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F 0580 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety 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>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 43798</p> <p>Based on record review, and staff, family member, Physician Assistant, and Medical Director interviews the facility failed to notify the physician of a significant change in condition when staff were unable to obtain a urine sample on 3 instances ([DATE] at approximately 5:00 AM and 9:00 PM and [DATE] at approximately 5:30 AM) for a resident identified with complaints of burning urination and decreased fluid intake. Resident #294 was first identified with decreased nutritional and fluid intake on [DATE] requiring staff to push fluids (deliberately drink beyond what thirst dictates to avoid dehydration) through [DATE]. On [DATE] the resident complained of burning urination (dysuria) and was ordered a urinalysis (used to detect abnormalities such as blood, protein, glucose, and indirect indicators of bacterial infection) and urine culture and sensitivity (used to diagnose a urinary tract infection and determine the best treatment). Resident #294 exhibited signs and symptoms of dehydration on [DATE] at approximately 9:00 PM and [DATE] at approximately 5:30 AM as evidenced by the inability to collect urine via an in and out catheter (inserting a thin, hollow tube into the bladder) when the resident had no recent episodes of urination. The first notification to a medical provider was made to the Physician Assistant when she arrived at the facility on [DATE] at approximately , d+[DATE]:30 AM. During this time, nursing staff continued to administer the resident's Lasix (diuretic) 20 milligrams once daily at 9:00 AM despite signs and symptoms of dehydration and did not contact the physician regarding the diuretic administration. On [DATE] Resident #294's family member requested the resident be sent to the hospital. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) were contacted at 3:42 PM and Resident #294 was transferred to the emergency room where he was identified with altered mental status, tachypnea (rapid and shallow breathing), poor perfusion (occurs when there is inadequate blood circulation to organs and tissues and can be an early sign of circulatory or heart problems and can lead to life-threatening conditions), hypothermia (a medical emergency that occurs when the body's temperature drops below 95 F), severe lactic acidosis (occurs when the body produces too much lactic acid and the liver can't metabolize it fast enough), and new vasopressor requirements (vasopressors are a medication that are used to treat people with low blood pressure) most consistent with septic shock (a life-threatening condition that happens when your blood pressure drops to a dangerously low level after an infection) with end organ dysfunction. Resident #294 died at 8:26 PM on [DATE]. This deficient practice occurred for 1 of 3 residents (Resident #294) reviewed for notification of significant changes.</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 0580</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Immediate jeopardy began on [DATE] when staff failed to notify the physician of a significant change in condition when Resident #294 exhibited signs and symptoms of dehydration and staff were unable to obtain a urine specimen via an in and out catheter when the resident had no recent episodes of urination. Immediate jeopardy was removed on [DATE] when the facility implemented a credible allegation of immediate jeopardy removal. The facility will remain out of compliance at a scope and severity of D (no actual harm with potential for more than minimal harm that is immediate jeopardy) to ensure education is completed and monitoring systems put into place and are effective.</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>Resident #294 was admitted to the facility on [DATE]. His diagnoses included dementia, type 2 diabetes, adult failure to thrive, generalized muscle weakness, chronic kidney disease, and congestive heart failure.</p> <p>A physician order dated [DATE] indicated give Lasix oral tablet 20 milligram by mouth one time a day for edema (swelling from fluid retention). Lasix is a diuretic used to treat fluid retention that can result from congestive heart failure, kidney disease or other medical conditions. (Lasix increases the flow of urine and can lead to dehydration.)</p> <p>Resident #294's admission Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment dated [DATE] coded Resident #294 as cognitively intact. He required supervision or touching assistance with toileting. He required setup or clean up assistance with eating. He was coded as frequently incontinent of bowel and bladder and was also coded as taking a diuretic. Resident #294's overall discharge goal was to return to the community. He was not coded for hospice care.</p> <p>A facility 24-hour condition report completed by Nurse #5 dated [DATE] indicated Resident #294 had poor oral intake on day shift. The facility's 24-hour condition report is a form that nurses document the status of all the residents during or at the end of their shift to communicate any pertinent information to the next shift and nursing management. (Breakfast and lunch meals are served during the day shift which starts at 7:00 AM and ends at 3:00 PM.)</p> <p>During an interview with Nurse #5 on [DATE] at 2:45 PM, she stated that she had cared for Resident #294 on [DATE] from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Nurse #5 indicated that normally Resident # 294 consumed more than 25% of his tray food and drinks but on [DATE] he had eaten and drank less than 25% during breakfast, lunch and dinner and she documented it in the 24 hour report and informed the oncoming night shift nurse (Nurse # 4).</p> <p>A facility 24-hour condition report completed by Nurse #4 dated [DATE] indicated Resident #294 was complaining of burning with urination on night shift ([DATE] 11:00 PM to [DATE] 7:00 AM shift).</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0580</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>During an interview on [DATE] at 3:53 PM with Nurse #4, she stated that she was assigned to care for Resident #294 on [DATE] at 7:00 PM to [DATE] at 7:00 AM. Nurse #4 stated that during shift change Nurse #5 had informed her and documented in the 24-hour condition report that Resident #294 had a decreased oral intake with food and drinks. Nurse #4 verbalized that Resident #294 complained of burning with urination during her shift and she left a note for the Provider in the physician book, noted it in the 24-hour condition report and informed the oncoming day shift nurse (Nurse #1). Nurse #4 stated that Resident #294 was stable and the only concern during her shift was complaints of burning with urination which she noted in the physician's book and she pushed fluids while Resident #294 was awake because she thought it was a sign of urinary tract infection.</p> <p>Resident #294's medication administration record indicated Lasix 20 mg was administered on [DATE] at 9:00 AM by Nurse #1.</p> <p>A Physician telephone order dated [DATE] at 11:59 AM ordered by Physician Assistant (PA) #2 indicated urinalysis (UA), urine culture and sensitivity (C & S) for a diagnosis of dysuria.</p> <p>A facility 24-hour condition report dated [DATE] on day shift (7:00 AM to 3:00 PM) completed by Nurse #1 and evening shift (3:00 PM to 11:00 PM) completed by Nurse #6 indicated the need for a UA/C&S for Resident #294 in the morning ([DATE]).</p> <p>During an interview on [DATE] at 10:20 AM with Nurse #1, she indicated that she had cared for Resident #294 on [DATE]. Nurse #1 stated that when she came to work on [DATE] at around 7:00 AM she was informed by the off going night shift nurse (Nurse #4) that Resident #294 had complained of pain with urination during the night shift ([DATE] at 7:00 PM to [DATE] at 7:00 AM). Nurse #1 verbalized that a UA/C&S to rule out a urinary tract infection was ordered during her shift ([DATE] 7:00 AM- 7:00 PM) but she did not attempt to obtain a urine sample since it would not have been picked up until around 6:00 AM the following morning. Nurse #1stated that Resident #294 was less talkative than usual on [DATE].</p> <p>An interview was conducted on [DATE] at 1:40 PM with Nurse #6. He stated that he had filled in for four hours and cared for Resident #294 on [DATE] from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM and he was aware that Resident #294 required a urine sample but he did not obtain it because it wouldn't have been picked up until the morning around 6:00 AM. He notified the third shift nurse (Nurse #2) to collect the urine specimen when she took over at 11:00 PM. Nurse #6 explained that the laboratory specimens were picked up by laboratory staff in the morning at approximately 6:00 AM.</p> <p>A facility 24-hour condition report dated [DATE] on night shift ([DATE] 11:00 PM to [DATE] 7:00 AM) completed by Nurse #2 and day shift ([DATE] 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM) completed by Nurse #1 indicated the need for a UA and C&S for Resident #294.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0580</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>During an interview on [DATE] at 3:38 PM with Nurse #2, she stated that she had cared for Resident #294 on night shift ([DATE] at 11:00 PM to [DATE] at 7:00 AM). Nurse #2 stated that when she took over the assignment that night, she was notified by the off going nurse (Nurse #6) that a urine sample was needed for Resident #294. She indicated that when she came on shift Resident # 294 was asleep and she did not recall waking him up to give him any fluids. Nurse #2 indicated that Resident #294 slept throughout her shift, and she attempted to obtain the urine specimen via an in and out catheter at around 5:00 AM on [DATE] but was unsuccessful and she notified the oncoming day shift nurse (Nurse #1). Nurse #2 indicated Resident #294's incontinence brief was wet during the in and out catheter attempt. Nurse #2 also indicated that she was not Resident #294's regular nurse and she was not familiar with his baseline. She verified that she did not notify the physician that she was unable to obtain the ordered urine specimen.</p> <p>An interview was conducted on [DATE] at 2:12 PM with NA #2 who had cared for Resident #294 on [DATE] and [DATE] on night shift. NA #2 stated that Resident #294 took only a few sips of water during her shifts and when she changed his incontinence brief there was very little urine. NA #2 stated that Nurse #3 was aware of Resident's condition from the beginning of her shift when she had told NA #2 to offer and encourage the Resident to drink water when she went to check on him.</p> <p>Resident #294's medication administration record indicated Lasix 20 mg was administered on [DATE] at 9:00 AM by Nurse #1.</p> <p>During an interview with Nurse #1 on [DATE] at 10:20 AM she stated that when she came back to work on [DATE] at around 7:00 AM she was informed by the off going night shift Nurse (Nurse #2) that a urine sample was still needed for Resident #294 since she had not been able to obtain the urine during the night shift. Nurse #1 stated that she did not attempt to obtain the urine sample on [DATE] day shift. She indicated that Resident #294 was more like he was the previous day when she had noted he was not at his baseline. He was less talkative than usual and not eating/drinking as usual and she continued to push fluids. Nurse #1 stated that Resident #294 normally ate and drank most of what was on his tray, and he also drank most of the water she gave him during medication administration, but on [DATE] he took only sips with the medication. She further stated that Resident #294 consumed 0 out of 120 milliliters of his med pass (nutritional supplementation) on [DATE] at approximately 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM whereas previously he consumed 100 % of the supplementation. Nurse #1 verified that she did not notify the physician of Resident #294's change of condition from baseline.</p> <p>A facility 24-hour condition report completed by Nurse #3 dated [DATE] on night shift ([DATE] 7:00 PM to [DATE] 7:00 AM) indicated the nurse attempted twice to collect urine unsuccessfully.</p> <p>A late entry nursing progress note written by Nurse #3 dated [DATE] at 6:13 AM indicated report was given to the nurse that a UA/C&S was needed. The nurse attempted to push fluids, however, resident would only take small sips. The first attempt to obtain the UA/C&S was around 9:00 PM on [DATE] and she was unable to collect as not enough urine came out. The writer continued to push fluids throughout the shift, again, only getting small sips. The first attempt to collect the urine was reported to the supervisor. The second attempt to obtain the UA/C&S was at 5:33 AM on [DATE] and was again unsuccessful. Oncoming nurse (Nurse #1) and the Unit Manager were made aware of the attempts and that the resident was still in need of a specimen or the medical doctor may need to be called to get further orders.