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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTIONS		(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:		(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. BUILDING B. WING	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 03/04/2022
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER SILVER BIRCH OF FORT WAYNE		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 7125 S HANNA STREET, FORT WAYNE, , 46816			
(X4) ID PREFIX TAG	SUMMARY STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES...	ID PREFIX TAG	PROVIDER'S PLAN OF CORRECTION...	(X5) COMPLETION DATE	
R 0000	INITIAL COMMENTS This visit was for the Investigation of Complaints IN00372085 and IN00373616. Complaint IN00372085 Substantiated. No deficiencies related to the allegations are cited. Complaint IN00373616 - Substantiated. Deficiencies related to the allegations are cited at R0241, R0242, and R0297. Survey dates: March 2, 3, and 4, 2022 Facility number: 014316 Residential Census: 100 These State Residential Findings are cited in accordance with 410 IAC 16.2-5. Quality review completed March 9, 2022	R 0000			

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R 0241	Health Services - Offense 410 IAC 16.2-5-4(e)(1) (e) The administration of medications and the provision of residential nursing care shall be as ordered by the resident ' s physician and shall be supervised by a licensed nurse on the premises or on call as follows: (1) Medication shall be administered by licensed nursing personnel or qualified medication aides. Based on interview and record review the facility failed to follow the physician's order when administering medication for 1 of 3 residents reviewed. This resulted in a critically high Digoxin level. (Resident C) Findings include: Review of Resident C's record on 3/3/2022 at 2:00 P.M. indicated diagnoses included, but were not limited to, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, essential (primary) hypertension, presence of a cardiac pacemaker, and unspecified atrial fibrillation. A review of Resident C's Level of Care Assessment, dated 2/22/22, indicated the resident required a caregiver for administration & observation of medication. A review of physician orders	R 0241	What corrective actions will be accomplished for those residents found to have been affected by the deficient practice? Only one resident was affected. Resident lab testing was completed 2/17/22. Digoxin order 0.25mg held until further notice. Facility resident was tested again on 2/23/22. NP reviewed the follow up lab results at 0.70. NP gave orders to restart Digoxin 0.25mg once daily. How will the facility identify other residents having the potential to be affected by the same deficient practice and what corrective action will be taken? Facility takes weekly PTINR readings of all residents with orders for Coumadin. For residents with orders for Digoxin, facility ensures pulse is taken before administering. Facility will ensure that QMAs and nurses are checking the orders and verifying the order matches the medication to be administered. Facility will complete audit to ensure all MD orders match	04/29/2022
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dated 7/12/2021, indicated to give digoxin tablet, 0.25 mg (milligrams) by mouth one time a day related to unspecified atrial fibrillation, the order indicated the following: give 0.125 mg, 2 tabs (tablets) by mouth once daily, and to hold for a pulse of less than 60. A review of Resident C's Service Plan, dated 12/7/21 indicated under Medications, the resident would be supported to take all medications safely and as ordered. A review of a progress note dated 2/16/22, by RN 6 indicated communication with NP (Nurse Practitioner) included the facility had received a call from Pharmacy regarding a med error potentially affecting Resident C. A Digoxin order reading- Digoxin 0.25 mg- take 1 tab by mouth once daily for atrial fib (give 0.125 mg give 2 tabs by mouth once daily) had been misread by the pharmacy. The pharmacy had sent 3- 0.25 mg tabs in sure med packs 2 weeks. The pharmacy indicated the resident had been receiving he medication (three times the dose). The NP was notified and gave a new STAT order to draw Digoxin Levels. The nurse indicated she wrote on the med card with permanent marker to give only 1 tab & check dose. A review of a progress note	medications and that no other residents have the potential to be affected. If any inaccuracies are found, they will be immediately corrected. What measures will be put into place or what systemic changes will the facility make to ensure that the deficient practice does not recur? All staff will be in-serviced on answering the phone. Lab will be provided emergency contact numbers for ED and DONW to call if community is not responding. Clinical staff to be inserviced on Digoxin toxicity sign and symptoms, reconciliation of medications and MD orders at time of med check-in, timely communication with MDs on status, and follow through of MD orders including labs. Facility will review and educate staff on incident reporting policy and procedure including reporting and pertinent charting. Facility will complete audit to ensure all MD orders match medications. How will the corrective action be monitored to
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A review of progress notes dated 2/17/22 at 5:48 P.M., by RN 11, indicated the lab had arrives to draw the digoxin level.

