us](mailto:susie.haben@state.mn.us)

Office: (320) 223-7356 Mobile: (651) 230-2334

## **PRESUMPTION OF COMPLIANCE - CREDIBLE ALLEGATION OF COMPLIANCE**

The facility's ePoC will serve as your allegation of compliance upon the Department's acceptance. In order for your allegation of compliance to be acceptable to the Department, the ePoC must meet the criteria listed in the plan of correction section above. You will be notified by the Minnesota Department of Health - Health Regulation Division staff and/or the Department of Public Safety, State Fire Marshal Division staff, if your ePoC for their respective deficiencies (if any) is acceptable.

## **VERIFICATION OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE**

Upon receipt of an acceptable ePoC, a Post Certification Revisit (PCR), of your facility will be conducted to validate that substantial compliance with the regulations has been attained in accordance with your verification.

If substantial compliance has been achieved, certification of your facility in the Medicare and/or Medicaid program(s) will be continued and remedies will not be imposed. Compliance is certified as of the latest correction date on the approved ePoC, unless it is determined that either correction actually occurred between the latest correction date on the ePoC and the date of the first revisit, or correction occurred sooner than the latest correction date on the ePoC.

## **FAILURE TO ACHIEVE SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE BY THE SIXTH MONTH AFTER THE LAST DAY OF THE SURVEY**

We will also recommend to the CMS Region V Office and/or the Minnesota Department of Human Services that your provider agreement be terminated by October 12, 2024 (six months after the identification of noncompliance) if your facility does not achieve substantial compliance. This action is

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mandated by the Social Security Act at § 1819(h)(2)(C) and 1919(h)(3)(D) and Federal regulations at 42 CFR § 488.412 and § 488.456.

Please note that this notice does not constitute formal notice of imposition of alternative remedies or termination of your provider agreement. Should the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services determine that termination or any other remedy is warranted, it will provide you with a separate formal notification of that determination.

## APPEAL RIGHTS

If you disagree with this action imposed on your facility, you or your legal representative may request a hearing before an administrative law judge of the Department of Health and Human Services, Departmental Appeals Board (DAB). Procedures governing this process are set out in 42 C.F.R. 498.40, et seq. You must file your hearing request electronically by using the Departmental Appeals Board's Electronic Filing System (DAB E-File) at <https://dab.efile.hhs.gov> no later than sixty (60) days after receiving this letter. Specific instructions on how to file electronically are attached to this notice. A copy of the hearing request shall be submitted electronically to:

[Steven.Delich@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Steven.Delich@cms.hhs.gov)

Requests for a hearing submitted by U.S. mail or commercial carrier are no longer accepted as of October 1, 2014, unless you do not have access to a computer or internet service. In those circumstances you may call the Civil Remedies Division to request a waiver from e-filing and provide an explanation as to why you cannot file electronically or you may mail a written request for a waiver along with your written request for a hearing. A written request for a hearing must be filed no later than sixty (60) days after receiving this letter, by mailing to the following address:

Department of Health & Human Services  
Departmental Appeals Board, MS 6132  
Director, Civil Remedies Division  
330 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Cohen Building – Room G-644  
Washington, D.C. 20201  
202-795-7490

A request for a hearing should identify the specific issues, findings of fact and conclusions of law with which you disagree. It should also specify the basis for contending that the findings and conclusions are incorrect. At an appeal hearing, you may be represented by counsel at your own expense. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Steven Delich, Program Representative at (312) 886-5216. Information may also be emailed to [Steven.Delich@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Steven.Delich@cms.hhs.gov).

## INFORMAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION (IDR) / INDEPENDENT INFORMAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION (IIDR)

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In accordance with 42 CFR 488.331, you have one opportunity to question cited deficiencies through an informal dispute resolution process. You are required to send your written request, along with the specific deficiencies being disputed, and an explanation of why you are disputing those deficiencies, to:

Nursing Home Informal Dispute Process  
Minnesota Department of Health  
Health Regulation Division  
P.O. Box 64900  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0900

This request must be sent within the same ten days you have for submitting an ePoC for the cited deficiencies. All requests for an IDR or IIDR of federal deficiencies must be submitted via the web at:  
<https://forms.web.health.state.mn.us/form/NHDisputeResolution>

You must notify MDH at this website of your request for an IDR or IIDR within the 10 calendar day period allotted for submitting an acceptable electronic plan of correction. A copy of the Department's informal dispute resolution policies are posted on the MDH Information Bulletin website at:  
[https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/regulation/infobulletins/ib04\\_8.html](https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/regulation/infobulletins/ib04_8.html)

Please note that the failure to complete the informal dispute resolution process will not delay the dates specified for compliance or the imposition of remedies.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions.

