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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  056195	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION  A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  11/27/2024
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER  LA Brea Rehabilitation Center		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE  505 N. LA Brea Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90036	
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F 0580  Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm  Residents Affected - Few	<p>Immediately tell the resident, the resident's doctor, and a family member of situations (injury/decline/room, etc.) that affect the resident.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> 45524</p> <p>Based on observation, interview, and record review the facility failed to ensure one of three sampled residents (Resident 2), who had severe left knee pain was appropriately assessed in a timely manner.</p> <p>This failure resulted in the delay of care for Resident 2 who had to suffer from pain and discomfort for two days.</p> <p>Findings:</p> <p>During a review of the admission record for Resident 2 indicated Resident 2 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses including Urinary Tract Infection (UTI- an infection in the bladder/urinary tract), dementia (a progressive state of decline in mental abilities), and hyperlipidemia (a condition where there are high levels of fats or lipids in the blood).</p> <p>During a review of Resident 2's skin assessment dated [DATE] indicated the skin was intact, with no abnormalities.</p> <p>During a review of Situation, Background, Assessment, Recommendation (SBAR-a communication tool used by healthcare workers when there is a change of condition among the residents) dated 10/31/2024 at 1:16 pm, the SBAR</p> <p>and symptoms) of edema (swelling) or inflammation (a localized physical condition in which part of the body becomes reddened, swollen, hot, and often painful, especially as a reaction to injury or infection) observed in the left leg. Upon admission patient have right upper arm skin discoloration no open skin noted on her left leg and right upper arm I request an X-ray (X-rays are a type of radiation called electromagnetic waves. X-ray imaging creates pictures of the inside of your body) for her left leg and continue to monitor for change of conditions and V/S (vital signs-measurements of the body's basic functions, such as breathing rate, temperature, pulse rate, and blood pressure).</p> <p>During a review of an X-ray imaging report of Resident 2's Left tibia and fibula (two bones in your lower leg, also known as the shin bone [tibia] and the calf bone [fibula]) dated 10/31/2024, the indicated the X-ray report indicated there was no fracture (a break or a crack in a bone).</p> <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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<p>F 0697</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Provide safe, appropriate pain management for a resident who requires such services.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 45524</b></p> <p>Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to effectively and timely manage/treat/assess the pain for two of three sampled residents (Resident 2 and Resident 3) .</p> <p>Resident 2 was experiencing severe pain of the left knee in the facility for two days</p> <p>Resident 3 was admitted to the facility for pain management (The process of providing medical care that alleviates or reduces pain).</p> <p>This deficient practice resulted in:</p> <p>Resident 2 was sent to a general acute care hospital (GACH) emergency room after the resident's family intervened and requested for the transfer to GACH.</p> <p>Resident 3 experiencing unnecessary pain affecting the resident's appetite and ability to sleep.</p> <p>Findings:</p> <p>1. During a review of the admission record for Resident 2 indicated Resident 2 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses including Urinary Tract Infection (UTI- an infection in the bladder/urinary tract), dementia (a progressive state of decline in mental abilities), and hyperlipidemia (a condition where there are high levels of fats or lipids in the blood).</p> <p>During a review of Resident 2's skin assessment dated [DATE] indicated the skin was intact, with no abnormalities.