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0580</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Nursing progress note written by Nurse #3 dated [DATE] at 6:31 AM indicated writer attempted to collect urine twice, however, was unsuccessful and Nurse #3 would report off to oncoming nurse (Nurse #1).</p> <p>An interview was conducted on [DATE] at 1:54 PM with the Nurse #3 who was assigned to care for Resident #294 on [DATE] at 7:00 PM through [DATE] at 7:00 AM. Nurse #3 stated she had received report from the off going day shift nurse (Nurse #1) that a urine specimen was needed for Resident #294 and she attempted to obtain the specimen at around 9:00 PM on [DATE] and at approximately 5:30 AM on [DATE] via an in and out catheter both times but was unsuccessful. She stated that there was barely any urine and it was too thick to be processed. She stated that Resident #294's incontinence brief was dry during both attempts, and she was pushing fluids but Resident #294 was only taking small sips and could not get in much. Nurse #3 reported to the oncoming day shift nurse (Nurse #1) that she had been unsuccessful in obtaining the urine specimen via an in and out catheter. Nurse #3 stated that Resident #294's vital signs were completed on day shift and were stable. She stated that she could not recall if she had obtained any vital signs during her shift and if she did, she would have documented them if they were outside parameters. Nurse #3 stated that Resident #294 did not seem different than other nights she had cared for him, he was verbal and did not seem to be in any acute distress otherwise she would have informed the physician to send him out. She verified she did not notify the physician.</p> <p>During an interview on [DATE] at 3:05 PM with Nursing Assistant (NA) #1 she stated that she had cared for Resident #294 on [DATE] through [DATE] during the 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM shift. NA #1 stated that during those 3 days she noticed that Resident #294 was eating and drinking less than usual, and he had become incontinent whereas previously he was using the urinal. She also stated that previously he could feed himself, but she had to feed him and offer drinks on [DATE] and [DATE] but he did not eat or drink as he usually did. NA #1 also stated that when she changed Resident #294's briefs there was minimal urine. NA #1 further stated that when she was giving Resident #294 a shower on [DATE] he was not as responsive as usual, he was quiet and not shouting like he would normally do during showers. She verbalized that Nurse #1 was aware of Resident #294's condition and had told NA #1 to encourage Resident #294 to drink his fluids and also to give him a shower because he kept pulling off his clothes.</p> <p>Resident #294's medication administration record indicated Lasix 20 mg was administered on [DATE] at 9:00 AM by Nurse #1.</p> <p>A Physician order dated [DATE] at 10:15 AM ordered by PA #1 indicated obtain peripheral intravenous (PIV) access (small catheter inserted into a superficial vein [a vein located close to the surface of the skin]). If unable to obtain, obtain a midline (a long flexible tube that is inserted into a vein in the upper arm to deliver fluids or medication into the blood stream).</p> <p>A Physician order dated [DATE] ordered by PA #1 indicated Sodium Chloride Intravenous Solution 0.9 %. Use 2 liters intravenously in the morning for poor oral intake for 3 Days. Administer 2 liters intravenous fluids normal saline at 100 milliliters per hour for 3 days. (Sodium Chloride is used to replenish lost water and salt in the body.)</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0580</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>During an interview with Nurse #1 on [DATE] at 10:20 AM, Nurse #1 stated that when she came to work on [DATE] at around 7:00 AM she was informed by the off going night shift nurse (Nurse #3) that a urine sample was still needed. She indicated the resident drank only sips of water during medication administration on [DATE]. Nurse #1 revealed that she had administered Resident #294's Lasix on [DATE], [DATE] and [DATE] at approximately 9:00 AM despite the resident's decreased oral food and fluid intake and that she did not think to hold it or ask the provider about it. She stated Resident #294 seemed more confused than the previous 2 days, and she notified Physician Assistant (PA) #1 when she came to the facility between 10:00 AM and 11:00 AM on [DATE]. She stated that she knew the PA would come to the facility that morning and she would let the PA know that they had not been able to obtain the urine specimen and the resident was not drinking much which was probably a sign of dehydration. PA #1 went to examine Resident #294 and ordered a midline and IV fluids. Nurse #1 stated she did not attempt to insert a peripheral line because Resident #294 was dehydrated and she could not find a visible vein. She stated that she did not notify the PA regarding the PIV because the PA had ordered a midline if a PIV was not obtained. She called the vascular team (a contracted entity that is specialized in inserting intravenous catheters) to come and insert a midline and also called Resident #294's family member to obtain consent for the midline insertion. The family member did not answer the phone, and she left a message for her. The family member arrived at the facility at around 3:00 PM and the Nurse informed her that the vascular team were enroute to the facility to insert the midline. The family member wanted Resident #294 to be sent to the Emergency Department (ED) due to the worsening condition and Nurse #1 stated she agreed. She informed the Unit Manager and the facility Provider and called emergency medical services (EMS) who came to transfer Resident #294 to the hospital.</p> <p>A Physician Assistant (PA) progress note written by PA #1 dated [DATE] at 11:52 AM indicated Resident #294 was seen by PA at the request of nursing for evaluation of change in condition. The resident was minimally responsive. This was a noted change from usually being agitated and interactive per nursing/therapy. The roommate reported that he had not seen Resident #294 eat over the past 3 days. Nursing attempted to obtain UA/C&S, unable to provide adequate sample even with catheter. The progress note also indicated the resident had a change in condition, altered mental status, decreased oral intake, and was clinically dehydrated. An order was provided to obtain a PIV on [DATE] and ordered IVF 2 liters for 3 days ([DATE] to [DATE]). The progress note indicated staff were unable to obtain UA/C&S given dehydration.</p> <p>During an interview on [DATE] at 4:30 PM with Physician Assistant #1 (PA #1) she stated that she was notified by Nurse #1 when she came to the facility at around 10:30 AM on [DATE] that Resident #294 had a change in condition, and they had not been able to obtain a urine sample for a UA and C&S. The PA explained that when she went to assess Resident #294, he seemed dehydrated but was responsive to questions. She gave an order to insert a peripheral intravenous (PIV) line and if unable to obtain PIV access to obtain a midline so that they could administer IV fluids. The PA stated she normally put the two orders (PIV and midline) on the same order so that if they could not obtain a PIV they could go ahead and obtain the midline without needing a second order. The PA stated she did not know Resident #294's baseline since she was not the primary care provider for Resident #294. She also stated that she could not recall if the facility contacted her to let her know that they had not obtained an IV access. She indicated she would not have expected to be notified if they did not obtain the PIV since the order explicitly stated to obtain the midline if PIV access was unable to be obtained. PA #1 stated the timeline to contact a provider was a case-by-case basis based on Resident's status. She further stated that if the Resident was declining and they could not get an IV access then they would contact the Provider if they needed the Resident to be sent to the hospital.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0580</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>An interview was conducted with the Unit Manager (UM) on [DATE] at 10:40 AM. The UM stated that she was notified by Nurse #1 on [DATE] at approximately 3:00 PM that Resident #294's family member was in the facility to see the resident and wanted him to be sent to the hospital due to altered mental status and she told Nurse #1 to go ahead and send the Resident out to the hospital per family request. The UM verbalized she was not aware if the Provider was notified about the inability to obtain the urine sample and change in condition until [DATE] when the Provider came to the facility between 10:00 AM and 11:00 AM.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with Resident #294's Emergency Contact #1 (Family Member) on [DATE] at 3:02 PM. The family member stated that she received a voice message from Nurse #1 on [DATE] at approximately 1:30 PM indicating that Resident #294 was doing okay and that she wanted to give her an update. The family member decided to come to the facility to check what was going on when she tried to call back the facility and was put on hold. When she arrived at the facility around 3:00 PM she found the Resident naked and disoriented, his mouth was dry and crusty and she attempted to give him a drink and he drank it. The family member stated Nurse #1 told her she was waiting for vascular team to come and insert an intravenous line and she informed Nurse #1 that she wanted the Resident to be sent to the hospital because he was in distress and Nurse #1 called 911.</p> <p>An EMS report dated [DATE] indicated that EMS was contacted at 3:42 PM for a non-emergent transportation due to family choice. EMS arrived at the facility at 4:02 PM and primary impression was altered mental status and secondary impression was sepsis. The chief complaint was altered mental status with onset of [DATE]. An electrocardiogram (ECG) at 4:05 PM indicated atrial fibrillation (irregular heart rhythm characterized by rapid and irregular heartbeat). Vital signs obtained by EMS at 4:17 PM were noted as blood pressure: ,d+[DATE], pulse: 65, respirations: 8, oxygen saturation: 94 % and level of consciousness was responds to painful stimulation on the AVPU (alert, voice, pain, unresponsive scale used to measure patient's level of consciousness). EMS obtained a telephone order at 4:22 PM to administer IV fluids due to Resident #294 meeting the criteria for sepsis. IV fluids were not administered due to inability to establish an IV access. EMS departed facility at 4:39 PM with Resident #294 and notified the receiving hospital of sepsis indication at 5:00 PM. EMS assessment at 5:05 PM indicated Resident #294 was lethargic, non-verbal with minimal alertness, he had rapid mouth breathing, his skin was cold and dry, lung sounds were clear with increased respiratory rate and oxygen saturation readings were inconsistent due to the resident having cold hands. Resident #294 arrived at the ED at 5:41 PM.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0580</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>An ED progress note dated [DATE] indicated that Resident #294's vital signs were noted as follows: blood pressure: ,d+[DATE], heart rate: 138, and respirations 29 at 5:45 PM and oxygen saturation: 33 %, and temperature: 93.4 degrees Fahrenheit at 6:23 pm. The progress note indicated Resident #294 presented critically ill, obtunded (reduced level of alertness and consciousness), breathing on his own with cold distal extremities with dilated pupils without response bilaterally and no response to painful stimuli. Facility stated that he had not been eating or drinking anything for 3 days, and today he was found naked by his family and encouraged the nurse to take his vital signs who then emergently called for 911. Resident #294 was found to be in metabolic acidosis (a condition in which too much acid accumulates in the body). Because of his cold extremities, they were unable to reliably obtain a pulse oximeter reading. Discussion with family revealed patient had voiced wishes to have everything done to sustain his life. After discussion regarding his goals of his care, family wanted the patient to continue to be full code. They understood that he was critically ill at that moment. The ED note indicated that Resident's presentation with altered mental status, tachypnea, poor perfusion, hypothermia, severe lactic acidosis, and new vasopressor requirements, consistent with septic shock with end organ dysfunction as cause of death. Resident #294 died at 8:26 PM on [DATE].