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<b>58.19(2)a</b>	<p><b>481—58.19(135C) Required nursing services for residents. The resident shall receive and the facility shall provide, as appropriate, the following required nursing services under the 24-hour direction of qualified nurses with ancillary coverage as set forth in these rules:</b></p> <p><b>58.19(2) Medication and treatment.</b></p> <p><b>a. Administration of all medications as ordered by the physician including oral, instillations, topical, injectable (to be injected by a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse only); (I, II)</b></p> <p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b></p> <p>Based on record review, facility policy, and staff interviews, the facility failed to administer Coumadin (blood thinner) medications as ordered by the physician for 1 of 2 residents reviewed (Resident #9). Record review identified staff administered Coumadin/Warfarin Sodium medication incorrectly to Resident #9 for multiple days. Resident #9 required treatment with Vitamin K for anticoagulation reversal to address his/her elevated INR (International Normalized Ratio). The facility reported a census of 67 residents.</p> <p>Findings Include:</p> <p>Record review of Minimum Data Set (MDS) for resident #9 dated 3/4/17 reveals a Diagnoses Atrial Fibrillation, Hip Fracture, Schizophrenia and Diabetes.</p>	<b>I</b>	<b>\$2000.00</b>	<b>Upon Receipt</b>
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	<p>Resident #9 scored 14 out of 15 on the Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) cognitive test, indicating he/she cognitively intact.</p> <p>The resident's care plan dated 2/13/17 revealed he/she required the used of warfarin medication and would have no complications from anticoagulant therapy. Staff will administer medications as ordered.</p> <p>The signed [physician's] Order Summary Report dated 4/11/17 documented an order for 10 milligrams (mg) of Warfarin Sodium Tablet (Coumadin) administered in the evening every Monday and Thursday for unspecified Atrial Fibrillation. The order called for 7.5 milligrams (mg) of Coumadin administered in the evening every Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.</p> <p>Record review of Resident #9's Medication Administration Record for April 2017 revealed both 10 mg of Coumadin and 7.5 mg of Coumadin had been administered (signed out) for Monday 4/17/17 and Tuesday 4/18/17. (Resident #9's physician's order called for 10 mg of Coumadin on Monday 4/17/17; and called for 7.5 mg of Coumadin on Tuesday (4/18/17.) The MAR and Progress Notes dated 4/19/17 identified the correct dose of Coumadin had been administered on 4/19/17 by Staff H, Registered Nurse.</p>			
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	<p>The MAR for Thursday 4/20/17, Friday 4/21/17, Saturday 4/22/17 and Sunday 4/23/17 revealed staff administered both the 10 mg of Coumadin and the 7.5 mg of Coumadin daily. (The MAR showed Resident #9 received 17.5 mg of Coumadin daily from 4/20/17- to 4/23/17.)</p> <p>The State surveyor noticed the Coumadin medication errors on the MARs on 4/24/17 when onsite. On 4/24/17 at 12:45 p.m. an interviewed with Staff F, Registered Nurse (RN) and Assistant Director of Nursing (ADON) about dose of Coumadin medication currently being administered. Staff F (RN) verified the wrong dose of medication had been administered with nurses. Staff F stated the medication error[s] related to data entry in the electronic Medication Administration Record. She contacted the physician and received order to check Resident #9's International Normalized Ration (INR).</p> <p>The Progress Notes written by Staff F dated 4/24/17 at 4:29 p.m., revealed the following: On 4/16/17, the [Coumadin] order accidentally changed in MAR to give both Coumadin does daily, 10 mgs ordered for Monday and Thursdays and 7.5 mg Coumadin the other five days [Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday]. The error[s] brought to nurses attention, and lab results were obtained for INR, with the results at 6.4.</p>			
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	<p>(Resident #9's prior INR laboratory results dated 4/4/17 revealed a therapeutic level of 2.4.) [A therapeutic INR range is normally under 4.] The same progress notes identified the physician ordered 5 mg of Vitamin K1 Solution subcutaneously and to hold the Coumadin and daily check the resident's INR.</p> <p>Progress Notes dated 4/25/17 revealed Resident #9 INR's at 4.0 and the physician was notified.</p> <p>Interview with Staff G, (RN) 4/25/17 at 7:40 a.m., admitted she gave 17.5 mg Coumadin that was on electronic medication administration record (EMAR) on 4/22/17. When asked whether if she questioned the large dose of medication, Staff G responded, yes and stated she gave it anyways.</p> <p>Interview with Staff H, (RN) 4/25/17 at 10:50 AM did verify that only gave the 7.5 mg dose of Coumadin on 4/19/17 which was the correct dose, stated did not notify anyone that EMAR was incorrect.</p> <p>Interview with Director of Nursing (DON) 4/25/17 at 7:30 a.m., regarding Coumadin medication administered to Resident #9, she stated the Assistant DON had entered the order wrong into the computer system. The DON stated the nurses administering the medication should have questioned the dosage and</p>			
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	<p>the pharmacy label did not match the eMAR. The DON reported all other Coumadin orders were verified.</p> <p>The facility provided guidelines for medication administration dated 1/13. Procedure to verify medication administration according to physician's orders. Staff should verify the pharmacy label on the drug and the manufacturer's identification system matches the MAR. If there is a discrepancy, check the original physician's order and notify the pharmacy; do not give the medication until clarified.</p> <p><b>FACILITY RESPONSE:</b></p>			
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