</p> <p>During a review of Situation, Background, Assessment, Recommendation (SBAR-a communication tool used by healthcare workers when there is a change of condition among the residents) dated 10/31/2024 at 1:16 pm, the SBAR indicated: Resident 2 had complaint of leg pain and skin discoloration to RUA (right upper extremity [right arm]). The SBAR indicated Resident [Resident 2] C/O (complained of) of pain on her left leg, upon assessment no s/s (signs and symptoms) of edema (swelling) or inflammation (a localized physical condition in which part of the body becomes reddened, swollen, hot, and often painful, especially as a reaction to injury or infection) observed in the left leg. Upon admission patient have right upper arm skin discoloration no open skin noted on her left leg and right upper arm I request an X-ray (X-rays are a type of radiation called electromagnetic waves. X-ray imaging creates pictures of the inside of your body) for her left leg and continue to monitor for change of conditions and V/S (vital signs-measurements of the body's basic functions, such as breathing rate, temperature, pulse rate, and blood pressure).</p> <p>During a review of an X-ray imaging report of Resident 2's Left tibia and fibula (two bones in your lower leg, also known as the shin bone [tibia] and the calf bone [fibula]) dated 10/31/2024, the indicated the X-ray report indicated there was no fracture (a break or a crack in a bone).</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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F 0697  Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm  Residents Affected - Some	<p>2. During a review of the admission record for Resident 3 indicated Resident 3 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses including multiple myeloma (a type of blood cancer that affects plasma cells in the bone marrow), neoplasm (an abnormal mass of tissue, also known as a tumor, that forms when cells grow and divide too much or don't die when they should) related pain (pain may arise from a tumor compressing or infiltrating tissue), and essential hypertension (HTN-high blood pressure).</p> <p>During a review of the MDS dated [DATE], indicated Resident 3 had moderate cognitive impairments. The same MDS indicated Resident 3 required substantial/maximal assistance for most of his ADL such as: (routine tasks/activities such as bathing, dressing, toileting hygiene).</p> <p>During a record review of Resident 3's SBAR dated 11/21/24 at 2:09 pm indicated, Pain is not relieved by Prn (as needed) narcotics (a substance used to treat moderate to severe pain). Asked Dr. to change Prn medications Norco Oral Tablet 10-325 MG (Hydrocodone-Acetaminophen - a combination medication that contains hydrocodone (an opioid) and acetaminophen (an analgesic). It's used to manage pain for people who've tried non-opioid medications but haven't gotten enough relief) *Controlled Drug*</p> <p>Give 1 tablet orally every 6 hours as needed for severe pain for 90 Days NTE 3gm/24 hrs. To Routine medications.</p> <p>During a review of Resident 3's SBAR dated 11/21/2024 at 11:25 pm, indicated, Abnormal labs elevated the WBC (White blood cells are part of the blood and are an important part of the immune system, which helps to detect and deal with infections). The same SBAR indicated, Labs [laboratory] results came with abnormality WBC 17.9 (range 4,500 and 11,000 per microliter of blood), MD (Medical Doctor) aware with order to send General Acute Care Hospital.</p> <p>During a concurrent observation and interview with Resident 3 on 11/21/24 at 9 am, Resident 3 was observed lying down in bed, positioned on 2 pillows. The resident appeared to be uncomfortable and was restless. Resident 3 was constantly trying to reposition himself at least every 30 seconds, was guarding his abdomen, and taking shallow rapid breaths. Resident 3 stated he had severe pain to his back but had recently received some pain medications. The resident stated that the pain causes him to lose his appetite.</p> <p>During an interview with Family Member 1 (FM )1 on 11/21/24 at 11:12 am, FM 1 stated Resident 3 was afraid to ask staff for pain medication for fear of retaliation. FM 1 stated Resident 1 is constantly pain which was the reason he was sent to the facility. FM 1 stated Resident 3 manifests pain by getting quiet, readjusting position, withdrawals, loses appetite and sleep.</p> <p>During a concurrent interview and record review of Resident 3's medical chart with Registered Nurse 1 (RN )1 on 11/22/24 at 11 am, RN 1 stated that Resident 3 was admitted to the facility for pain management due to neoplasm pain. RN 1 stated, It was very important that his [Resident 3] pain was treated. A review of the physician's order for Norco 10/325mg with RN 1 indicated to administer 1 tablet by mouth every 6 hours prn for severe pain to Resident 3. A review of the Norco administration log indicated Resident 3 received Norco as follows for the month of 11/2024:</p> <p>11/2024 - once</p> <p>11/3/2024 - twice</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		



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