Stop and Watch
Early Warning Tool

If you have identified a change while caring for or observing a resident, please circle the change and notify a nurse. Either give the nurse a copy of this tool or review it with her/him as soon as you can.

Seems different than usual
Talks or communicates less
Overall needs more help
Pain – new or worsening; Participated less in activities

Ate less
No bowel movement in 3 days; or diarrhea
Drank less

Weight change
Agitated or nervous more than usual
Tired, weak, confused, or drowsy
Change in skin color or condition
Help with walking, transferring, toileting more than usual

Name of Resident

Your Name

Reported to Date and Time (am/pm)

Nurse Response Date and Time (am/pm)

Nurse’s Name

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