

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTIONS	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 15K133	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. BUILDING B. WING	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 07/23/2024	
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER D-BEST HOME CARE		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 2346 S LYNHURST DRIVE SUITE 600, INDIANAPOLIS, IN, 46241		
(X4) ID PREFIX TAG	SUMMARY STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES (EACH DEFICIENCY MUST BE PRECEDED BY FULL REGULATORY OR LSC IDENTIFYING INFORMATION)	ID PREFIX TAG	PROVIDER'S PLAN OF CORRECTION (EACH CORRECTIVE ACTION SHOULD BE CROSS - REFERENCED TO THE APPROPRIATE DEFICIENCY)	(X5) COMPLETION DATE
G0000	<p>INITIAL COMMENTS</p> <p>This visit was a Post-Condition revisit for a home health agency recertification and re-licensure survey conducted on 05-02-2024.</p> <p>Survey Dates: 07-22-2024 and 07-23-2024</p> <p>12-Month Unduplicated Skilled Admissions: 1</p> <p>During the post-condition revisit survey D-Best Home Care was found to be in compliance with CoP 484.60 Care Planning, Coordination of Services, and Quality of Care.</p> <p>D-Best Home Care continues to be precluded from providing its own home health aide training and competency evaluation program for a period of 2 years beginning May 2, 2024, and continuing through May 2,</p>	G0000		

	2026. QR completed by Area 3 on 7-25-2024.			
G0574	<p>Plan of care must include the following</p> <p>484.60(a)(2)(i-xvi)</p> <p>The individualized plan of care must include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) All pertinent diagnoses; (ii) The patient's mental, psychosocial, and cognitive status; (iii) The types of services, supplies, and equipment required; (iv) The frequency and duration of visits to be made; (v) Prognosis; (vi) Rehabilitation potential; (vii) Functional limitations; (viii) Activities permitted; (ix) Nutritional requirements; (x) All medications and treatments; (xi) Safety measures to protect against injury; (xii) A description of the patient's risk for emergency department visits and hospital re-admission, and all necessary interventions to address the underlying risk factors. (xiii) Patient and caregiver education and training to facilitate timely discharge; (xiv) Patient-specific interventions and education; measurable outcomes and goals identified by the HHA and the patient; (xv) Information related to any advanced directives; and 	G0574	<p>The Administrator and Director of Nursing reviewed CMS COP 484.60(a)(2)(i-xvi) and agency policies 'Plan of Care(Plan of Treatment' and 'Care Planning.' All nurses were inserviced on the individualized plan of care's required elements as well as the requirement to accurately document all coordination of care activities. All patients' charts were audited and coordination of care added where missing as well as the services they provide and frequency provided and the name of the person spoken to.</p> <p>To prevent this deficiency from recurring, the Director of Nursing will review all active patients' records to determine if the plan of care is individualized for the patient and contains all required elements as listed in CMS COP 484.60(a)(2)(i-xvi) including all entities providing services to</p>	2024-08-23

(xvi) Any additional items the HHA or physician or allowed practitioner may choose to include.

Based on record review and interview, the agency failed to ensure the plan of care was individualized and included all the entities providing services for patients in 1 of 3 active clinical records reviewed.
(Patient #3)

Findings Include:

1. A review of D-Best Home Care policy revised 05-20-2024 and titled "Plan of Care (Plan of Treatment) indicated but was not limited to, " ... The plan of care must be established ... and if appropriate, other professional staff, shall have a substantial role in ... helping to develop the overall plan of care ..."

2. A review of Patient #3's clinical record evidenced a Plan of Care (POC) with a Start of Care (SOC) date of 04-25-2024 and a certification period from 06-24-2024 to 08-22-2024. The POC evidenced a primary diagnosis of Hypertension (high blood pressure), End Stage Renal Disease (the kidneys are unable to filter out waste and excess fluids requiring a person

their patients. If an omission or error is found, the Director of Nursing or designee will ask the nurse to correct the issue before anything becomes a permanent part of the patient's record or is sent to the physician for signature. When the Director of Nursing determines the plan of care is correct and contains all required elements, the nurse will sign it and it will be sent to the physician for signature. This process will continue indefinitely to ensure compliance with this correction.

