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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  245342	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION  A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  06/25/2024
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER  The Estates at Greeley LLC		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE  313 South Greeley Street Stillwater, MN 55082	
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F 0760  Level of Harm - Actual harm  Residents Affected - Few	<p>Ensure that residents are free from significant medication errors.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 49338</b></p> <p>Based on observation, interview, and document review the facility failed to accurately transcribe an order for an anti-convulsant (anti-seizure medication) upon admission for 1 of 3 (R1) residents reviewed for medication administration in accordance with physician instructions. This resulted in actual harm for R1 when he had seizures and required treatment in the hospital. The facility had taken action to prevent this type of medication error from occurring again, therefore is being cited at past noncompliance.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>R1's facesheet dated 6/25/24, indicated R1 was admitted on [DATE] from an acute care hospital with diagnoses including generalized idiopathic epilepsy and epileptic syndromes not intractable without status epilepticus (a seizure disorder).</p> <p>R1's hospital Medicine History &amp; Physical dated 6/4/24, noted R1 had a history of epilepsy and cognitive disorder. It identified a diagnosis of generalized convulsive epilepsy with a plan to continue with home dosing of 1250 mg [milligrams] BID [twice a day] Depakote [anti-convulsant medication].</p> <p>R1's Hospital Care Management document's Medication List from the discharging hospital dated 6/6/24, included two admission orders for the medication divalproex (divalproex sodium, the generic for medication with brand name Depakote, sometimes shortened to just divalproex). The first order was for divalproex 500 mg delayed release tablet, take two tablets (1000 mg) by mouth twice a day along with 250 mg tablet for total dose of 1250 mg. The second was for divalproex 250 mg delayed release tablet, take one tablet twice daily. The document included handwritten check marks next to the orders and was signed 1st check with date 6/6/24 and initials of the health information manager (HIM).</p> <p>R1's Transfer Orders from the discharging hospital dated 6/6/24, included two admission orders for the medication divalproex. The first order was for divalproex 500 mg delayed release tablet, take two tablets (1000 mg) by mouth twice a day along with 250 mg tablet for total dose of 1250 mg. The second was for divalproex 250 mg delayed release tablet, take one tablet twice daily. The document included handwritten brackets around the medication order set including these orders and was signed with the initials of licensed practical nurse (LPN)-A and dated 6/6/24 at 2:50 p.m.</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 0760</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>R1's Hospital Discharge Summary Report dated 6/6/24, included a discharge medication list with instruction to continue taking these medications that included divalproex 500 mg delayed release tablet, take two tablets (1000 mg) by mouth twice a day along with 250 mg tablet for total dose of 1250 mg and divalproex 250 mg delayed release tablet, take one tablet twice daily.</p> <p>R1's electronic health record (EHR) contained a doctor's order dated 6/6/24, for divalproex sodium oral tablet delayed release give 1250 mg by mouth at bedtime scheduled for administration every day at bedtime. The order was confirmed by LPN-A and had a start date of 6/6/24 and was discontinued on 6/18/24.</p> <p>R1's medication administration record [MAR] dated 6/1/24 to 6/30/24, included the order for divalproex sodium oral tablet delayed release with instruction give 1250 mg by mouth at bedtime scheduled for HS ([NAME] somni, abbreviation for bedtime). The administration was charted as complete from 6/6/24 through 6/15/24.</p> <p>A progress note dated 6/16/24, indicated R1 experienced a change of condition and had a petit mal seizure lasting five minutes and then a grand mal seizure lasting three minutes and was sent to the hospital via ambulance.</p> <p>A progress noted dated 6/16/24, indicated staff called the local hospital emergency room and R1 was still there, he continued to have seizures and would be transferred to a larger hospital.