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58.19(2)b	<p>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:</p> <p>58.19(2) Medication and treatment.</p> <p><i>a.</i> 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)</p> <p><i>b.</i> Provision of the appropriate care and treatment of wounds, including pressure sores, to promote healing, prevent infection, and prevent new sores from developing; (I, II)</p> <p>DESCRIPTION</p> <p>Based on clinical record review, staff interviews, wound center records, wound center interviews, and facility policy review the facility failed to provide interventions necessary for the care and services, to maintain the residents' highest practical physical well-being for 1 of 2 resident reviewed (Resident #3) for skin treatments. The facility failed to complete and document treatments of Resident #3's right posterior lower leg wound. The facility reported a census of 15 residents.</p> <p>Findings include:</p>	I	\$5500.00	Upon Receipt

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	<p>Resident #3's Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment dated 9/14/24 identified a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) score of 1, indicating severe cognitive impairment. The MDS identified Resident #3 as dependent on staff for bed mobility, transfers, and toileting. The MDS included diagnoses of hypertension (high blood pressure), septicemia (life threatening infection in the bloodstream), cerebrovascular accident (CVA or stroke), right sided hemiplegia (paralysis or weakness affecting one side of the body), seizure disorder, traumatic brain injury (TBI), malnutrition (inadequate nutritional intake), and cellulitis (skin infection) of the right lower limb. The MDS identified Resident #3 had one venous ulcer (open skin sore caused by problems with blood flow in the legs) present. The MDS indicated the facility provided a turning/repositioning program, nutrition interventions, hydration interventions, application of nonsurgical dressing, and applications of ointments/medication other than to their feet.</p> <p>The Care Plan Focus with a target date of 12/18/24 indicated Resident #3 had a potential for skin impairments. 6/8/24 Resident #3 had a venous stasis ulcer to his right post lower leg that had reoccurred for year. The Wound Center previously treated the area. The Interventions directed staff to complete treatments as ordered.</p>			

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	<p>A Progress Note dated 9/3/24 identified Resident #3 admitted to the hospital for sepsis of an unknown etiology (cause).</p> <p>A Progress Note dated 9/9/24 reflected Resident #3 readmitted to the facility.</p> <p>A Progress Note dated 9/11/24 indicated Resident #3 had a stage 2 pressure (partial thickness loss of skin) wound to her right posterior leg with purulent drainage (thick, milky, pus containing fluid). The note lacked documentation of size or measurements.</p> <p>A Progress Note dated 9/18/24 documented Resident #3 continued to have a stage 2 pressure wound to the right poster leg with purulent drainage. The note lacked documentation of size or measurement.</p> <p>A Progress Note dated 9/19/24 at 2:45 PM documented Resident #3 went to an appointment at the wound center.</p> <p>A Progress Note dated 9/19/24 at 4:47 PM documented Resident #3 returned from the wound center with new orders for dressing changes to bilateral lower extremities three times a week on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. The note instructed Resident #3 to return to the wound</p>			

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	<p>center for their next appointment on 9/26/24 at 1:00 PM.</p> <p>A Wound Center Progress Report dated 9/19/24 documented Resident #3 had a right posterior lower leg wound, with primary venous and secondary pressure etiology, measured 5.7 cm (centimeters)(length) x 2.9 cm (width) x 0.2 cm (depth). It had moderate purulent drainage (yellow, brown, green), granulation tissue, and necrotic tissue (dead/nonviable tissue). Excisional debridement (procedure to remove damaged, dead or infected tissue) was performed. Staff were instructed to cleanse the wound with saline, apply Aquacel AG ribbon (dressing that absorbs fluid), and cover it with Mepilex Border (foam dressing) 3 times a week. Resident #3 was directed to return to the wound center in one week.</p> <p>A Wound Center Progress Report dated 9/26/24 documented Resident #3's venous ulcer on the right posterior lower leg measured 3.2 cm x 2.3 cm x 0.3 cm. It exhibited moderate amounts of purulent drainage, granulation tissue, and necrotic tissue. Excisional debridement was performed. The discharge instructions instructed staff to clean the wound with normal saline, cut Aquacel AG ribbon to the appropriate size, apply it to the wound bed, cover with a Mepilex Border dressing three times a week, then return to the Wound Center in 2 weeks.</p>			

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	<p>The September 2024 Treatment Administration Record (TAR) and clinical record lacked documentation that staff completed the treatment to Resident #3's right posterior leg from 9/20/24 to 9/30/24.</p> <p>A Wound Center Progress Report dated 10/10/24 documented Resident #3's right posterior lower leg venous ulcer measured 4.4 cm x 2.6 cm x 0.5 cm, with moderate purulent drainage, small granulation, and large necrotic tissue. The clinic performed excisional debridement. The orders instructed the staff to cleanse the wound with saline, apply Aquacel AG ribbon, and cover it with Mepilex Border 3 times a week. The Wound Center ordered Resident #3 to return to the wound center in one week, with a referral to the lymphedema clinic.</p> <p>A Wound Center Progress Report dated 10/17/24 documented Resident #3 right posterior lower leg venous ulcer measured 6.0 cm (length) x 2.9 cm (width) x 0.5 cm (depth). The venous ulcer had moderate purulent drainage, small granulation, and large necrotic tissue. They performed excisional debridement. The Wound Center ordered the staff to clean the wound with saline, apply Aquacel AG ribbon, and cover it with Mepilex Border 3 times a week, then return for their lymphedema appointment on 10/22/24.</p>			