The QAPI Committee will monitor compliance with the requirement that individualized plan of care contains all required elements. 100% of plan of cares will be reviewed each 30 days for 6 months or until 100% compliance has been established and the agency has assurance that plan of cares are complete and contain all required elements as listed in CMS COP 484.60(a)(2)(i-xvi). If 100% compliance is not achieved each 30 days of the 6 months monitoring period, the monitoring will be extended

where a machine replaces the kidneys to remove unnecessary fluid from the body), Atrial Fibrillation (irregular and fast heart rhythm). The POC failed to evidence the patient received services from Entity 3, a dialysis facility, for lab draws and regular check-ins with their nephrologist (a physician specializing in treating kidney diseases). The POC failed to include how often the patient received services from Entity 3.

During a phone interview on 07-22-2024 at 11:35 AM, the receptionist, Person 2, for Patient #3's nephrologist, Person 1, evidenced the patient received home peritoneal (the lining of the abdomen is used to drain excess fluid from the body, in place of the kidneys, through a tube) dialysis from Entity 3.

During an interview on 07-22-2024 at 12:50 PM, the manager, Person 4, at Entity 3 confirmed Patient #3 received home peritoneal dialysis from their facility. Person 4 indicated they make home visits for the patients upon admission and annually.

another 30 days until 100% compliance is achieved. Upon compliance, the QAPI Committee will perform this review quarterly on a minimum of 10% of patients indefinitely.

Staff will be re-serviced as needed and continued noncompliance with this correction will result in progressive disciplinary action up to and including termination.

The Director of Nursing is responsible for ensuring this correction continues.

	<p>During an interview with Patient #3 on 07-22-2024 at 3:15 PM, they confirmed they were on peritoneal dialysis with Entity 3 and did their dialysis every evening or night. They indicated they went to Entity 3 every 3 months to have their labs drawn and every 2 months to have a check-up and meet with their nephrologist, Person 1.</p> <p>During an interview with the Administrator (Admin 1) on 07-23-2024 at 9:53 AM, they indicated they were unaware of which dialysis facility Patient #3 received services and went to for labs and follow-up appointments.</p> <p>410 IAC 17-13-1(a)(D)(xiii)</p>			
G0590	<p>Promptly alert relevant physician of changes</p> <p>484.60(c)(1)</p> <p>The HHA must promptly alert the relevant physician(s) or allowed practitioner(s) to any changes in the patient's condition or needs that suggest that outcomes are not being achieved and/or that the plan of care should be altered.</p> <p>Based on record review and interview, the agency failed to ensure the physician was notified of missed visits for 1 of</p>	G0590	<p>The Administrator and Director of Nursing reviewed CMS COP 484.60(c)(1) and agency policy 'Plan of Care (Plan of Treatment).' All employees were inserviced on required elements of each patient's individualized plan of care as well as the need to notify the MD of any changes to the plan of care</p>	2024-08-23

3 active clinical records reviewed. (Patient #2)

Findings Include:

1. A review of D-Best Home Care policy revised 05-20-2024 and titled "Plan of Care (Plan of Treatment)" indicated but was not limited to, " ... HHA professional staff promptly alerts the physician to any changes that suggest a need to alter the plan of care ..."

2. During a review of Patient #2's clinical record, it evidenced a Plan of Care (POC) with a Start of Care (SOC) date of 04-18-2024 and a certification period from 06-17-2024 to 08-15-2024. The POC indicated the patient received Home Health Aide (HHA) services 5 hours a day, 5 days a week for 8 weeks, and 4 days a week for 1 week for assistance with Activities of Daily Living (ADL) and Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADL). The clinical record evidenced the patient had not received services from 07-05-2024 to 07-15-2024. The clinical record failed to evidence the physician was notified of the missed visits.

During an interview with the

including a disruption in the MD ordered frequency/duration of visits.

