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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  065198	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION  A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  11/30/2023
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER  Gardens, The		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE  104 Lois LN Colorado Springs, CO 80904	
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F 0686  Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm  Residents Affected - Few	<p>Provide appropriate pressure ulcer care and prevent new ulcers from developing.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 47351</b></p> <p>Based on observations, interviews, and record review, the facility failed to ensure residents received care consistent with professional standards of practice to prevent the development and worsening of pressure injuries for one (#14) resident reviewed for pressure injuries out of 25 sample residents.</p> <p>Specifically, the facility failed to ensure interventions for Resident #14's pressure injury were consistently implemented.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>I. Professional reference</p> <p>According to the National Pressure Injury Advisory Panel, Pressure Injury Advisory Panel and Pan Pacific Pressure Injury Alliance Prevention and Treatment of Pressure Ulcers: Clinical Practice Guideline, third edition, [NAME] Haesler (Ed.), EPUAP/NPIAP/PPPIA: 2019, retrieved from <a href="https://www.internationalguideline.com/guideline">https://www.internationalguideline.com/guideline</a> on 12/1/23. Pressure ulcer classification is as follows:</p> <p>Unstageable: Depth Unknown</p> <p>Full thickness tissue loss in which the base of the ulcer is covered by slough (yellow, tan, gray, green or brown) and/or eschar (tan, brown or black) in the wound bed. Until enough slough and/or eschar is removed to expose the base of the wound, the true depth, and therefore Category/ Stage, cannot be determined. Stable (dry, adherent, intact without erythema or fluctuance) eschar on the heels serves as the body's natural (biological) cover; and should not be removed.</p> <p>Suspected Deep Tissue Injury: Depth Unknown</p> <p>Purple or maroon localized area of discolored intact skin or blood-filled blister due to damage of underlying soft tissue from pressure and/or shear. The area may be preceded by tissue that is painful, firm, mushy, boggy, warmer or cooler as compared to adjacent tissue. Deep tissue injury may be difficult to detect in individuals with dark skin tones. Evolution may include a thin blister over a dark wound bed. The wound may further evolve and become covered by thin eschar. Evolution may be rapid, exposing additional layers of tissue even with optimal treatment.</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 0686</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Risk Factors and Risk Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Consider individuals with limited mobility, limited activity and a high potential for friction and shear to be at risk of pressure injuries;</li> <li>-Consider individuals with a Category/Stage 1 pressure injury to be at risk of developing a Category/Stage 2 or greater pressure injury;</li> <li>-Conduct a pressure injury risk screening as soon as possible after admission to the care service and periodically thereafter to identify individuals at risk of developing pressure injuries; and,</li> <li>-When conducting a pressure injury risks assessment: Use a structured approach; Include a comprehensive skin assessment; Supplement use of a risk assessment tool with assessment of additional risk factors; Interpret the assessment outcomes using clinical judgment.</li> </ul> <p>Skin and Tissue assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Assess the pressure injury initially and as soon as possible after admission/transfer to the healthcare service;</li> <li>-Re-assess at least weekly to monitor progress toward healing;</li> <li>-Assess the physical characteristics of the wound bed and the surrounding skin and soft tissue at each pressure injury assessment; and,</li> <li>-Monitor the pressure injury healing progress.</li> </ul> <p>Support Surfaces</p> <p>For individuals with a pressure injury, consider changing to a specialty support surface when the individual: Cannot be positioned off the existing pressure injury. Support surfaces are specialized devices for pressure redistribution and management of tissue load and microclimate. The importance of using a high specification pressure redistribution support surface in all individuals at risk of pressure ulcers or with existing pressure ulcers is highlighted.</p> <p>II. Facility policy and procedures</p> <p>The Skin Management policy, dated June 2022, was provided by the director of nursing (DON) on 12/4/24 at 1:05 p.m. The policy read in pertinent part:</p> <p>Residents receive care to aid in the prevention or worsening of wounds and/or pressure ulcers. Individuals at risk for skin compromise are identified, assessed, and provided treatment to promote healing, prevent infection, and prevent new pressure injuries from developing. Ongoing monitoring and evaluation are provided for optimal resident outcomes.</p> <p>III. Resident #14</p> <p>A. Resident status</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0686</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Resident #14, under the age of 65, was admitted on [DATE]. According to the computerized physician orders (CPO), the diagnoses included sepsis (infection) of right knee with unspecified organism, effusion (fluid accumulation) right knee, unilateral osteoarthritis right knee, unspecified severe protein calorie malnutrition and pressure induced deep tissue damage of left heel, right heel and right buttock.</p> <p>The 11/7/23 minimum data set (MDS) assessment revealed the resident had intact cognition with a brief interview for mental status (BIMS) score of thirteen out of 15. The resident required partial/moderate assistance with activities of daily living (ADL) from staff members for bed mobility, positioning, and transfers (toileting not assessed due to medical condition). The resident was at risk for the development of pressure injuries and had two unstageable pressure injuries.</p> <p>B. Resident interview</p> <p>Resident #14 was interviewed on 11/29/23 at 4:38 p.m. The resident said he developed the wounds to his heels and buttock due to lying in bed too long. The resident said he was hospitalized prior to admission to the facility due to an infection in his right knee. The resident said the right knee was extremely painful and he could not roll left to right and could not extend or straighten his leg due to the pain. The resident said he could not walk, had trouble putting pressure on the right leg and tried to extend the knee but could not. The resident said the hospital doctors drained a lot of red/yellowish fluid from the knee and he had to take antibiotics for six weeks. The resident said staff come in to check on him but don't know how often, staff tried to reposition him but it was too painful. The heel protectors did not stay in place because he used his feet to raise himself in bed to eat and drink.</p> <p>C. Resident observations</p> <p>On 11/29/23 at 2:03 p.m. the resident was covered with a sheet with his lower extremities exposed. The resident has bilateral heel protectors on but both heel protectors were covering his calves, not his heels.</p> <p>On 11/30/23 at 8:04 a.m. the resident had the left heel protector on his left foot, the right heel protector was not positioned correctly on his foot and instead was covering his right calf. There was no pressure reducing or air mattress on the resident's bed.</p> <p>-At 9:40 a.m. registered nurse (RN) #1 entered the resident's room to perform wound care. RN #1 removed the resident's non-skid sock from the right foot and the right heel protector was on the resident's right calf.</p> <p>-At 11:00 a.m. both heel protectors were on the bed and not on his heels.</p> <p>-At 12:51 p.m. there was an air mattress inflating outside the resident's room to replace the resident's mattress.</p> <p>D. Record review</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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