</p> <p>A hospital Clinical Pharmacy Therapeutic Drug Monitoring Note dated 6/16/24, noted R1 received a loading dose [large one-time dose of a medication] of valproic acid of 2500 mg intravenously at 6:23 a.m. with valproic acid level [the body converts divalproex into valproic acid] of 32 prior to the administration. The plan indicated increase valproic acid from 1250 mg BID to 1250 mg intravenously (due to R1's inability to swallow at the time) every eight hours, an increase in dosing from 18 mg of medication per kilogram of R1's weight per day to 28 mg of medication per kilograms of R1's weight per day. There were two lab results of valproic acid listed, a value dated 6/16/24 of 32 micrograms per milliliter (mcg/mL) identified as L indicating lower than the normal range, and a value of 12/27/2018 of 59 mcg/mL not identified as out of normal range. The note indicated R1 was ordered to receive valproic acid [and other anti-convulsant medications]. Pharmacy has been consulted to manage dosing and monitoring to achieve therapeutic levels.</p> <p>A physician's General Medicine Progress Note dated 6/17/24, included [R1] is a 62 y.o. [year old] male with epilepsy . who was admitted from TCU to [local hospital] with seizures and transferred to [larger hospital] for status epilepticus.</p> <p>A physician's hospital Neurocritical Care Progress Note dated 6/17/24, included a clinical summary that noted on 6/16 he [R1] has a seizure at the TCU and was taken to [local hospital]. He had a couple of additional seizures while at [local hospital] despite receiving [multiple intravenous anti-convulsant medications]. He had another seizure after arriving at [larger hospital to which he was transferred]. He is chronically on lamotrigine [an anti-convulsive] and valproic acid for his epilepsy. He has been sleeping poorly lately. In ED [emergency department], lamotrigine level was normal at 13.3 but VPA [valproic acid] was low at 32. The assessment and plan for convulsive status epilepticus and generalized epilepsy noted etiology perhaps sleep deprivation and subtherapeutic VPA level and to continue maintenance VPA.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0760</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>In an interview on 6/24/24 at 2:10 p.m., LPN-A stated HIM put in admission orders for resident and a nurse second checks them. LPN-A stated somehow there was a transcription error with R1's Depakote order and neither herself nor the HIM caught it. She noted R1's anti-seizure medication was put in with the incorrect frequency, it should have been administered morning and night but was put in just for night, and so R1 was not at a therapeutic level of the medication. LPN-A stated she did not understand how it was missed and noted it was a case of human error.</p> <p>During observation and interview on 6/24/24 at 2:34 p.m., registered nurse (RN)-A confirmed that the medication cart contained medication cards for R1 for divalproex tablets that were labeled with date dispensed of 6/6/24. One prescription was cards of divalproex delayed release 500 mg tablets with instructions give two tablets (1000 mg) by mouth twice daily with 250 mg to = 1250 mg twice daily. The second prescription was cards of divalproex delayed release 250 mg tablets with instructions give one tablet (250 mg) by mouth twice daily with 1000 mg to = 1250 mg twice daily. RN-A stated when administering medications she opened the MAR and compared the prescription information on the medication such as resident and drug names, time of administration, frequency, and dose to the information in the MAR. RN-A indicated if she identified a discrepancy she would check for any new provider orders scanned into the resident's chart and if there were no new orders, would refer back to the original admission orders from the hospital for clarification.</p> <p>During an interview on 6/24/24 at 2:46 p.m., R1 stated he was at the facility because he broke his ankle but then had a seizure at the facility and went to the hospital where he believed he had five seizures before re-admitting to the facility. R1 did not recall any concerns regarding his medications.</p> <p>During an interview on 6/24/24 at 3:00 p.m., HIM stated when a new admission was approved and faxed orders were initially received, she would input the orders into a queue for the nurses to then look at. She stated when a resident arrived at the facility, they would have a set of discharge orders from the hospital with them and the nurses would then go through the queued orders she had entered and check to ensure they matched the second set of orders the resident arrived with. HIM noted she hand signed the faxed orders after queueing them, the nurse hand signed the second set of orders after confirming them, and the orders were then scanned into resident EHRs. HIM stated she did not remember inputting R1's orders but was aware a transcription error had occurred.</p> <p>In an interview on 6/25/24 at 9:41 a.m., LPN-A stated when administering medications nurses compare the medication card to the MAR to make sure they are the same patient, medication, dose, form, frequency, and time. If there was a difference, she would pull up the full order for the medication in the EHR and look for the scanned copy of the original orders and if they were different she would call the doctor and clarify. LPN-A stated she performed these checks every time for every medication. LPN-A indicated she did not remember noting a difference between the information on R1's divalproex card and his MAR.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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