To prevent this deficiency from recurring, a process was put in place that any employee made aware of a change to the plan of care must notify the Director of Nursing immediately. This includes if the MD ordered frequency is changed. The Director of Nursing will be responsible for notifying the MD of any changes and obtaining orders or adjusting the plan of care if necessary. Visits scheduled will be compared against visits documented daily to ensure all visits missed have been reported to the MD appropriately. If any omission is found, the Director of Nursing will notify the MD of the omission and obtain orders or adjust the plan of care if necessary. The employee responsible for the omission will be re-serviced and continued noncompliance with this correction will result in progressive disciplinary action up to and including termination.

Administrator (Admin 1) on 07-22-2024 at 2:27 PM, they indicated HHA 1 for Patient #2 was gone and had not notified Admin 1 they were gone. Admin 1 confirmed they were unaware the patient was not receiving services at the time. The Office Manager (Admin 4) indicated HHA 1 had informed Admin 4 they were away for testing the week of June 1, 2024 through June 5, 2024. Admin 4 confirmed Patient #2 was made aware the HHA was not going to be there. Admin 1 and Admin 4 evidenced HHA 1 was supposed to be back the next week, but the HHA had not made them aware they had to extend their time off. Admin 1 evidenced the physician was not notified of the missed visits.

During an interview with Admin 1 and the Director of Nursing (DON, Admin 2) on 07-23-2024 at 12:00 PM, they indicated HHA 1 was away for a week and had made the office staff aware, but had not returned at the end of the week. They indicated they were unaware the HHA had not returned and was not providing services for Patient #2. They evidenced HHA 1 made them aware a week later, after the

All MDnotifications will be documented in the patient record either as acommunication note including date/time/name of person spoken to or a faxconfirmation of a written notification attached to the notification in themedical record.

The QAPICommittee will monitor compliance with the requirement. 100% of patient charts will be reviewed each30 days for 6 months or until 100% compliance has been established and theagency has assurance that all missed visits are reported to the MD. If 100% compliance is not achieved each 30days of the 6 months monitoring period, the monitoring will be extended another30 days until 100% compliance is achieved. Upon compliance, the QAPI Committee will perform this review quarterlyon a minimum of 10% of patients indefinitely.

The Director ofNursing is responsible for ensuring this

	<p>agreed-upon return date. HHA 1 went to see Patient #2 to provide services, the patient refused to receive services from the HHA. Admin 1 confirmed from 07-01-2024 to 07-15-2024, Patient #2 had not received services and the physician was not notified by the agency regarding the missed visits. Admin 2 evidenced their communication with each other was not effective and the physician should have been notified of the missed visits as soon as they were informed by HHA 1 of the missed visits.</p> <p>410 IAC 17-13-1(a)(2)</p>		correction continues.	
G0608	<p>Coordinate care delivery</p> <p>484.60(d)(4)</p> <p>Coordinate care delivery to meet the patient's needs, and involve the patient, representative (if any), and caregiver(s), as appropriate, in the coordination of care activities.</p> <p>Based on record review and interview, the agency failed to ensure they coordinated care with other providers and entities providing care for patients in 1 of 2 active clinical records reviewed with Home</p>	G0608	<p>The Administrator and Director of Nursing reviewed agency policy 10021 'Coordination of Patient Services.' All nurses were inserviced on the requirement to coordinate care delivery with other health providers to meet the patient's needs, and involve the patient, representative (if any), and caregiver(s), as appropriate, in the coordination of care activities. This information is to</p>	2024-08-23

	<p>Health Aide (HHA) services only. (Patient #3)</p> <p>Findings Include:</p> <p>2. During the entrance conference on 07-22-2024 at 9:20 AM, the Administrator (Admin 1) and (DON, Admin 2) indicated they would contact the other providers providing care for the patients and include the agencies in the patients' charts. They explained they would communicate with other providers at recertification and as needed.</p> <p>3. A review of Patient #3's clinical record failed to evidence coordination of care with Entity 3, a dialysis (a procedure used to remove the waste and excess fluids when the kidneys are unable to function appropriately) facility.</p> <p>During a phone interview with Person 4, the Clinical Manager, from Entity 3, on 07-22-2024 at 12:50 PM, they indicated they had been unaware D-Best Home Care provided care for Patient #3 and had not been contacted by D-Best Home Care. They explained Patient #3 received home peritoneal dialysis (a procedure used to</p>		<p>be documented in the medical record, and if coordination of care is with an agency or company, the name of the person communicated with is to be documented as well. The other entities involved will be listed on the plan of care and specifics of the communication with those entities will be documented in a communication note in the patient medical record. This is to be completed minimally at admission and every 60 days. If a patient has no other entities involved to coordinate care, that will be stated in the medical record.</p> <p>To prevent this deficiency from recurring, the Director of Nursing or designee will review all active patients' records for coordination of care documentation. If it is missing, the nurse will be contacted for clarification and the information will be added to the medical record. This will be done at minimum every 60 days at time of recertification and documented with each episode of care. This process will continue indefinitely to ensure</p>	
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remove the waste and excess fluids when the kidneys are unable to function appropriately) from their facility and they make home visits for patients upon admission and annually.