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| F 000                                                              | INITIAL COMMENTS<br><br>On 5/2/24, a standard abbreviated survey was conducted at your facility. Your facility was NOT in compliance with the requirements of 42 CFR 483, Subpart B, Requirements for Long Term Care Facilities.<br><br>The following complaint was reviewed:<br>H52523450C (MN102836, MN102837) with a deficiency cited at F550.<br><br>The facility's plan of correction (POC) will serve as your allegation of compliance upon the Departments acceptance. Because you are enrolled in ePOC, your signature is not required at the bottom of the first page of the CMS-2567 form. Your electronic submission of the POC will be used as verification of compliance.<br><br>Upon receipt of an acceptable electronic POC, an onsite revisit of your facility may be conducted to validate that substantial compliance with the regulations has been attained. | F 000                                                                      |                                                                                                                          |  |                                                                    |
| F 550<br>SS=D                                                      | Resident Rights/Exercise of Rights<br>CFR(s): 483.10(a)(1)(2)(b)(1)(2)<br><br>§483.10(a) Resident Rights.<br>The resident has a right to a dignified existence, self-determination, and communication with and access to persons and services inside and outside the facility, including those specified in this section.<br><br>§483.10(a)(1) A facility must treat each resident with respect and dignity and care for each resident in a manner and in an environment that                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | F 550                                                                      |                                                                                                                          |  | 5/31/24                                                            |

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| LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE | TITLE | (X6) DATE  |
| Electronically Signed                                                 |       | 05/20/2024 |

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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| F 550                                                              | <p>Continued From page 1</p> <p>promotes maintenance or enhancement of his or her quality of life, recognizing each resident's individuality. The facility must protect and promote the rights of the resident.</p> <p>§483.10(a)(2) The facility must provide equal access to quality care regardless of diagnosis, severity of condition, or payment source. A facility must establish and maintain identical policies and practices regarding transfer, discharge, and the provision of services under the State plan for all residents regardless of payment source.</p> <p>§483.10(b) Exercise of Rights.<br/>The resident has the right to exercise his or her rights as a resident of the facility and as a citizen or resident of the United States.</p> <p>§483.10(b)(1) The facility must ensure that the resident can exercise his or her rights without interference, coercion, discrimination, or reprisal from the facility.</p> <p>§483.10(b)(2) The resident has the right to be free of interference, coercion, discrimination, and reprisal from the facility in exercising his or her rights and to be supported by the facility in the exercise of his or her rights as required under this subpart.</p> <p>This REQUIREMENT is not met as evidenced by:<br/>Based on observation, interview and document review the facility failed to ensure resident rights for 1 of 3 residents (R1) when the facility took shoes away from R1 to slow his movement in the facility.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> | F 550                                                                      | <p>The resident has the right to a dignified existence and access to care and free from interference to their rights. TRCC interfered with R1's rights.</p> <p>To ensure that R1 is not deprived of his right to his shoes again, TRCC gave R1 back his shoes immediately. TRCC staff</p> |  |                                                                        |

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| F 550                                                              | <p>Continued From page 2</p> <p>R1's Resident Face Sheet identified diagnosis that included Alzheimer's, dementia, anxiety and depression.</p> <p>R1's quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS) dated 1/4/24, identified severe cognitive impairment and indicated he required assistance with transfer and self-propelled in his wheelchair. R1's Service Plan Detail report modified 5/3/24, indicated he could wheel himself short distances independently.</p> <p>A facility report log dated 4/26/24, indicated R1 was to wear gripper socks only and indicated his shoes were in the tub room.</p> <p>During observation and interview on 5/2/24 at 1:09 p.m., R1 was escorted to the common area of the facility by his family member (FM)-A. FM-A stated the facility had taken R1's shoes away from him and he was upset about it. FM-A said R1's shoes were taken away so he couldn't move as fast but said she did not think it made a difference. FM-A said R1 had brought up the shoes about three times. R1, who was very hard of hearing and required a white board to communicate said, "Where do you think those shoes are? They're in one of these rooms." FM-A stated she had to take R1 to the dentist that morning and when she asked for his shoes registered nurse (RN)-A said could not give FM-A R1's shoes, even though it was raining outside. FM-A confirmed she had to take R1 to his appointment with only his socks on, and also had to transfer him in and out of the car in his socks while it was raining.</p> <p>During interview on 5/2/24 at 1:22 p.m., RN-B stated the facility took R1's shoes because he had gripper socks. RN-B said the reason the</p> | F 550                                                                      | <p>were instructed to not withhold R1's shoes or any item should they again be throw and pitched at staff.</p> <p>All residents have the potential to have interference with their rights. The DON or designee will assess all residents to see if they have the potential to have their rights interfered with. Interventions will be put in place depending on the findings of the assessments and care plans will be updated.</p> <p>All staff will be educated on Resident Rights. Nursing state will be educated on specific care plan involving rights for R1, providing him with his shoes at all times. Policies were reviewed and no additional updated were needed at this time.</p> <p>The DON or designee will monitor if interventions are being followed and that no resident have their rights interfered with. Random interviews with residents will also take place. This will be done 3x/week for four weeks, 2x/week for four weeks and then 1x/week for 4 weeks and then monthly. Results will be brought to QAPI for recommendations for ongoing monitoring.</p> |  |                                                                        |