</p> <p>During an interview on [DATE] at 3:07 PM with PA #2 she stated that she was the primary care provider for Resident #2 and that she had given the telephone order on [DATE] for the UA/C&S due to dysuria per nursing reports. PA #2 stated that she could not recall the facility notifying her that they had not obtained the urine sample or that the Resident's condition was declining. She also stated the timeline to contact a provider was a case-by-case basis based on Resident's status.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with the facility Medical Director (MD) on [DATE] at 4:37 PM. The MD stated he was aware of Resident #294's condition and the facility did what they were supposed to do to manage the Resident's condition. He indicated that when the Resident showed signs of a UTI, a UA was ordered and when they could not obtain a urine sample, they ordered an IV access for hydration, but the Resident was sent out before the IV access was obtained. The MD also stated that if the Resident had been sent out earlier the outcome would not have been any different. He also stated that if the UA had been obtained on [DATE] and was positive for a UTI they would have started the Resident on oral antibiotics and the outcome would have probably been the same. When the MD was asked if the facility staff should have notified him when they could not obtain the urine on [DATE] with the resident not drinking adequately as well as with continued Lasix administration, the MD stated the facility did everything right. When asked if the facility staff should have notified him when they didn't obtain PIV access, he stated that the vascular team had been contacted and they were on the way when the resident was sent out to the hospital.</p> <p>An interview was conducted on [DATE] at 4:30 PM with the Director of Nursing (DON). The DON stated that if nurses were not able to obtain the urine specimen on [DATE] at 5:00 AM, [DATE] at 9:00 PM and [DATE] at 5:30 AM with decreased oral intake nurses should have contacted the on call provider if there was no provider in the facility. She also stated nurses should have notified the PA on [DATE] when they were in the building that they had not obtained the ordered urine sample and inquired about the Lasix administration due to decreased oral intake and inability to obtain the urine specimen. The DON indicated she did not expect the staff to notify the physician/PA when the PIV access was unable to be obtained as the order specifically stated that if staff were unable to obtain PIV access that they were to obtain a midline via the vascular team.</p> <p>The Administrator was notified of immediate jeopardy on [DATE] at 6:04 PM.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0580</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>The facility provided the following credible allegation of immediate jeopardy removal:</p> <p>1) Identify those recipients who have suffered, or are likely to suffer, a serious adverse outcome as a result of the noncompliance</p> <p>Resident #294 no longer resides in the facility. Resident was transferred to the local hospital on [DATE] due to altered mental status. The center recognizes that all residents have the potential to be affected from the noncompliance of notifying the physician as it relates to obtaining a urine sample for residents identified with complaints of burning urination and decreased fluid intake, including signs and symptoms of dehydration as evidenced by the inability to collect urine via an in and out catheter when the resident had a dry brief.</p> <p>A review of Resident #294's electronic medical record revealed an order for UA w/ reflex, Urine Culture and Sensitivity with Diagnosis of Dysuria was ordered on [DATE]. The facility staff attempted to push fluids and obtain urine sample on [DATE] at approximately 5:00 AM and 9:00 PM, [DATE] at approximately 5:30 AM and was unable to collect urine sample. A review of Resident #294 orders indicated resident was prescribed Lasix 20mg daily to be administered daily per physicians' orders.</p> <p>A quality review of current residents with an order for UA/C&S between [DATE] through [DATE] were audited by the Director of Clinical Services and Unit Managers on [DATE] to ensure urine sample was obtained. Nine (9) residents with orders for UA/C&S and eight (8) with no further change in condition that required notification to physician. No discrepancies were noted. Twenty-three (23) residents identified as having a physician order to administer diuretics were audited by the Director of Nursing and Unit Managers to ensure no signs and symptoms of dehydration as evidenced by the inability to collect urine. No resident was identified with signs and symptoms of dehydration as evidenced by the inability to collect urine, therefore notification to the physician was not warranted.</p> <p>On [DATE], a root cause analysis was completed by the Director of Clinical Services and the Executive Director regarding notifying the physician for Resident #294 when staff were unable to obtain a urine sample. It was determined through the root cause analysis that the facility failed to follow policy and procedures to notify the physician regarding change in condition as it relates to decreased fluid intake for Resident #294 receiving Lasix and unable to obtain urine sample.</p> <p>2) Specify the action the entity will take to alter the process or system failure to prevent a serious adverse outcome from occurring or recurring, and when the action will be complete</p> <p>The Director of Clinical Services and Nurse Managers re-educated licensed nurses on notifying physician for residents identified as having a change in condition via Situation, Background, Assessment and Recommendation (SBAR) as it relates to assessing residents with signs and symptoms of dehydration on [DATE]. The licensed nurse is to assess the resident, including vitals, complete the SBAR and notify the attending physician when there is a change in the status or condition of the resident. The Director of Nursing and Unit Managers re-educated licensed nurses on recognizing signs and symptoms of dehydration to ensure prompt physician notification for change in condition on [DATE]. Staff (licensed nurses/ Certified Nurse Assistants) not educated on [DATE], will be educated by the Director of Nursing and or Unit Manager prior to working the floor. Newly hired staff will be educated during orientation by the Director or Nursing or Unit Manager on notifying physician for residents identified as having a change in condition via SBAR as it relates to assessing residents with signs and symptoms of dehydration.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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F 0580 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety Residents Affected - Few	<p>The Director of Clinical Services and Nurse Managers re-educated licensed nurses on notifying physician via change in condition (SBAR) for residents with an order for UA/C&S and unable to obtain urine sample on [DATE]. The licensed nurse is to assess the resident, including vitals, complete the SBAR and notify the attending physician when there is a change in the status or condition of the resident.</p> <p>The Director of Clinical Services and Nurse Managers re-educated certified nursing assistants on signs and symptoms of dehydration and immediately report the change in condition to the licensed nurse on [DATE]. Newly hired staff will be educated during orientation by the Director of Clinical Service and or Unit Managers. Staff (licensed nurses/ Certified Nurse Assistance) not educated on [DATE], will be educated by the Director of Nursing and or Unit Manager prior to working the floor.</p> <p>Date of Immediate Jeopardy Removal [DATE]</p> <p>On [DATE] the facility's immediate jeopardy removal was validated [TRUNCATED]</p>		

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F 0641 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	<p>Ensure each resident receives an accurate assessment.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 38702</p> <p>Based on record review, observation, and staff interview, the facility failed to code the Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment accurately in the area of hypnotics medication for 1 of 30 sampled resident reviewed (Resident # 55).</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>Resident #55 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses including dementia.</p> <p>The annual Minimum Data Set (MDS) dated [DATE] had Resident #55 coded as severely cognitively impaired, and hypnotics were taken during the look back period.</p> <p>The August and September 2024 Medication Administration Records (MAR) did not reveal an order for hypnotics.</p> <p>An interview with the Director of Nursing (DON) was conducted on 11/19/2024 at 2:49 PM. The DON stated she look at MARs as far back as April 2024 for Resident #55 and there had not been a hypnotic ordered. The DON also stated the MDS was coded incorrectly and expected the MDS nurse to code the assessment accurately.</p> <p>An interview with the MDS nurse was conducted on 11/19/2024 at 2:58 PM. The MDS Nurse stated she was the one who completed the MDS for Resident #55. There was a data entry error because Resident #55 was not receiving hypnotics during that time.</p> <p>An interview with the Administrator was conducted on 11/22/2024 at 1:08 PM. The Administrator stated he expected the MDS assessments to be coded correctly.</p>		

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<p>F 0684</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide appropriate treatment and care according to orders, resident's preferences and goals.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 43798</p> <p>Based on record review, and staff, family member, Physician Assistant, and Medical Director interviews, the facility staff failed to recognize the seriousness of a significant change in condition, the importance of and identify the need for urgent medical attention to address an emergent situation. On [DATE] a sudden decrease in food and fluid intake was observed by staff. Resident #294 reported burning with urination to the night shift nurse ([DATE] at 11:00 PM through [DATE] at 7:00 AM) and an order for a urinalysis (UA) and urine culture and sensitivity (C & S) was obtained from Physician Assistant #2 on [DATE]. No attempts were made to collect the urine specimen for the UA until [DATE] at around 5:00 AM and the nurse was not successful. Another nurse attempted to obtain the urine specimen the evening of [DATE] and the morning of [DATE] but was not successful. Resident #294 was administered his diuretic daily [DATE] through [DATE] despite decreased intake. The poor intake continued and by [DATE] Resident #294 had become incontinent of urine, there was minimal urine noted when his brief was changed, and staff had to feed him. The morning of [DATE] staff requested PA #1 to evaluate Resident #294 who noted the resident had a change in condition, altered mental status, decreased oral intake, and was clinically dehydrated. PA #1 ordered intravenous (IV) fluids for 3 days, but the nurse did not attempt to insert a peripheral line because Resident #294 was dehydrated, and she could not find a visible vein. The nurse contacted the vascular team to obtain IV access. On [DATE] Resident #294's family member arrived at the facility at approximately 3:00 PM and requested the resident be sent to the hospital and the facility requested non emergent transport. The specimen for the urinalysis had still not been collected and the IV fluids had not been initiated. EMS arrived at the facility at 4:02 PM and the primary impression was altered mental status and secondary impression was sepsis. The chief complaint was altered mental status with onset of [DATE]. Resident #294 was transferred to the emergency department (ED) where the progress note indicated Resident #294 presented critically ill, obtunded (reduced level of alertness and consciousness), breathing on his own, with cold distal extremities, with dilated pupils without response bilaterally, and no response to painful stimuli. He was identified with altered mental status, tachypnea (rapid and shallow breathing), poor perfusion (occurs when there is inadequate blood circulation to organs and tissues and can be an early sign of circulatory or heart problems and can lead to life-threatening conditions), hypothermia (a medical emergency that occurs when the body's temperature drops below 95 F), severe lactic acidosis (occurs when the body produces too much lactic acid and the liver can't metabolize it fast enough), and new vasopressor requirements (vasopressors are a medication that are used to treat people with low blood pressure) most consistent with septic shock (a life-threatening condition that happens when your blood pressure drops to a dangerously low level after an infection) with end organ dysfunction. Resident #294 died at 8:26 PM on [DATE]. This deficient practice occurred for 1 of 3 residents (Resident #294) reviewed for professional standards of care.