During an interview with the Administrator (Admin 1) on 07-23-2024 at 9:53 AM, they indicated they were unaware of which dialysis facility Patient #3 received services and went to for labs and follow-up appointments.

410 IAC 17-14-1(a)(1)(F)

1. A review of D-Best Home Care policy revised 04-11-2016 and titled "Coordination of Patient Services" indicated but was not limited to, " ... Communication is maintained between those providing services regarding changes in the patient's needs, services or care ... Coordination of service activities is documented in the patient's home care record. Each record shall contain up-to-date information regarding ... Communication between involved parties. ..."

compliance with this correction.

The QAPICommittee will monitor compliance with this correction. 100% of patient recordswill be reviewed each 30 days for 6 months or until 100% compliance has beenestablished. If 100% compliance is not achieved each 30 days of the 6 monthsmonitoring period, the monitoring will be extended another 30 days until 100%compliance is achieved. Upon compliance, the QAPI Committee will perform thisreview quarterly on a minimum of 10% of patients indefinitely.

Staff will bere-inserviced as needed and continued noncompliance with this correction willresult in progressive disciplinary action up to and including termination.

The Director of Nursing is responsible forensuring this correction continues

G0814	<p>Non-skilled direct observation every 60 days</p> <p>484.80(h)(2)</p> <p>If home health aide services are provided to a patient who is not receiving skilled nursing care, physical or occupational therapy, or speech-language pathology services, the registered nurse must make an on-site visit to the location where the patient is receiving care no less frequently than every 60 days in order to observe and assess each aide while he or she is performing care.</p> <p>Based on record review and interview, the agency failed to ensure a Home Health Aide (HHA) supervisory visit was completed every 30 days according to their policy for 1 of 3 active clinical records reviewed. (Patient #2)</p> <p>Findings Include:</p> <p>1. A review of D-Best Home Care policy revised 04-11-216 and titled "Certified Home Health Aide Supervision" indicated but was not limited to, " ... The Registered Nurse ... evaluates patients receiving only Home health Aide services at least every 30 days with the Home Health Aide present at least once every 60 days ..."</p> <p>2. A review of Patient #2's</p>	G0814	<p>The Administrator and Director of Nursing reviewed CMS COP 484.80(h)(2) and agency policy 'Certified Home Health Aide Supervision.' All home health aides and nurses were inserviced on the requirement of non-skilled patients to have a in person supervisory visit by a nurse every 30 days with the home health aide present at least every 60 days. Any schedule adjustments or coordination that need to be made in order to meet this requirement must be reported to the Director of Nursing to ensure adjustments/coordination is followed.</p> <p>All active patients were audited, and home health aide supervisory visits were pre-scheduled at minimum every 14 days for skilled patients or every 30 days for non-skilled patients in their current episodes. The home health aide supervisory visits were pre-assigned to a supervising nurse.</p>	2024-08-23

of Care with a Start of Care date of 04-18-2024 and a certification period from 06-17-2024 to 08-15-2024. The record evidenced the last HHA supervisory visit note was completed on 05-28-2024. The clinical record failed to evidence an HHA supervisory visit was completed every 30 days.

During an interview with the Administrator (Admin 1) and the Director of Nursing (DON, Admin 2) on 07-23-2024 at 12:00 PM, they indicated they were supposed to perform an HHA supervisory visit every 30 days for non-skilled patients. Admin 1 reviewed Patient #2's clinical record and confirmed there were no HHA supervisory visit notes since 05-28-2024.