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| F 550                                                              | <p>Continued From page 3</p> <p>shoes were taken away was to slow him down since R1 was able to self propel and wandered in the facility.</p> <p>During observation and interview on 5/2/24 at 1:27 p.m., nursing assistant (NA)-A was in the tub room. On the floor inside the room were two pairs of black men's shoes. NA-A stated she did not know whose shoes they were. A few minutes later, NA-A approached surveyor and said the shoes belonged to R1. NA-A said she was told R1 was supposed to wear gripper socks so he could not move as fast.</p> <p>During interview on 5/2/24 at 1:47 p.m., the director of nursing stated R1's shoes were removed because he had behaviors that included kicking staff when he was agitated and said they were not trying to take away his ability to be mobile. The DON said she was not aware FM-A was told R1 could not have his shoes to go out of the facility.</p> <p>R1's medical record lacked evidence he displayed behaviors of kicking staff.</p> <p>During interview on 5/2/24 at 2:10 p.m., RN-A stated she didn't know much about R1's shoes but had been told he was supposed to wear socks only. RN-A said she had not been told R1 was allowed to have his shoes when he went out to appointments. RN-A stated when FM-A asked for them she had been following the direction she had been given.</p> <p>Facility Policy Resident Bill of Rights dated August 2002, indicated staff were to offer opportunities for the residents to make their own decisions and indicated residents are allowed to</p> | F 550                                                                      |                                                                                                                          |  |                                                                        |

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
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| F 550                                                              | Continued From page 4<br>keep reasonable amounts of clothing and<br>possessions for their use.<br><br>Combined Federal and State Bill of Rights dated<br>2/1/17, indicated residents had the right to retain<br>and use personal possessions, including<br>furnishings, and clothing, as space permits,<br>unless to do so would infringe upon the rights or<br>health and safety of other residents. | F 550                                                                      |                                                                                                                          |                            |                                                                        |



*Protecting, Maintaining and Improving the Health of All Minnesotans*

Electronically delivered  
May 10, 2024

Administrator  
Thief River Care Center  
2001 Eastwood Drive  
Thief River Falls, MN 56701

Re: State Nursing Home Licensing Orders  
Event ID: RUZR11

Dear Administrator:

The above facility was surveyed on May 2, 2024 through May 2, 2024 for the purpose of assessing compliance with Minnesota Department of Health Nursing Home Rules and Statutes. At the time of the survey, the survey team from the Minnesota Department of Health - Health Regulation Division noted one or more violations of these rules or statutes that are issued in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 144.653 and/or Minn. Stat. § 144A.10. If, upon reinspection, it is found that the deficiency or deficiencies cited herein are not corrected, a civil fine for each deficiency not corrected shall be assessed in accordance with a schedule of fines promulgated by rule and/or statute of the Minnesota Department of Health.

To assist in complying with the correction order(s), a "suggested method of correction" has been added. This provision is being suggested as one method that you can follow to correct the cited deficiency. Please remember that this provision is only a suggestion and you are not required to follow it. Failure to follow the suggested method will not result in the issuance of a penalty assessment. You are reminded, however, that regardless of the method used, correction of the order within the established time frame is required. The "suggested method of correction" is for your information and assistance only.

You have agreed to participate in the electronic receipt of State licensure orders consistent with the Minnesota Department of Health Informational Bulletin 14-01, available at [https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/regulation/infobulletins/ib04\\_8.html](https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/regulation/infobulletins/ib04_8.html). The State licensing orders are delineated on the Minnesota Department of Health State Form and are being delivered to you electronically. The Minnesota Department of Health is documenting the State Licensing Correction Orders using federal software. Tag numbers have been assigned to Minnesota state statutes/rules for Nursing Homes.