</p> <p>Immediate jeopardy began on [DATE] when staff failed to recognize the seriousness of Resident #294's change in condition and obtain necessary emergent medical attention. Immediate jeopardy was removed on [DATE] when the facility implemented a credible allegation of immediate jeopardy removal. The facility will remain out of compliance at a scope and severity of D (no actual harm with potential for more than minimal harm that is immediate jeopardy) to ensure education is completed and monitoring systems put into place and are effective.</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0684</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Resident #294 was initially admitted to the facility on [DATE] with the last readmission to the facility on [DATE]. His diagnoses included fracture of right femur (thigh bone between hip and knee), dementia, type 2 diabetes, adult failure to thrive, generalized muscle weakness, chronic kidney disease, and congestive heart failure. He was admitted to the facility for rehabilitation therapy services after hospitalization following the femur fracture.</p> <p>A hospital discharge summary dated [DATE] indicated Resident #294 was admitted to the hospital from [DATE] to [DATE] due to inability to care for himself at home after he was discharged home from SNF on [DATE] and readmitted to the hospital on [DATE]. He had an unwitnessed ground-level fall early morning on [DATE] at the hospital when he thought he smelled smoke in his room and got up to investigate. Plain films revealed right femoral neck fracture.</p> <p>Resident #294 underwent a right hip hemiarthroplasty on [DATE] and was discharged to SNF on [DATE] with physical and occupational therapy recommendations.</p> <p>A physician skilled nursing facility (SNF) admission note indicated Resident #294 was seen on [DATE] and reason for admission was debility. The symptoms had begun 11 weeks ago and the symptoms were reported as being moderate. The note indicated that the resident had a history of type 2 diabetes, coronary artery disease and suspected major neurocognitive disorder and had presented to the hospital for failure to thrive in adult. Resident #294 was admitted to the hospital on [DATE] through [DATE] for difficulty caring for self. He was discharged from the hospital on [DATE] and admitted to a skilled nursing facility and was discharged from the SNF to the community on [DATE] but he was unable to care for self at home and was readmitted to the hospital on [DATE]. He was living in a trailer without access to running water or sewer and likely not consistently taking his medications. He was known to only be able to feed and dress himself but not to perform other activities of daily living (ADL) or instrumental activities of daily living (IADLs) independently, including unable to bathe himself or use toilet, often using water jugs as commodes instead. Per review of prior records, Resident had demonstrated inability to follow-up with medical providers (was lost to Cardiology follow-up for 3 years despite significant cardiac history) and was paranoid about medications, such as self-discontinuing enalapril (medication used to treat high blood pressure) because he did not trust new pill color, demonstrating inability to make rational decisions regarding his health. The plan on the admission note indicated Resident #294 had a set of conditions, syndromes and functional impairments that would likely require frequent medication changes, other treatment changes and re-evaluations. Resident was at significant risk of worsening medical (including behavioral) status and was at significant risk for readmission to a hospital and these multiple morbidities required intensive management.</p> <p>Resident #294's care plan last revised on [DATE] had a care focus area that indicated Resident had potential for fluid deficit related to diuretic use with the goals for Resident to be free of symptoms of dehydration. Interventions included: monitor and document intake and output as per facility policy; monitor vital signs as ordered/per protocol and record; notify physician of significant abnormalities; monitor/document/report as needed any signs/symptoms of dehydration; obtain and monitor lab/diagnostic work as ordered and report results to physician and follow up as indicated.</p> <p>A physician order dated [DATE] indicated full code.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0684</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>A physician order dated [DATE] indicated give Lasix oral tablet 20 milligram by mouth one time a day for edema (swelling from fluid retention). Lasix is a diuretic used to treat fluid retention that can result from congestive heart failure, kidney disease or other medical conditions. Lasix increases urine output and can lead to dehydration.</p> <p>Resident #294's admission Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment dated [DATE] coded Resident #294 as cognitively intact. He had no behaviors or rejection of care. He required supervision or touching assistance with toileting. He required setup or clean up assistance with eating. He was coded as frequently incontinent of bowel and bladder and was also coded as taking a diuretic. His weight was 137 pounds, and his height was 68 inches. Resident #294's overall discharge goal was to return to the community. He was not coded for hospice care.</p> <p>A 24-hour facility condition report completed by Nurse #5 dated [DATE] indicated Resident #294 had poor oral intake on day shift (7:00 AM to 7:00 PM). The facility's 24-hour condition report is a form that nurses document the status of all the residents during or at the end of their shift to communicate any pertinent information to the next shift and nursing management.</p> <p>During an interview with Nurse #5 on [DATE] at 2:45 PM, she stated that she had cared for Resident #294 on [DATE] from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Nurse #5 indicated that normally Resident # 294 consumed more than 25% of his tray food and drinks but on [DATE] he had eaten and drank less than 25% during the three meals on her shift and she documented it in the 24 hour report and informed the oncoming night shift nurse (Nurse # 4).</p> <p>Vital signs documented on [DATE] at 1:43 PM by Nurse #5 were blood pressure (BP): ,d+[DATE], pulse:79, oxygen saturations: 96% and temperature: 98 F.</p> <p>Phone interviews were attempted with Nursing Assistant (NA) #3, the NA who worked with Resident #294 during the first shift (7:00 AM to 3:00 PM) on [DATE], and were unsuccessful.</p> <p>A 24-hour facility condition report completed by Nurse #4 dated [DATE] indicated Resident #294 was complaining of burning with urination on night shift ([DATE] 11:00 PM to [DATE] 7:00 AM shift).</p> <p>During an interview on [DATE] at 3:53 PM with Nurse #4, she stated that she was assigned to care for Resident #294 on [DATE] at 7:00 PM to [DATE] at 7:00 AM. Nurse #4 stated that during shift change Nurse #5 had informed her and documented in the 24-hour condition report that Resident #294 had a decreased oral intake with food and drinks. Nurse #4 verbalized that Resident #294 complained of burning with urination during her shift and she left a note for the Provider in the physician book, noted it in the 24-hour condition report and informed the oncoming day shift nurse (Nurse #1). Nurse #4 stated that Resident #294 was stable and the only concern during her shift was complaints of burning with urination which she noted in the physician's book, and she pushed fluids while Resident #294 was awake because she thought it was a sign of urinary tract infection.</p> <p>Resident #294's medication administration record indicated Lasix 20 mg was administered on [DATE] at 9:00 AM by Nurse #1.</p> <p>A Physician telephone order dated [DATE] at 11:59 AM ordered by Physician Assistant (PA) #2 indicated urinalysis (UA), urine culture and sensitivity (C & S) for a diagnosis of dysuria.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0684</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>During an interview on [DATE] at 10:20 AM with Nurse #1, she indicated that she had cared for Resident #294 on [DATE]. Nurse #1 stated that when she came to work on [DATE] at around 7:00 AM she was informed by the off going night shift nurse (Nurse #4) that Resident #294 had complained of pain with urination during the night shift ([DATE] at 7:00 PM to [DATE] at 7:00 AM). Nurse #1 verbalized that a UA/CS to rule out a urinary tract infection was ordered during her shift ([DATE] 7:00 AM- 7:00 PM) but she did not attempt to obtain a urine sample since it would not have been picked up until around 6:00 AM the following morning. She stated that she was pushing fluids and Resident #294's vital signs were stable. Nurse #1 stated she did not obtain urine specimen and put in the refrigerator because it was normally collected on night shift to be sent out in the morning.</p> <p>Vital signs documented on [DATE] at 3:13 PM by Nurse #1 were BP: ,d+[DATE], pulse:65, oxygen saturations: 94% and temperature: 97.5 F.</p> <p>A 24-hour facility condition report dated [DATE] on day shift (7:00 AM to 3:00 PM) completed by Nurse #1 and evening shift (3:00 PM to 11:00 PM) completed by Nurse #6 indicated the need for a UA/CS for Resident #294 in the morning ([DATE]).</p> <p>An interview was conducted on [DATE] at 1:40 PM with Nurse #6. He stated that he had filled in for four hours and cared for Resident #294 on [DATE] from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM and he was aware that Resident #294 required a urine sample, but he did not obtain it because it wouldn't have been picked up until around 6:00 AM in the morning. He notified the third shift nurse (Nurse #2) to collect the urine specimen when she took over at 11:00 PM. Nurse #6 explained that the laboratory specimens were picked up by laboratory staff in the morning at approximately 6:00 AM. Nurse #2 stated that Resident #294 was stable and carried on conversation with him when he went to administer his 9:00 PM medications, he was in no pain and he took his medications with no concerns. Nurse #6 stated he did not collect the urine specimen and refrigerate it during his shift since a sample collected by third shift would have been fresher when it was sent out in the morning.</p> <p>A 24-hour facility condition report dated [DATE] on night shift ([DATE] 11:00 PM to [DATE] 7:00 AM) completed by Nurse #2 and day shift ([DATE] 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM) completed by Nurse #1 indicated the need for a UA and C&S for Resident #294.</p> <p>During an interview on [DATE] at 3:38 PM with Nurse #2, she stated that she had cared for Resident #294 on the night shift ([DATE] at 11:00 PM to [DATE] at 7:00 AM). Nurse #2 stated that when she took over the assignment that night, she was notified by the off going nurse (Nurse #6) that a urine sample was needed for Resident #294. She indicated that when she came on shift Resident # 294 was asleep and she did not recall waking him up to give him any fluids. Nurse #2 indicated that Resident #294 slept throughout her shift, and she attempted to obtain the urine specimen via an in and out catheter at around 5:00 AM on [DATE] but was unsuccessful and she notified the oncoming day shift nurse (Nurse #1). Nurse #2 indicated Resident #294's incontinence brief was wet during the in and out catheter attempt. Nurse #2 also indicated that she was not Resident #294's regular nurse and she was not familiar with his baseline. She further stated that his vital signs were obtained on day shift, but she would have obtained a set of vital signs that night if the Resident was in acute distress.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0684</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>An interview was conducted on [DATE] at 2:12 PM with NA #2 who had cared for Resident #294 on [DATE] and [DATE] on night shift. NA #2 stated that Resident #294 took only a few sips of water during her shifts and when she changed his incontinence brief there was very little urine. NA #2 stated she worked with Nurse #3 ([DATE] at 11:00 PM through [DATE] at 7:00 AM) and Nurse #3 was aware of Resident's condition from the beginning of her shift when she had told NA #2 to offer and encourage the Resident to drink water when she went to check on him because they needed to obtain urine. NA #2 stated she could not recall if she had reported any information about Resident #294 to Nurse #2 on [DATE] night shift.</p> <p>Resident #294's medication administration record indicated Lasix 20 mg was administered on [DATE] at 9:00 AM by Nurse #1.