During the Exit Conference on 07-23-2024 at 3:43 PM, Admin 1 and Admin 2 evidenced the HHA they were supposed to supervise for Patient #2 was gone the week they were going to perform the supervisory visit. They indicated they should have done the supervisory the week the aide returned, but planned the next supervisory visit for 07-28-2024.

The supervising nurse is to report to the Director of Nursing or Administrator immediately if a supervisory visit cannot be completed for any reason (patient not home, weather, etc) so that it can be rescheduled within the required timeframe. The Director of Nursing was responsible for ensuring this was completed.

To prevent this deficiency from recurring, the Director of Nursing will pre-schedule and pre-assign supervisory visits at minimum every 14 days for skilled patients or every 30 days for non-skilled patients at time of OASIS review for that episode of care. The supervising nurse will be responsible to report to the Director of Nursing or Administrator immediately if a supervisory visit cannot be completed for any reason so that it can be rescheduled within the required timeframe. At time of recertification OASIS review, the Director of Nursing will also check the previous episode to ensure all supervisory visits were scheduled and completed.

			<p>within the required timeframe. Additionally, the QAPI Committee will audit 100% of patient charts monthly for 90 days or until 100% compliance is achieved for home health aide supervisory visit compliance. Upon compliance, the QAPI Committee will audit 10% of patient charts quarterly.</p> <p>Failure to follow this process will result in progressive disciplinary action up to and including termination. This process will be followed indefinitely to ensure compliance with this correction.</p> <p>The Director of Nursing is responsible for ensuring this correction continues.</p>	
N0000	<p>Initial Comments</p> <p>This visit was for a Post Condition Revisit for a State Re-licensure survey of a Home Health Provider.</p> <p>Survey Dates: 07-22-2024 and</p>	N0000		

	<p>07-23-2024</p> <p>12-Month Unduplicated Skilled Admissions: 1</p> <p>QR completed by Area 3 on 7-25-2024.</p>			
N0600	<p>Scope of Services</p> <p>410 IAC 17-14-1(l)(3)</p> <p>Rule 14 Sec. 1(l)(3) If the home health agency issuing the proof of the aide's achievement of successful completion of a competency evaluation program is not the employing agency, the employing agency shall keep a copy of the competency evaluation documentation in the home health aide's employment file.</p> <p>Based on record review and interview, the agency failed to ensure competency evaluations and skills competency were included in the 3 of 3 Home Health Aide (HHA) records reviewed. (Employees: HHA 2, 3, and 4)</p> <p>Findings Include:</p>	N0600	<p>The Administrator and Director of Nursing reviewed IAC 17-4-1(l)(3). Competency evaluations were obtained for the 3 home health aides in the survey and placed in their files. Remaining home health aide employee files were audited to ensure proof of competency were present.</p> <p>To prevent this deficiency from recurring, agency Policy 'Certified Home Health Aide Competency Evaluation Program' was updated to include: "Home Health Aides who have been competency evaluated by an outside agency will provide documentation of this competency. No home health aide will be allowed to provide patient care until the proof of competency is</p>	2024-07-24

1. A review of the Employee record of HHA 2, with a hire date of 06-18-2024, failed to evidence their competency exam and their skills competency.

2. A review of the Employee record of HHA 3, with a hire date of 06-25-2024, failed to evidence their competency exam and their skills competency.

3. A review of the Employee record of HHA 4, with a hire date of 06-18-2024, failed to evidence their competency exam and their skills competency.

4. During an interview with the Administrator (Admin 1) and the Director of Nursing (DON, Admin 2) on 07-23-2024 at 3:30 PM, they indicated HHAs 2, 3, and 4 had performed the skills and test competency through another agency and confirmed they did not have their competencies in the employees' files.

completeness by the Director of Nursing. Proof will be placed in the employee's file for reference." Additionally, the QAPI Committee will audit 100% of new home health aide employee charts monthly for 90 days or until 100% compliance is achieved. Upon compliance, the QAPI Committee will audit 10% of employee charts quarterly indefinitely.

The Director of Nursing is responsible for ensuring this correction continues.

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 reverse for further 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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