The assigned tag number appears in the far left column entitled "ID Prefix Tag." The state statute/rule number and the corresponding text of the state statute/rule out of compliance is listed in the "Summary Statement of Deficiencies" column and replaces the "To Comply" portion of the correction order. This column also includes the findings that are in violation of the state statute or rule after the statement, "This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by." Following the surveyors findings are the Suggested Method of Correction and the Time Period For Correction.

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PLEASE DISREGARD THE HEADING OF THE FOURTH COLUMN WHICH STATES, "PROVIDER'S PLAN OF CORRECTION." THIS APPLIES TO FEDERAL DEFICIENCIES ONLY. THIS WILL APPEAR ON EACH PAGE.

THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT A PLAN OF CORRECTION FOR VIOLATIONS OF MINNESOTA STATE STATUTES/RULES.

Although no plan of correction is necessary for State Statutes/Rules, please enter the word "corrected" in the box available for text. You must then indicate in the electronic State licensure process, under the heading completion date, the date your orders will be corrected prior to electronically submitting to the Minnesota Department of Health. We urge you to review these orders carefully, item by item, and if you find that any of the orders are not in accordance with your understanding at the time of the exit conference following the survey, you should immediately contact:

Susie Haben, Regional Operations Supervisor, Rapid Response  
Licensing and Certification Program  
Health Regulation Division  
Minnesota Department of Health  
Midtown Square  
3333 Division Street, Suite 212  
Saint Cloud, Minnesota 56301-4557  
Email: [susie.haben@state.mn.us](mailto:susie.haben@state.mn.us)  
Office: (320) 223-7356 Mobile: (651) 230-2334

You may request a hearing on any assessments that may result from non-compliance with these orders provided that a written request is made to the Department within 15 days of receipt of a notice of assessment for non-compliance.

Please feel free to call me with any questions.

Sincerely,



Kamala Fiske-Downing  
Minnesota Department of Health  
Health Regulation Division  
Telephone: (651) 201-4112  
Email: [Kamala.Fiske-Downing@state.mn.us](mailto:Kamala.Fiske-Downing@state.mn.us)

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| 2 000                                                       | <p>Initial Comments</p> <p>*****ATTENTION*****</p> <p>NH LICENSING CORRECTION ORDER</p> <p>In accordance with Minnesota Statute, section 144A.10, this correction order has been issued pursuant to a survey. If, upon reinspection, it is found that the deficiency or deficiencies cited herein are not corrected, a fine for each violation not corrected shall be assessed in accordance with a schedule of fines promulgated by rule of the Minnesota Department of Health.</p> <p>Determination of whether a violation has been corrected requires compliance with all requirements of the rule provided at the tag number and MN Rule number indicated below. When a rule contains several items, failure to comply with any of the items will be considered lack of compliance. Lack of compliance upon re-inspection with any item of multi-part rule will result in the assessment of a fine even if the item that was violated during the initial inspection was corrected.</p> <p>You may request a hearing on any assessments that may result from non-compliance with these orders provided that a written request is made to the Department within 15 days of receipt of a notice of assessment for non-compliance.</p> <p>INITIAL COMMENTS:<br/>On 5/2/24, a complaint survey was conducted at your facility by surveyors from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). Your facility was not in compliance with the MN State Licensure, and the following licensing order was issued. Please indicate in your electronic plan of correction you have reviewed these orders and identify the date</p> | 2 000                                                           |                                                                                                                          |                          |                                              |

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| 21880                                                       | <p>MN St. Statute 144.651 Subd. 20 Patients &amp; Residents of HC Fac.Bill of Rights</p> <p>Subd. 20. Grievances. Patients and residents shall be encouraged and assisted, throughout their stay in a facility or their course of treatment, to understand and exercise their rights as patients, residents, and citizens. Patients and residents may voice grievances and recommend changes in policies and services to facility staff and others of their choice, free from restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination, or reprisal, including threat of discharge. Notice of the grievance procedure of the facility or program, as well as addresses and telephone numbers for the Office of Health Facility Complaints and the area nursing home ombudsman pursuant to the Older Americans Act, section 307(a)(12) shall be posted in a conspicuous place.</p> <p>Every acute care inpatient facility, every residential program as defined in section 253C.01, every nonacute care facility, and every facility employing more than two people that provides outpatient mental health services shall have a written internal grievance procedure that, at a minimum, sets forth the process to be followed; specifies time limits, including time limits for facility response; provides for the patient or resident to have the assistance of an advocate; requires a written response to written grievances; and provides for a timely decision by</p> | 21880                                                                                       |                                                                                                                          |  | 5/31/24                                      |