</p> <p>During an interview on [DATE] at 10:20 AM with Nurse #1, she stated that when she came back to work on [DATE] at around 7:00 AM she was informed by the off going night shift Nurse (Nurse #2) that a urine sample was still needed for Resident #294 since she had not been able to obtain the urine during the night shift. Nurse #1 stated that she did not attempt to obtain the urine sample on [DATE] day shift since it would wait until the following morning at around 6:00 AM to be picked up. She indicated that Resident #294 was still not at baseline; he was less talkative than usual and not eating/drinking as usual and she continued to push fluids. Nurse #1 stated that Resident #294 normally ate and drank most of what was on his tray, and he also drank most of the water she gave him during medication administration, but on [DATE] he took only sips with the medication. She further stated that Resident #294 consumed 0 out of 120 milliliters of his med pass (nutritional supplementation) on [DATE] at approximately 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM whereas previously he consumed 100 % of the supplementation. Nurse #1 stated she recognized the resident was not at his baseline and was not eating and drinking as he usually did. The UA had been ordered the day before and Nurse #2 had not been able to obtain the specimen the previous shift. Nurse #1 stated she did not think of obtaining the urine during her shift to be sent to the lab and she left it for the next shift so it could be sent out the following day because it was normally collected on night shift and sent out in the morning.</p> <p>Vital signs documented on [DATE] at 3:43 PM by Nurse #1 were BP: ,d+[DATE], pulse:58, oxygen saturations: 94% and temperature: 97.2 F.</p> <p>A 24-hour facility condition report completed by Nurse #3 dated [DATE] on night shift ([DATE] 7:00 PM to [DATE] 7:00 AM) indicated the nurse attempted twice to collect urine unsuccessfully.</p> <p>A late entry nursing progress note written by Nurse #3 dated [DATE] at 6:13 AM indicated report was given to the nurse that a UA/C&S was needed. The nurse attempted to push fluids, however, resident would only take small sips. The first attempt to obtain the UA/CS was around 9:00 PM on [DATE] and she was unable to collect as not enough urine came out. The writer continued to push fluids throughout the shift, again, only getting small sips. The first attempt to collect the urine was reported to the supervisor. The second attempt to obtain the UA/C&S was at 5:33 AM on [DATE] and was again unsuccessful. Oncoming nurse (Nurse #1) and the Unit Manager were made aware of the attempts and that patient is still in need of a specimen or the medical doctor may need to be called to get further orders.</p> <p>Nursing progress note written by Nurse #3 dated [DATE] at 6:31 AM indicated writer attempted to collect urine twice, however, was unsuccessful and Nurse #3 would report off to oncoming nurse (Nurse #1).</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0684</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>An interview was conducted on [DATE] at 1:54 PM with the Nurse #3 who was assigned to care for Resident #294 on [DATE] at 7:00 PM through [DATE] at 7:00 AM. Nurse #3 stated she had received report from the off going day shift nurse (Nurse #1) that a urine specimen was needed for Resident #294 and she attempted to obtain the specimen at around 9:00 PM on [DATE] and at approximately 5:30 AM on [DATE] via an in and out catheter both times but was unsuccessful. She stated that there was barely any urine, and it was too thick to be processed. She stated that Resident #294's incontinence brief was dry during both attempts, and she was pushing fluids but Resident #294 was only taking small sips and could not get in much. Nurse #3 reported to the oncoming day shift nurse (Nurse #1) that she had been unsuccessful in obtaining the urine specimen via an in and out catheter. Nurse #3 stated that Resident #294's vital signs were completed on day shift on [DATE] and were stable. She stated that she could not recall if she had obtained any vital signs during her shift and if she did, she would have documented them if they were outside parameters. Nurse #3 stated that Resident #294 was verbal and did not seem to be in any acute distress otherwise she would have informed the physician to send him out.</p> <p>During an interview on [DATE] at 3:05 PM with Nursing Assistant (NA) #1 she stated that she had cared for Resident #294 on [DATE] through [DATE] during the 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM shift. NA #1 stated that during those 3 days she noticed that Resident #294 was eating and drinking less than usual, and he had become incontinent whereas previously he was using the urinal. She also stated that previously he could feed himself, but she had to feed him and offer drinks on [DATE] and [DATE] but he did not eat or drink as he usually did. NA #1 also stated that when she changed Resident #294's briefs there was minimal urine. NA #1 further stated that when she was giving Resident #294 a shower on [DATE] he was not as responsive as usual, he was quiet and not shouting like he would normally do during showers. She verbalized that Nurse #1 was aware that Resident #294 was not drinking and eating as he normally did and had told NA #1 to encourage Resident #294 to drink his fluids and also to give him a shower because he kept pulling off his clothes. NA #1 indicated Resident #294 was not alert and oriented when she completed her shift, and they were getting ready to transfer the Resident to the hospital.</p> <p>Resident #294's medication administration record indicated Lasix 20 mg was administered on [DATE] at 9:00 AM by Nurse #1.</p> <p>A Physician Assistant (PA) progress note written by PA #1 dated [DATE] at 11:52 AM indicated Resident #294 was seen by PA at the request of nursing for evaluation of change in condition. The resident was minimally responsive. This was a noted change from usually being agitated and interactive per nursing/therapy. The roommate reported that he had not seen Resident #294 eat over the past 3 days. Nursing attempted to obtain UA/CS, unable to provide adequate sample even with catheter. The progress note also indicated the resident had a change in condition, altered mental status, decreased oral intake, and was clinically dehydrated. An order was provided to obtain a PIV on [DATE] and ordered IVF (intravenous fluids) 2 liters for 3 days ([DATE] to [DATE]). PA #1 progress note indicated she confirmed hold parameters for insulins with decreased oral intake, although blood sugar was in 300s (normal range between 70 and 100 milligrams per deciliter). The progress note also indicated unable to obtain UA/CS given dehydration.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0684</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>During an interview on [DATE] at 4:30 PM with Physician Assistant #1 (PA #1) she stated that she was notified by Nurse #1 when she came to the facility at around 10:30 AM on [DATE] that Resident #294 had a change in condition, and they had not been able to obtain a urine sample for a UA and CS. The PA explained that when she went to assess Resident #294, he seemed dehydrated but was responsive to questions. She gave an order to insert a peripheral intravenous (PIV) line and if unable to obtain PIV access to obtain a midline so that they could administer IV fluids. The PA stated she did not know Resident #294's baseline since she was not the primary care provider for Resident #294. She also stated that she could not recall if the facility contacted her to let her know that they had not obtained an IV (intravenous) access.</p> <p>A Physician order dated [DATE] at 10:15 AM ordered by PA #1 indicated to obtain peripheral intravenous (PIV) access (small catheter inserted into a superficial vein [a vein located close to the surface of the skin]). If unable to obtain, obtain a midline (a long flexible tube that is inserted into a vein in the upper arm to deliver fluids or medication into the blood stream).</p> <p>A Physician order dated [DATE] ordered by PA #1 indicated Sodium Chloride Intravenous Solution 0.9 %. Use 2 liters intravenously in the morning for poor oral intake for 3 Days. Administer 2 liters intravenous fluids normal saline at 100 milliliters per hour for 3 days. (Sodium Chloride is used to replenish lost water and salt in the body.)</p> <p>During an interview with Nurse #1 on [DATE] at 10:20 AM, Nurse #1 stated that when she came to work on [DATE] at around 7:00 AM she was informed by the off going night shift nurse (Nurse #3) that a urine sample was still needed. Nurse #1 stated she checked on Resident #294 several times that morning and she had administered his morning medications at around 9:00 AM which he took with 25% of his med pass nutritional supplementation. Nurse #1 revealed that she had administered Resident #294's Lasix on [DATE], [DATE] and [DATE] at approximately 9:00 AM despite the resident's decreased oral food and fluid intake and that she did not think to hold it or ask the provider about it. She stated Resident #294 seemed more confused than the previous 2 days, and she notified Physician Assistant (PA) #1 when she came to the facility between 10:00 AM and 11:00 AM on [DATE]. PA #1 went to examine Resident #294 and ordered a midline and IV fluids. Nurse #1 stated she did not attempt to insert a peripheral line because Resident #294 was dehydrated and she could not find a visible vein. She called the vascular team (a contracted entity that is specialized in inserting intravenous catheters) between 10:00 AM and 11:00 AM to come and insert a midline and also called Resident #294's family member to obtain consent for the midline insertion. The family member did not answer the phone, and she left a message for her. The family member arrived at the facility at around 3:00 PM and the Nurse informed her that the vascular team was enroute to the facility to insert the midline. Nurse #1 indicated Resident #294 was quieter around 3:00 PM compared to earlier in the day. The family member wanted Resident #294 to be sent to the Emergency Department (ED) due to the worsening condition and Nurse #1 stated she agreed. She informed the Unit Manager and the facility Provider and called emergency medical services (EMS) who came to transfer Resident #294 to the hospital.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0684</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>An interview was conducted with the Unit Manager (UM) on [DATE] at 10:40 AM. The UM stated that she was notified by Nurse #1 on [DATE] at approximately 3:00 PM that Resident #294's family member was in the facility to see the resident and wanted him to be sent to the hospital due to altered mental status and she told Nurse #1 to go ahead and send the Resident out to the hospital per family request. The UM verbalized she was not aware if the Provider was notified about the inability to obtain the urine sample and change in condition until [DATE] when the Provider came to the facility between 10:00 AM and 11:00 AM. The UM stated that Resident #294 was being provided treatment at the facility, but the family member was the one that wanted the Resident to be sent out. During the interview the UM initially told the surveyor that intravenous access had been obtained and fluids administered but when she further looked in Resident #294's medical records she stated that she thought the fluids had been administered but they were not.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with Resident #294's Emergency Contact #1 (Family Member) on [DATE] at 3:02 PM. The family member stated that she received a voice message from Nurse #1 on [DATE] at approximately 1:30 PM indicating that Resident #294 was doing okay and that she wanted to give her an update. The family member decided to come to the facility to check what was going on when she tried to call back the facility and was put on hold. When she arrived at the facility at around 3:00 PM she found the Resident naked and disoriented, his mouth was dry and crusty, and she attempted to give him a drink and he drank it. The family member stated Nurse #1 told her she was waiting for vascular team to come and insert an intravenous line and she informed Nurse #1 that she wanted the Resident to be sent to the hospital because he was in distress and Nurse #1 called 911. The family member also stated that Nurse #1 checked the Resident's vital signs during their conversation in the room and Nurse #1 immediately administered oxygen to the Resident after she checked the oxygen saturations.</p> <p>During an interview on [DATE] at 10:20 AM with Nurse #1 she stated that she had checked Resident #294's vital signs before he was transferred to the ED but she could not recall what they were, all she could remember was that oxygen saturation was below 90 % and she administered oxygen.