A review of a laboratories instant stat report, dated 2/17/22, indicated Resident C's Digoxin level was collected on 2/17/22 5:44 P.M., and the result was critical 2.6, (therapeutic range 0.9-2.0 ng/ml (nanogram/milliliter). The report indicated a level was potentially toxic if greater than 2.5 ng/ml. The document indicated the laboratory staff tried three times to call the panic result to the facility, left two voicemails, but there was no call back. The laboratory staff tried to call the ordering physician, called the operator for an on-call number, but there were no results. The laboratory staff could not call Resident C or their responsible party the resident was in a nursing home. The report also indicated all options to contact someone had been exhausted on 2/17/2022 at 9:47 P.M.

A review of a progress note

ensure the deficient practice will not recur?

Nursing documentation regarding med passes will be reviewed by QA committee monthly for six months as long as a 100% rate for no med errors is obtained. If a med error occurs, QA will continue reviewing monthly for 6 more months.

Systemic changes will be completed by:

All staff education will be completed by 4/29/2022.

Medications/order audit will be completed by 4/29/22.

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A review of progress note, dated 2/24/22, indicated the NP reviewed the follow up digoxin lab result, at 0.70. The NP gave a new order to resume Digoxin 0.25 mg once daily.

During an interview on 3/2/2022 at 8:35 A.M., Qualified Medication Aide (QMA)7, indicated that medications are prepackaged by the pharmacy for each resident. Medications to be given during a specific

timeframe are packaged together with each medication, dose, and number of tablets printed on the package, if a medication was not in the package, it was on a separate card with the resident's name. QMA 7 indicated she compares the medication on the package and/or card with the orders before she opened the package and placed them in a med cup for the resident. QMA 7 indicated when the medication in the packages/card didn't match the order, she wouldn't administer it and would speak with the nurse.

During an interview on 3/2/2022 at 9:20 A.M., QMA 5 indicated when she obtained a resident's medication, she checked the medication in the blister pack with the medication order before administering it. QMA 5 indicated when a medication does not match the order, she would not administer it until she clarified with the nurse.

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During an interview on 3/3/2022 at 11:20 A.M., the DON indicated the pharmacy dispensed the residents' medication in a "bubble" packet. The DON indicated when a medication was changed or discontinued, the nurse marked

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the medication off, dated the medication sheet attached to the bubble pack and noted a new dose was to be taken from the supplied medication card.

A review of a policy, titled Medication Error Incident Policy, revision date 8/11/18, provided by DON on 3/4/22 1:30 P.M., indicated under Procedure 3. If the medication error is a result of pharmacy error, the pharmacist shall be notified immediately, and a Medication Error Incident Report completed in the computer system and submitted to the executive Director and Chief Operating officer and under Documentation: 2. The medication error, and what is done, is to be documented on the back of the medication sheet. 3. Complete and pertinent notes shall be recorded each shift for at least 24 hours on any patient who has received the wrong medication.

A review of a policy, titled Medication Administration Program Policy, revision date 6/15/18, provided by DON on 3/2/22 9:45 A.M., indicated, under Med 1107 Medication Administration Program, "The community Executive Director/Director of Health and Wellness will ensure adequate professional oversight of the medication treatment

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administration program. The elements of an approved medication administration systems are as follows: ...2. Written policies related to medication assistance and administration are followed by licensed and unlicensed staff within their scope of practice. 5. Documentation in the medication record is complete and accurate a. Resident receives medication as prescribed."

This State finding is related to Complaint IN00373616

Based on interview and record review the facility failed to follow the physician's order when administering medication for 1 of 3 residents reviewed. This resulted in a critically high Digoxin level. (Resident C)

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This State finding is related to Complaint IN00373616

R 0242	Health Services - Offense 410 IAC 16.2-5-4(e)(2) (2) The resident shall be observed for effects of medications. Documentation of any undesirable effects shall be contained in the clinical record. The physician shall be notified immediately if undesirable effects occur, and	R 0242	What corrective actions will be accomplished for those residents found to have been affected by the deficient practice? Only one resident was affected. Resident lab testing was completed 2/17/22.	04/29/2022
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such notification shall be documented in the clinical record.