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| 21880                                                       | <p>Continued From page 3</p> <p>an impartial decision maker if the grievance is not otherwise resolved. Compliance by hospitals, residential programs as defined in section 253C.01 which are hospital-based primary treatment programs, and outpatient surgery centers with section 144.691 and compliance by health maintenance organizations with section 62D.11 is deemed to be compliance with the requirement for a written internal grievance procedure.</p> <p>This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by:<br/>Based on observation, interview and document review the facility failed to ensure resident rights for 1 of 3 residents (R1) when the facility took shoes away from R1 to slow his movement in the facility.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>R1's Resident Face Sheet identified diagnosis that included Alzheimer's, dementia, anxiety and depression.</p> <p>R1's quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS) dated 1/4/24, identified severe cognitive impairment and indicated he required assistance with transfer and self-propelled in his wheelchair. R1's Service Plan Detail report modified 5/3/24, indicated he could wheel himself short distances independently.</p> <p>A facility report log dated 4/26/24, indicated R1 was to wear gripper socks only and indicated his shoes were in the tub room.</p> <p>During observation and interview on 5/2/24 at</p> | 21880                                                                                       | corrected                                                                                                                |  |                                              |

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| 21880                                                       | <p>Continued From page 4</p> <p>1:09 p.m., R1 was escorted to the common area of the facility by his family member (FM)-A. FM-A stated the facility had taken R1's shoes away from him and he was upset about it. FM-A said R1's shoes were taken away so he couldn't move as fast but said she did not think it made a difference. FM-A said R1 had brought up the shoes about three times. R1, who was very hard of hearing and required a white board to communicate said, "Where do you think those shoes are? They're in one of these rooms." FM-A stated she had to take R1 to the dentist that morning and when she asked for his shoes registered nurse (RN)-A said could not give FM-A R1's shoes, even though it was raining outside. FM-A confirmed she had to take R1 to his appointment with only his socks on, and also had to transfer him in and out of the car in his socks while it was raining.</p> <p>During interview on 5/2/24 at 1:22 p.m., RN-B stated the facility took R1's shoes because he had gripper socks. RN-B said the reason the shoes were taken away was to slow him down since R1 was able to self propel and wandered in the facility.</p> <p>During observation and interview on 5/2/24 at 1:27 p.m., nursing assistant (NA)-A was in the tub room. On the floor inside the room were two pairs of black men's shoes. NA-A stated she did not know whose shoes they were. A few minutes later, NA-A approached surveyor and said the shoes belonged to R1. NA-A said she was told R1 was supposed to wear gripper socks so he could not move as fast.</p> <p>During interview on 5/2/24 at 1:47 p.m., the director of nursing stated R1's shoes were removed because he had behaviors that included</p> | 21880                                                                                       |                                                                                                                          |  |                                              |

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| 21880                                                       | <p>Continued From page 5</p> <p>kicking staff when he was agitated and said they were not trying to take away his ability to be mobile. The DON said she was not aware FM-A was told R1 could not have his shoes to go out of the facility.</p> <p>R1's medical record lacked evidence he displayed behaviors of kicking staff.</p> <p>During interview on 5/2/24 at 2:10 p.m., RN-A stated she didn't know much about R1's shoes but had been told he was supposed to wear socks only. RN-A said she had not been told R1 was allowed to have his shoes when he went out to appointments. RN-A stated when FM-A asked for them she had been following the direction she had been given.</p> <p>Facility Policy Resident Bill of Rights dated August 2002, indicated staff were to offer opportunities for the residents to make their own decisions and indicated residents are allowed to keep reasonable amounts of clothing and possessions for their use.</p> <p>Combined Federal and State Bill of Rights dated 2/1/17, indicated residents had the right to retain and use personal possessions, including furnishings, and clothing, as space permits, unless to do so would infringe upon the rights or health and safety of other residents.</p> <p>SUGGESTED METHOD OF CORRECTION:<br/>The administrator, director of nursing (DON), or designee could develop and implement a plan of care by the interdisciplinary team to accurately reflect the individual need of each resident. The facility could update policies and procedures, educate staff on these changes, and audit periodically to ensure the needs of resident(s) are</p> | 21880                                                                                       |                                                                                                                          |  |                                              |

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| 21880                                                              | <p>Continued From page 6</p> <p>maintained. Random audits for an amount of time determined by the quality assessment and performance improvement (QAPI) committee could ensure compliance. The administrator, DON, or designee could then take that information back to QAPI to assess need for further improvement.</p> <p>TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Twenty-one (21) days.</p> | 21880                                                                                               |                                                                                                                          |  |                                                        |