</p> <p>Emergency medical services (EMS) report dated [DATE] indicated that EMS was contacted at 3:42 PM for a non-emergent transportation due to family choice. EMS arrived at the facility at 4:02 PM and primary impression was altered mental status and secondary impression was sepsis. The chief complaint was altered mental status with onset of [DATE]. An electrocardiogram (ECG) at 4:05 PM indicated atrial fibrillation (irregular heart rhythm characterized by rapid and irregular heartbeat). Vital signs obtained by EMS at 4:17 PM were noted as blood pressure: ,d+[DATE], pulse: 65, respirations: 8, oxygen saturation: 94 % and level of consciousness was responds to painful stimulation on the AVPU (alert, voice, pain, unresponsive scale used to measure patient's level of consciousness). EMS obtained a telephone order at 4:22 PM to administer IV fluids due to Resident #294 meeting the criteria for sepsis. IV fluids were not administered due to inability to establish IV access. EMS departed facility at 4:39 PM with Resident #294 and notified the receiving hospital of sepsis indication at 5:00 PM. EMS assessment at 5:05 PM indicated Resident #294 was lethargic, non-verbal with minimal alertness, he had rapid mouth breathing, his skin was cold and dry, lung sounds were clear with increased respiratory rate and oxygen saturation readings were inconsistent due to the resident having cold hands. Resident #294 arrived at the ED at 5:41 PM.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0684</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Emergency department (ED) progress note dated [DATE] indicated that Resident #294's vital signs were noted as follows: blood pressure: ,d+[DATE], heart rate: 138, and respirations 29 at 5:45 PM and oxygen saturation: 33 %, and temperature: 93.4 degrees Fahrenheit at 6:23 pm. The progress note indicated Resident #294 presented critically ill, obtunded (reduced level of alertness and consciousness), breathing on his own with cold distal extremities with dilated pupils without response bilaterally and no response to painful stimuli. Facility stated that he had not been eating or drinking anything for 3 days, and today he was found naked by his family and encouraged the nurse to take his vital signs who then emergently called for 911. Resident #294 was found to be in metabolic acidosis (a condition in which too much acid accumulates in the body). Because of his cold extremities, they were unable to reliably obtain a pulse oximeter reading. Discussion with family revealed patient had voiced wishes to have everything done to sustain his life. After discussion regarding his goals of his care, family wanted the patient to continue to be full code. They understood that he was critically ill at that moment. The ED note indicated that Resident's presentation with altered mental status, tachypnea (rapid and shallow breathing), poor perfusion (occurs when there is inadequate blood circulation to organs and tissues and can be an early sign of circulatory or heart problems and can lead to life-threatening conditions), hypothermia (a medical emergency that occurs when the body's temperature drops below 95 F), severe lactic acidosis (occurs when the body produces too much lactic acid and the liver can't metabolize it fast enough), and new vasopressor requirements (vasopressors are a medication that are used to treat people with low blood pressure) most consistent with septic shock (a life-threatening condition that happens when the blood pressure drops to a dangerously low level after an infection) with end organ dysfunction as cause of death. Resident #294 died at 8:26 PM on [DATE].</p> <p>An interview was conducted with the facility Medical Director (MD) on [DATE] at 4:37 PM. The MD stated he was aware of Resident #294's condition and the facility did what they were supposed to do to manage the Resident's condition. He indicated that when the Resident showed signs of a UTI, a UA was ordered and when they could not obtain a urine sample, they ordered an IV access for hydration, but the Resident was sent out before the IV access was obtained. The MD also stated that if the Resident had been sent out earlier that day on [DATE] the outcome would not have been any different. He also stated that if the UA had been obtained on [DATE] and was positive for a UTI they would have started the Res [TRUNCATED]</p>		

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<p>F 0692</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide enough food/fluids to maintain a resident's health.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 43798</p> <p>Based on record review, and staff, family member, Physician Assistant (PA), and Medical Director interviews the facility failed to ensure staff recognized the seriousness of signs and symptoms of dehydration for a resident receiving a diuretic (Lasix 20 mg daily) and who had decreased fluid intake. Resident #294 was first identified with decreased nutritional and fluid intake on [DATE] requiring staff to push fluids (deliberately drink beyond what thirst dictates to avoid dehydration) through [DATE]. Resident #294 exhibited signs and symptoms of dehydration on [DATE] at approximately 9:00 PM and [DATE] at approximately 5:30 AM as evidenced by the inability to collect urine via an in and out catheter (inserting a thin, hollow tube into the bladder) when the resident had no recent episodes of urination. During this time, nursing staff continued to administer the resident's Lasix (diuretic) 20 milligrams once daily at 9:00 AM despite signs and symptoms of dehydration. On [DATE] at 10:15 AM the PA ordered a peripheral intravenous (PIV) access (small catheter inserted into a superficial vein [a vein located close to the surface of the skin]) to provide intravenous fluids to the resident and staff did not attempt to insert the PIV due to the inability to find a visible vein (dehydration can cause veins to be difficult to locate). That afternoon, Resident #294's family member requested the resident be sent to the hospital. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) were contacted at 3:42 PM and Resident #294 was transferred to the emergency room where he was identified with altered mental status, tachypnea (rapid and shallow breathing), poor perfusion (occurs when there is inadequate blood circulation to organs and tissues and can be an early sign of circulatory or heart problems and can lead to life-threatening conditions), hypothermia (a medical emergency that occurs when the body's temperature drops below 95 F), severe lactic acidosis (occurs when the body produces too much lactic acid and the liver can't metabolize it fast enough), and new vasopressor requirements (vasopressors are a medication that are used to treat people with low blood pressure) most consistent with septic shock (a life-threatening condition that happens when your blood pressure drops to a dangerously low level after an infection) with end organ dysfunction. Resident #294 died at 8:26 PM on [DATE]. This deficient practice occurred for 1 of 3 residents (Resident #294) reviewed for dehydration.</p> <p>Immediate jeopardy began on [DATE] when staff failed to recognize the seriousness of signs and symptoms of dehydration for Resident #294 when staff were unable to collect urine via an in and out catheter when the resident had no recent episodes of urination and decreased fluid intake. Immediate jeopardy was removed on [DATE] when the facility implemented a credible allegation of immediate jeopardy removal. The facility will remain out of compliance at a scope and severity of D (no actual harm with potential for more than minimal harm that is immediate jeopardy) to ensure education is completed and monitoring systems put into place and are effective.</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>Resident #294 was admitted to the facility on [DATE]. His diagnoses included fracture of right femur (thigh bone between hip and knee), dementia, type 2 diabetes, adult failure to thrive, generalized muscle weakness, chronic kidney disease, and congestive heart failure. He was admitted to the facility for rehabilitation therapy services after hospitalization following the femur fracture.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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F 0692 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety Residents Affected - Few	<p>Resident #294's care plan last revised on [DATE] had a care focus area that indicated Resident had potential for fluid deficit related to diuretic use with the goals for Resident to be free of symptoms of dehydration. Interventions included: monitor and document intake and output as per facility policy; monitor vital signs as ordered/per protocol and record; notify physician of significant abnormalities; monitor/document/report as needed any signs/symptoms of dehydration; obtain and monitor lab/diagnostic work as ordered and report results to physician and follow up as indicated.</p> <p>A physician order dated [DATE] indicated give Lasix oral tablet 20 milligram by mouth one time a day for edema (swelling from fluid retention). Lasix is a diuretic used to treat fluid retention that can result from congestive heart failure, kidney disease or other medical conditions. (Lasix increases the flow of urine and can lead to dehydration.)</p> <p>Resident #294's admission Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment dated [DATE] coded Resident #294 as cognitively intact. He was coded as frequently incontinent of bowel and bladder and was also coded as taking a diuretic. Resident #294's overall discharge goal was to return to the community. He was not coded for hospice care.</p> <p>A facility 24-hour condition report completed by Nurse #5 dated [DATE] indicated Resident #294 had poor oral intake on day shift. The facility's 24-hour condition report is a form that nurses document the status of all the residents during or at the end of their shift to communicate any pertinent information to the next shift and nursing management.</p> <p>During an interview with Nurse #5 on [DATE] at 2:45 PM, she stated that she had cared for Resident #294 on [DATE] from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Nurse #5 indicated that normally Resident # 294 consumed more than 25% of his tray food and drinks but on [DATE] he had eaten and drank less than 25% during breakfast, lunch and dinner and she documented it in the 24 hour report and informed the oncoming night shift nurse (Nurse # 4).</p> <p>During an interview on [DATE] at 3:53 PM with Nurse #4, she stated that she was assigned to care for Resident #294 on [DATE] at 7:00 PM to [DATE] at 7:00 AM. Nurse #4 stated that during shift change Nurse #5 had informed her and documented in the 24-hour condition report that Resident #294 had a decreased oral intake with food and drinks. Nurse #4 stated that Resident #294 was stable and the only concern during her shift was complaints of burning with urination which she noted in the physician's book and she pushed fluids while Resident #294 was awake because she thought it was a sign of urinary tract infection. Nurse #4 stated that Resident #294 did not drink much fluids because it was at night and he slept most of the night.</p> <p>A Physician telephone order dated [DATE] at 11:59 AM ordered by Physician Assistant (PA) #2 indicated urinalysis (UA), urine culture and sensitivity (C & S) for a diagnosis of dysuria.</p> <p>Resident #294's medication administration record indicated Lasix 20 mg was administered on [DATE] at 9:00 AM by Nurse #1.</p> <p>During an interview on [DATE] at 10:20 AM with Nurse #1, she indicated that she had cared for Resident #294 on [DATE]. She stated that she was pushing fluids because Resident #294 had complained of burning with urination and that could have been a sign of a urinary tract infection. Nurse #1stated that Resident #294 was less talkative than usual on [DATE].</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0692</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>During an interview on [DATE] at 3:38 PM with Nurse #2, she stated that she had cared for Resident #294 on night shift ([DATE] at 11:00 PM to [DATE] at 7:00 AM). Nurse #2 stated that when she took over the assignment that night, she was notified by the off going nurse (Nurse #6) that a urine sample was needed for Resident #294. She indicated that when she came on shift Resident #294 was asleep and she did not recall waking him up to give him any fluids. Nurse #2 indicated that Resident #294 slept throughout her shift, and she attempted to obtain the urine specimen via an in and out catheter at around 5:00 AM on [DATE] but was unsuccessful and she notified the oncoming day shift nurse (Nurse #1). Nurse #2 indicated Resident #294's incontinence brief was wet during the in and out catheter attempt.</p> <p>An interview was conducted on [DATE] at 2:12 PM with NA #2 who had cared for Resident #294 on [DATE] and [DATE] on night shift. NA #2 stated that Resident #294 took only a few sips of water during her shifts and when she changed his incontinence brief there was very little urine. NA #2 stated that Nurse #3 was aware of Resident's condition and had told her to offer and encourage the Resident to drink water when she went to check on him.</p> <p>Resident #294's medication administration record indicated Lasix 20 mg was administered on [DATE] at 9:00 AM by Nurse #1.