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	<p>A Wound Center Physician Progress Note dated 10/17/24 documented Resident #3's right posterior lower leg wound had some yellow slough, necrosis and was stable. The note documented the treatment plan was to start lymphedema wraps, continue with Aquacel ag, gauze and tape. Resident #3 to follow up in the wound center in one week.</p> <p>A Progress Note dated 10/22/24 documented Resident #3 out of the facility to lymphedema appointment and returned with a follow-up appointment.</p> <p>A Wound Center Progress Report dated 10/24/24 documented Resident #3's right posterior lower leg venous ulcer measured 5.5 cm x 2.5 cm x 0.5 cm, with moderate purulent drainage, small granulation, and large necrotic tissue. Excisional debridement was performed. Discharge instructions included cleansing the wound with saline, applying Aquacel AG ribbon, and covering with Mepilex Border twice a week. Resident #3 was to follow up in one week.</p> <p>A Wound Center Physician Progress Note dated 10/24/24 indicated the right posterior lower leg wound showed yellow slough, necrosis, and remained stable. The treatment plan included lymphedema wraps twice a week, along with Aquacel AG, gauze, and tape. Resident #3 was to follow up at the wound center in one week.</p>			

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	<p>A Progress Note dated 10/31/24 documented transportation refused to transport Resident #3 to his appointments due to behavioral issues on the last date of appointments.</p> <p>The October 2024 TAR and clinical record lacked documentation that staff completed the treatment to Resident #3's right posterior leg from 10/1/24 to the start of lymphedema therapy on 10/22/24.</p> <p>Review of Progress Notes from 10/31/24 to 11/19/24 lacked documentation that Resident #3 had any further wound center or lymphedema appointments. The clinical record lacked any follow up or documentation regarding a wound treatment to the right posterior lower leg until 11/19/24.</p> <p>The November 2024 TAR from 11/1/24 to 11/19/24 lacked documentation of the staff completing the treatment to Resident #3's right posterior lower leg.</p> <p>A Progress Note on 11/19/24 documented the facility called the wound center for order or recommendations for treatment.</p> <p>A Physician Order dated 11/19/24 directed staff to apply Aquacel ag to wound bed, cover with border foam dressing, apply sensi sock and tubi grip over top. The Physician order lacked direction on how to cleanse the wound and where to apply the dressing.</p>			

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	<p>The November 2024 TAR included an order with a start date of 11/20/24 directing staff to cleanse bilateral leg wounds with normal saline, cut Aquacel ag ribbon to size, apply to wound, cover with border foam dressing. Apply sensi socks and place tubi grip over sock every day shift every Monday, Wednesday and Friday for wound care.</p> <p>The ARNP's (Advance Registered Nurse Practitioner) Progress Notes dated 11/19/24 documented Resident #3 had a history of recurrent wounds on his lower extremities. The note documented Resident #3 went to the wound center but now no one would drive him because he of his verbal abusive to his driver. The note documented the DON (Director of Nursing) monitored Resident #3's wound care. The note documented the facility received orders from the wound center to continue the current treatment plan and used an Aquacel dressing under a border. The patient was to wear a tubi stocking and sensi socks.</p> <p>On 12/4/24 at 12:55 PM, observed Resident #3 in the hallway with sensi socks in place without a tubigrip over the right sock as the physician ordered.</p> <p>On 12/4/24 at 3:00 PM, the DON reported that Resident #3 treatments were completed at the lymphedema or wound center until recently. She</p>			

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	<p>stated the facility wasn't able to secure transportation for Resident #3 due to his behavior. She stated the transport companies refused to take Resident #3 and his sisters couldn't take him to his appointments. She stated the facility started doing his treatments in house when they obtained a physician order on 11/19/24.</p> <p>On 12/4/24 at 4:00 PM, the Wound Center RN (Registered Nurse) reported they saw Resident #3 at the wound center but the facility couldn't get him there, so they had to discharge him. The Wound Center RN reported the facility was supposed to be doing treatments at the facility per physician orders. The Wound Center RN reported at each visit they would send signed orders with return appointments. The Wound Center RN reported they saw Resident #3 on 8/13/24, 8/22/24, 8/29/24, 9/19/24, 9/26/24, 10/10/24, 10/17/24, and 10/24/24. She stated the wound center collaborated with the lymphedema center. She stated Resident #3 only went to the lymphedema center twice according to her knowledge before they stopped seeing him. She stated Resident #3 had a traumatic brain injury, would get upset, frustrated, and refused care at times. She stated his wound got worse over time and she attributed the decline to his co morbidities and lack of care. She stated he was never hospitalized or had sepsis from the wound.</p>			

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	<p>On 12/5/24 at 7:45 AM, the DON reported she reviewed the wound center documentation and verified the TAR or Medication Administration Record (MAR) didn't include the treatments for his right posterior leg. She stated if it wasn't documented then it was not done.</p> <p>A facility policy titled Physician's orders revised October 2023 documented it was the standard of the facility that the resident's attending physician or designee orders all medication and treatment protocols.</p> <p>A facility policy titled Processing of Medical Orders revised October 2023 documented all Physician's orders will be appropriately transcribed and noted by a licensed nurse.</p>			

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