Based on interview and record review the facility failed to monitor 1 of 1 resident for side effects related to a critically elevated digoxin level. (Resident C)

Findings include:

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A review of the Service Plan Detail, dated 12/7/21 indicated under the Medications section

Digoxin order 0.25mg held until further notice. Facility resident was tested again on 2/23/22. NP reviewed the follow up lab results at 0.70. NP gave orders to restart Digoxin 0.25mg once daily.

How will the facility identify other residents having the potential to be affected by the same deficient practice and what corrective action will be taken?

Facility takes weekly PTINR readings of all residents with orders for Coumadin.

For residents with orders for Digoxin, facility ensures pulse is taken before administering.

Facility will ensure that QMAs and nurses are checking the orders and verifying the order matches the medication to be administered. Nursing/Administration will perform weekly audits using ADMINISTRATION AND DOCUMENTATION OF MEDICATIONS OBSERVATION AUDIT tool for 6 weeks.

Facility will complete audit to ensure all MD orders match medications and that no other residents have

the resident would be supported to take all medications safely and as ordered.

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the potential to be affected. If any inaccuracies are found, they will be immediately corrected.

What measures will be put into place or what systemic changes will the facility make to ensure that the deficient practice does not recur?

All staff will be in-serviced on answering the phone.

Lab will be provided emergency contact numbers for ED and DONW to call if community is not responding.

Clinical staff to be inserviced on Digoxin toxicity sign and symptoms, reconciliation of medications and MD orders at time of med check-in, timely communication with MDs on status, and follow through of MD orders including labs.

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During an interview on 3/3/2022 11:20 A.M., the DON indicated residents should be monitored for side effects from medications.

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R 0297	Pharmaceutical Services - Noncompliance 410 IAC 16.2-5-6(c)(1) (c) If the facility controls, handles, and administers medications for a resident, the facility shall do the following for that resident: (1) Make arrangements to ensure that pharmaceutical services are available to provide residents with prescribed medications in accordance with applicable laws of Indiana. Based on interview and record review the facility failed to ensure the pharmacy provided 1 of 3 residents reviewed with medications as ordered.(Resident C) Findings include: Review of Resident C's record on 3/3/2022 at 2:00 P.M. indicated diagnoses included, but were not limited to, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, essential (primary) hypertension, presence of a cardiac pacemaker, and unspecified atrial fibrillation. A review of physician orders dated 7/12/2021, indicated to give digoxin tablet, 0.25 mg (milligrams) by mouth one time a day related to unspecified atrial fibrillation, the order indicated the following: give	R 0297	What corrective actions will be accomplished for those residents found to have been affected by the deficient practice? Resident lab testing was completed 2/17/22. Digoxin order 0.25mg held until further notice. Facility resident was tested again on 2/23/22. NP reviewed the follow up lab results at 0.70. NP gave orders to restart Digoxin 0.25mg once daily. How will the facility identify other residents having the potential to be affected by the same deficient practice and what corrective action will be taken? Facility takes weekly PTINR readings of all residents with orders for Coumadin. For residents with orders for Digoxin, facility ensures pulse is taken before administering.	04/29/2022
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0.125 mg, 2 tabs (tablets) by mouth once daily, and to hold for a pulse of less than 60.

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A review of a laboratories instant stat report, dated 2/17/22, indicated Resident C's Digoxin level was collected on 2/17/22 5:44 P.M., and the result was critical 2.6, (therapeutic range 0.9-2.0 ng/ml

What measures will be put into place or what systemic changes will the facility make to ensure that the deficient practice does not recur?

All staff will be in-serviced on answering the phone.

Lab will be provided emergency contact numbers for ED and DONW to call if community is not responding.

Clinical staff to be inserviced on Digoxin toxicity sign and symptoms, reconciliation of medications and MD orders at time of med check-in, timely communication with MDs on status, and follow through of MD orders including labs.

Facility will review and educate staff on incident reporting policy and procedure including reporting and pertinent charting.

Facility will complete audit to

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ensure all MD orders match medications.

President and VP of Clinical and VP of Operations will be having service discussions with current pharmacy in next two weeks. Will have new pharmacy provide consulting services.

How will the corrective action be monitored to ensure the deficient practice will not recur?

Nursing documentation will be reviewed by QA/safety committee.

Systemic changes will be completed by:

All staff education will be completed by 4/29/2022.

Medications/order audit will be completed by 4/29/22.

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