</p> <p>During an interview with Nurse #1 on [DATE] at 10:20 AM, she stated that when she came back to work on [DATE] at around 7:00 AM she was informed by the off going night shift Nurse (Nurse #2) that a urine sample was still needed for Resident #294 since she had not been able to obtain the urine during the night shift. She indicated that Resident #294 was more like he was the previous day ([DATE]) when she had noted he was not at his baseline. He was less talkative than usual and not eating/drinking as usual and she continued to push fluids and he did not drink much. Nurse #1 stated that Resident #294 normally ate and drank most of what was on his tray, and he also drank most of the water she gave him during medication administration, but on [DATE] he took only sips with the medication. She further stated that Resident #294 consumed 0 out of 120 milliliters of his med pass (nutritional supplementation) on [DATE] at approximately 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM whereas previously he consumed 100 % of the supplementation.</p> <p>A facility 24-hour condition report completed by Nurse #3 dated [DATE] on night shift ([DATE] 7:00 PM to [DATE] 7:00 AM) indicated the nurse attempted twice to collect urine unsuccessfully.</p> <p>A late entry nursing progress note written by Nurse #3 dated [DATE] at 6:13 AM indicated report was given to the nurse that a UA/C&S was needed. The nurse attempted to push fluids, however, resident would only take small sips. The first attempt to obtain the UA/C&S was around 9:00 PM on [DATE] and she was unable to collect as not enough urine came out. The writer continued to push fluids throughout the shift, again, only getting small sips. The first attempt to collect the urine was reported to the supervisor. The second attempt to obtain the UA/C&S was at 5:33 AM on [DATE] and was again unsuccessful. Oncoming nurse (Nurse #1) and the Unit Manager were made aware of the attempts and that the resident was still in need of a specimen or the medical doctor may need to be called to get further orders.</p> <p>Nursing progress note written by Nurse #3 dated [DATE] at 6:31 AM indicated writer attempted to collect urine twice, however, was unsuccessful and Nurse #3 would report off to oncoming nurse (Nurse #1).</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0692</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>An interview was conducted on [DATE] at 1:54 PM with the Nurse #3 who was assigned to care for Resident #294 on [DATE] at 7:00 PM through [DATE] at 7:00 AM. Nurse #3 stated she had received report from the off going day shift nurse (Nurse #1) that a urine specimen was needed for Resident #294 and she attempted to obtain the specimen at around 9:00 PM on [DATE] and at approximately 5:30 AM on [DATE] via an in and out catheter both times but was unsuccessful. She stated that there was barely any urine and it was too thick to be processed. She stated that Resident #294's incontinence brief was dry during both attempts, and she was pushing fluids but Resident #294 was only taking small sips and could not get in much. Nurse #3 reported to the oncoming day shift nurse (Nurse #1) that she had been unsuccessful in obtaining the urine specimen via an in and out catheter. Nurse #3 stated that Resident #294 was verbal and did not seem to be in any acute distress otherwise she would have informed the physician to send him out. She stated that when she did not obtain the urine specimen at 5:30 AM she notified the oncoming day shift nurse so that she could notify the PA that morning and they could probably get an order for an IV because he was not drinking much, they had not been able to obtain the urine sample and he was probably dehydrated.</p> <p>During an interview on [DATE] at 3:05 PM with Nursing Assistant (NA) #1 she stated that she had cared for Resident #294 on [DATE] through [DATE] during the 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM shift. NA #1 stated that during those 3 days she noticed that Resident #294 was eating and drinking less than usual, and he had become incontinent whereas previously he was using the urinal. She also stated that previously he could feed himself, but she had to feed him and offer drinks on [DATE] and [DATE] but he did not eat or drink as he usually did. NA #1 also stated that when she changed Resident #294's briefs there was minimal urine. NA #1 further stated that when she was giving Resident #294 a shower on [DATE] he was not as responsive as usual, he was quiet and not shouting like he would normally do during showers. She verbalized that Nurse #1 was aware of Resident #294's condition and had told NA #1 to encourage Resident #294 to drink his fluids and also to give him a shower because he kept pulling off his clothes.</p> <p>Resident #294's medication administration record indicated Lasix 20 mg was administered on [DATE] at 9:00 AM by Nurse #1.</p> <p>A Physician order dated [DATE] at 10:15 AM ordered by PA #1 indicated obtain PIV access and if unable to obtain, obtain a midline (a long flexible tube that is inserted into a vein in the upper arm to deliver fluids or medication into the blood stream).</p> <p>A Physician order dated [DATE] ordered by PA #1 indicated Sodium Chloride Intravenous Solution 0.9 %. Use 2 liters intravenously in the morning for poor oral intake for 3 Days. Administer 2 liters intravenous fluids normal saline at 100 milliliters per hour for 3 days. (Sodium Chloride is used to replenish lost water and salt in the body.)</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0692</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>During an interview with Nurse #1 on [DATE] at 10:20 AM, Nurse #1 stated that when she came to work on [DATE] at around 7:00 AM she was informed by the off going night shift nurse (Nurse #3) that a urine sample was still needed. She stated that she knew the PA would come to the facility that morning and she would let the PA know that they had not been able to obtain the specimen and the resident was not drinking much which was probably a sign of dehydration. She indicated the resident drank only sips of water during medication administration on [DATE]. Nurse #1 revealed that she had administered Resident #294's Lasix on [DATE], [DATE] and [DATE] at approximately 9:00 AM despite the resident's decreased oral food and fluid intake and that she did not think to hold it or ask the provider about it. Nurse #1 stated she could not say why she had administered Lasix when they had been unable to obtain the urine specimen and the Resident was not drinking much. She stated Resident #294 seemed more confused than the previous 2 days, and she notified Physician Assistant (PA) #1 when she came to the facility between 10:00 AM and 11:00 AM on [DATE]. PA #1 went to examine Resident #294 and ordered a midline and IV fluids. Nurse #1 stated she did not attempt to insert a peripheral line because Resident #294 was dehydrated and she could not find a visible vein. She called the vascular team (a contracted entity that is specialized in inserting intravenous catheters) to come and insert a midline and also called Resident #294's family member to obtain consent for the midline insertion. The family member did not answer the phone, and she left a message for her. The family member arrived at the facility at around 3:00 PM and the Nurse informed her that the vascular team were enroute to the facility to insert the midline. The family member wanted Resident #294 to be sent to the Emergency Department (ED) due to the worsening condition and Nurse #1 stated she agreed. She informed the Unit Manager and the facility Provider and called emergency medical services (EMS) who came to transfer Resident #294 to the hospital.</p> <p>A PA progress note written by PA #1 dated [DATE] at 11:52 AM indicated Resident #294 was seen by PA at the request of nursing for evaluation of change in condition. The resident was minimally responsive. This was a noted change from usually being agitated and interactive per nursing/therapy. The roommate reported that he had not seen Resident #294 eat over the past 3 days. Nursing attempted to obtain UA/C&S, unable to provide adequate sample even with catheter. The progress note also indicated the resident had a change in condition, altered mental status, decreased oral intake, and was clinically dehydrated. An order was provided to obtain a PIV on [DATE] and ordered IVF 2 liters for 3 days ([DATE] to [DATE]). The progress note also indicated staff were unable to obtain UA/C&S given dehydration.</p> <p>During an interview on [DATE] at 4:30 PM with PA #1, she stated that she was notified by Nurse #1 when she came to the facility at around 10:30 AM on [DATE] that Resident #294 had a change in condition, and they had not been able to obtain a urine sample for a UA and C&S. The PA explained that when she went to assess Resident #294, he seemed dehydrated but was responsive to questions. She gave an order to insert a peripheral intravenous (PIV) line and if unable to obtain PIV access to obtain a midline so that they could administer IV fluids. The PA stated she did not know Resident #294's baseline since she was not the primary care provider for Resident #294. She also stated that she could not recall if the facility contacted her to let her know that they had not obtained an IV access.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0692</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>An interview was conducted with the Unit Manager (UM) on [DATE] at 10:40 AM. The UM stated that she was notified by Nurse #1 on [DATE] at approximately 3:00 PM that Resident #294's family member was in the facility to see the resident and wanted him to be sent to the hospital due to altered mental status and she told Nurse #1 to go ahead and send the Resident out to the hospital per family request. The UM stated that Resident #294 was being provided treatment at the facility but the family member was the one that wanted the Resident to be sent out. During the interview, the UM initially told the surveyor that an intravenous access had been obtained and fluids administered but when she further looked in Resident #294's medical records she stated that she thought the fluids had been administered but they were not.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with Resident #294's Emergency Contact #1 (Family Member) on [DATE] at 3:02 PM. The family member stated that she received a voice message from Nurse #1 on [DATE] at approximately 1:30 PM indicating that Resident #294 was doing okay and that she wanted to give her an update. The family member decided to come to the facility to check what was going on when she tried to call back the facility and was put on hold. When she arrived at the facility around 3:00 PM she found the Resident naked and disoriented, his mouth was dry and crusty and she attempted to give him a drink and he drank it. The family member stated Nurse #1 told her she was waiting for vascular team to come and insert an intravenous line and she informed Nurse #1 that she wanted the Resident to be sent to the hospital because he was in distress and Nurse #1 called 911. The family member also stated that Nurse #1 checked the Resident's vital signs during their conversation in the room and Nurse #1 immediately administered oxygen to the Resident after she checked the oxygen saturations.</p> <p>EMS report dated [DATE] indicated that EMS was contacted at 3:42 PM for a non-emergent transportation due to family choice. EMS arrived at the facility at 4:02 PM and primary impression was altered mental status and secondary impression was sepsis. The chief complaint was altered mental status with onset of [DATE]. An electrocardiogram (ECG) at 4:05 PM indicated atrial fibrillation (irregular heart rhythm characterized by rapid and irregular heartbeat). Vital signs obtained by EMS at 4:17 PM were noted as blood pressure: , d+[DATE], pulse: 65, respirations: 8, oxygen saturation: 94 % and level of consciousness was responds to painful stimulation on the AVPU (alert, voice, pain, unresponsive scale used to measure patient's level of consciousness). EMS obtained a telephone order at 4:22 PM to administer IV fluids due to Resident #294 meeting the criteria for sepsis. IV fluids were not administered due to inability to establish an IV access. EMS departed facility at 4:39 PM with Resident #294 and notified the receiving hospital of sepsis indication at 5:00 PM. EMS assessment at 5:05 PM indicated Resident #294 was lethargic, non-verbal with minimal alertness, he had rapid mouth breathing, his skin was cold and dry, lung sounds were clear with increased respiratory rate and oxygen saturation readings were inconsistent due to the resident having cold hands. Resident #294 arrived at the ED at 5:41 PM.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0692</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>An ED progress note dated [DATE] indicated that Resident #294's vital signs were noted as follows: blood pressure: ,d+[DATE], heart rate: 138, and respirations 29 at 5:45 PM and oxygen saturation: 33 %, and temperature: 93.4 degrees Fahrenheit at 6:23 pm. The progress note indicated Resident #294 presented critically ill, obtunded (reduced level of alertness and consciousness), breathing on his own with cold distal extremities with dilated pupils without response bilaterally and no response to painful stimuli. Facility stated that he had not been eating or drinking anything for 3 days, and today he was found naked by his family and encouraged the nurse to take his vital signs who then emergently called for 911. Resident #294 was found to be in metabolic acidosis (a condition in which too much acid accumulates in the body). Because of his cold extremities, they were unable to reliably obtain a pulse oximeter reading. Discussion with family revealed patient had voiced wishes to have everything done to sustain his life. After discussion regarding his goals of his care, family wanted the patient to continue to be full code. They understood that he was critically ill at that moment. The ED note indicated that Resident's presentation with altered mental status, tachypnea, poor perfusion, hypothermia, severe lactic acidosis, and new vasopressor requirements, consistent with septic shock with end organ dysfunction as cause of death. Resident #294 died at 8:26 PM on [DATE].</p> <p>An interview was conducted with the facility Medical Director (MD) on [DATE] at 4:37 PM. The MD stated he was aware of Resident #294's condition and the facility did what they were supposed to do to manage the Resident's condition. He indicated that when they could not obtain a urine sample, they ordered an IV access for hydration, but the Resident was sent out before the IV access was obtained. The MD also stated that if the Resident had been sent out earlier the outcome would not have been any different. When the MD was asked if the staff should have continued administering Lasix with decreased oral intake and inability to obtain urine with no recent episodes of urination, the MD did not elaborate and he reiterated that the facility did everything right.</p> <p>An interview was conducted on [DATE] at 4:30 PM with the Director of Nursing (DON). The DON stated that if nurses were not able to obtain the urine specimen on [DATE] at 5:00 AM they should have notified the PA because PAs are normally in the building daily. She further stated that if nurses notice any signs of dehydration and the resident is not adequately drinking they should notify the on call provider if there is no provider in the building. The DON also stated that nurses should have had a discussion with the provider regarding Lasix administration if Resident #294 was not drinking adequately on [DATE] before administering the 9:00 AM Lasix since the Resident had complained of burning with urination and they had not obtained the ordered urine specimen.</p> <p>The Administrator was notified of immediate jeopardy on [DATE] at 6:04 PM.</p> <p>The facility provided the following credible allegation of immediate jeopardy removal:</p> <p>1) Identify those recipients who have suffered, or are likely to suffer, a serious adverse outcome as a result of the noncompliance</p> <p>Resident #294 no longer resides in the facility. Resident was transferred to the local hospital on [DATE] due to altered mental status. The center recognizes that all residents have the potential to be affected from the noncompliance of ensuring staff recognize significant changes in condition including signs and symptoms of dehydration.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0692</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>A review of Resident #294's electronic medical record revealed an order for UA w/ reflux, Urine Culture and Sensitivity with Diagnosis of Dysuria was ordered on [DATE]. The facility staff attempted to push fluids and obtain urine sample on [DATE] at approximately 9:00 PM and [DATE] at approximately 5:30 AM the resident was in a dry brief and staff was unable to collect a urine sample. A review of Resident #294 orders indicated resident was prescribed Lasix 20mg daily to be administered daily per physicians' orders.</p> <p>A quality review of current residents with an order for UA/C&S between [DATE] through [DATE] were audited by the Director of Clinical Services and Unit Managers on [DATE] to ensure a urine sample was obtained. No residents were identified as having an issue with lab collection that would indicate dehydration. 23 residents were identified as having a physician order to administer diuretics and were audited by the Director of Nursing and Unit Managers to ensure no signs and symptoms of dehydration as evidenced by the inability to collect urine. The Director of Nursing and or Unit Manager assessed current residents to include obtaining vital signs (blood pressure, increased heart rate, oxygen saturation, temperature), observation of dry cracked lips, poor skin turgor and or altered mental status and chart review to ensure no other residents exhibited signs and symptoms of dehydration that was not addressed and communicated to the physician on [DATE]. No concerns were identified during this audit.</p> <p>On [DATE], a root cause analysis was completed by the Director of Clinical Services and the Executive Director regarding staff failure to recognize the signs and symptoms of dehydration and then to provide necessary medical services to address an emergent situation for Resident #294. The resident had decreased fluid intake and signs or symptoms of dehydration as evidenced by the inability to collect urine via an in out catheter. Nursing staff also continued to administer resident Lasix despite signs and symptoms of dehydration. It was determined through the root cause analysis that the facility staff failed to follow policy and procedures to recognize the seriousness of signs and symptoms of dehydration and notify the physician to obtain necessary medical services to address an emergency situation.</p> <p>2) Specify the action the entity will take to alter the process or system failure to prevent a serious adverse outcome from occurring or recurring, and when the action will be complete</p> <p>The Director of Clinical Services and Nurse Managers re-educated all licensed nurses on how to recognize signs and symptoms of dehydration through assessing the resident, observation, and chart review to include medications, and notify the physician to obtain necessary medical services to address an emergent situation with emphasis on signs and symptoms of dehydration and continued administration of diuretics, on [DATE]. Staff (licensed nurses/ Certified Nurse Assistants) not educated on [DATE], will be educated by the Director of Nursing and or Unit Manager prior to working the floor. Newly hired staff will be educated during orientation by the Director of Clinical Services and or Unit Managers.</p> <p>The Director of Clinical Services and Nurse Managers re-educated certified nursing assistants on signs and symptoms of dehydration and immediately report the change in condition to the licensed [DATE]. Newly hired staff will be educated during orientation by the Director of Clinical Service and or Unit Managers.</p> <p>Date of Immediate Jeopardy Removal [DATE].</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0692</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>On [DATE] the facility's immediate jeopardy removal was validated by the following:</p> <p>The facility provided documentation to support immediate jeopardy removal that included audits completed by the Director of Nursing/Director of Clinical Services and Unit Managers. The audits included all current residents with an order for UA/C&S from [DATE] through [DATE] which was revealed nine (9) residents with orders for UA/C&S with no other residents identified as having an issue with lab collection that would indicate dehydration. The audits also included all residents with orders for diuretics and 23 residents were identified as having a physician order to administer diuretics and to ensure no signs and symptoms of dehydration as evidenced by the inability to collect urine. The audits also included assessments of all current residents to include obtaining vital signs (blood pressure, increased heart rate, oxygen saturation, temperature), observation of dry cracked lips, poor skin turgor and or altered mental status and chart review to ensure no other residents exhibited signs and symptoms of dehydration that was not addressed and communicated to the physician. The facility provided documentation on the education they provided to include sign-in sheets. The education information indicated that the Director of Clinical Services and Nurse Managers re-educated all licensed nurses on [DATE] on how to recognize signs and symptoms of dehydration through assessing the resident, observation, and chart review to include medications, and notify the physician to obtain necessary medical services to address an emergent situation with emphasis on signs and symptoms of dehydration and continued administration of diuretics. The Director of Clinical Services and Nurse Managers re-educated licensed nursing staff and nursing assistants on [DATE] on signs and symptoms of dehydration (decreased urination, dry mouth, cracked lips, low blood pressure, increased heart rate, sunken eyes, altered mental status, poor skin turgor). Interviews confirmed that newly hired staff would be educated during orientation by the Director of Clinical Service and/or Unit Managers. Interviews with nursing staff verified the staff had been educated on all information as indicated in immediate jeopardy removal plan.</p> <p>The immediate jeopardy removal date of [DATE] was verified.</p>		

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<p>F 0919</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Make sure that a working call system is available in each resident's bathroom and bathing area.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 38702</p> <p>Based on observation, record review, and Resident and staff interviews, the facility failed to ensure call bells were plugged into the wall panel for a dependent resident to allow them to call for assistance if needed. The deficient practice was for 1 of 30 residents reviewed for accommodation of needs (Resident #6).</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>Resident #6 was admitted to the facility on [DATE].</p> <p>The quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS) dated [DATE] had Resident #6 coded as moderately cognitively impaired with clear speech, she makes herself understood and can understand others. Resident #6 was always incontinent with bowel and bladder.</p> <p>An observation and interview were conducted with Resident #6 on 11/18/2024 at 10:43 AM. Resident #6 was in her room, in her bed with head of bed elevated. One end of her call bell wire was placed over the top of the bed and the other end with the red button was tied around the bedrail. The call light panel was not visible from the door. Resident #6 was asked if she could use her call bell and if so to call for assistance. The Resident stated she does use her call bell and pushed the red button. The light outside of the Residents room did not light up. The panel behind the Resident's bed was checked to see if the light was on and it did not come on and the plug for the call light was not plugged in. The call bell was wrapped and tied around the resident's bedrail. Resident #6 stated, she used her call bell regularly. The last time she used the call bell was last evening without any issues. Nurse #7 came to Resident #6's room and found the call bell knotted up and tied to the resident's bedrail, she started to untangle the wires and then plugged the wire into the outlet. The resident was asked to push the call light, and the call light came on.</p> <p>An interview with Nurse #7 was conducted on 11/18/2024 at 11:11 AM. The Nurse stated all residents should have their call bells within reach and working. The Nurse also stated the last time she came in to check on the resident was an hour ago and the Nursing Assistant (NA) # 4 was giving care to Resident #6's roommate (Resident #10) and thought she would make sure the call bells were working and within reach for the residents.</p> <p>An interview with NA #4 was conducted on 11/18/2024 at 11:34 AM. The NA stated she usually made sure the call bells were within reach before she left the room, and she looked at the panel to make sure it was plugged in. She did not notice if the call bell was plugged in when she left the room. The NA also stated she did not know how it happened. The call bell wire could have come out when Resident #6 raised the head of her bed.</p> <p>An interview with the Director of Nursing (DON) was conducted 11/18/2024 at 12:32 PM. The DON stated all staff are trained to place the call bell within reach and make sure they plug into the panel prior to leaving the Residents room. She expected her staff to make sure the Residents call lights were plugged in and within the residents reach before leaving their rooms.</p>		