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S0000 S9999	Initial Comments Complaint Investigation: 2555633/IL194901 Final Observations Statement of Licensure Violations 1 of 2: 300.610a) 300.1210b)4) 300.2040b)2) 300.610. Resident Care Policies a) The facility shall have written policies and procedures governing all services provided by the facility. The written policies and procedures shall be formulated by a Resident Care Policy Committee consisting of at least the administrator, the advisory physician or the medical advisory committee, and representatives of nursing and other services in the facility. The policies shall comply with the Act and this Part. The written policies shall be followed in operating the facility and shall be reviewed at least annually by this committee, documented by written, signed and dated minutes of the meeting. 300.1210. General Requirements for Nursing and Personal Care b) The facility shall provide the necessary care and services to attain or maintain the highest practicable physical, mental, and psychological well-being of the resident, in accordance with each resident's comprehensive resident care plan. Adequate and properly supervised nursing care and personal care shall be provided to each resident to meet the total nursing and personal care needs of the resident.	S0000 S9999		

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S9999	<p>Continued from page 1</p> <p>4) All nursing personnel shall assist and encourage residents so that a resident's abilities in activities of daily living do not diminish unless circumstances of the individual's clinical condition demonstrate that diminution was unavoidable. This includes the resident's abilities to bathe, dress, and groom; transfer and ambulate; toilet; eat; and use speech, language, or other functional communication systems. A resident who is unable to carry out activities of daily living shall receive the services necessary to maintain good nutrition, grooming, and personal hygiene.</p> <p>300.2040. Diet Orders</p> <p>b) Physicians shall write a diet order, for each resident, indicating whether the resident is to have a general or a therapeutic diet. The attending physician may delegate writing a diet order to the dietitian.</p> <p>2) The diet shall be served as ordered.</p> <p>This REQUIREMENT is not met as evidenced by:</p> <p>Based on interview, and record review, the facility failed to provide the correct textured diet for 1 of 19 (R2) residents reviewed for diet in a sample of 19. This failure resulted in R2 choking and being sent to the hospital.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>R2's Admission Record documents an admission date of 10/28/2024 with diagnoses including in part dementia and dysphagia oropharyngeal phase.</p> <p>R2's Minimum Data Set (MDS) dated 5/26/25 documents a Brief Interview of Mental Status (BIMS) score of 11, indicating moderate cognitive impairment.</p> <p>R2's most recent Care Plan documents a focus area of R2 has nutritional problem or</p>	S9999		

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S9999	<p>Continued from page 3</p> <p>ground with multiple staff members and NP (Nurse Practitioner) in the dining room. (R2) was purple in color but he was still breathing at the time." Resident Description: "(R2) states that he got choked on the bread and sausage." Description: "Staff performed Heimlich/abdominal thrusts which was successful."</p> <p>On 6/25/25 at 1:53 PM, V3 (Certified Nursing Assistant/CNA) stated R2 was served a whole bratwurst but can't remember if it was on a bun. V3 stated while she was passing trays someone yelled out that R2 was choking. V3 stated R2 was blue/purple in the face and was staring off so she yelled for help. V3 stated the nurse came and started the Heimlich maneuver. V3 stated the nurse did the Heimlich maneuver until she got tired then she took over. V3 stated the Heimlich maneuver was not working so they laid R2 on the floor on his side and started back thrusts then V2 (Director of Nursing) came in and did a finger sweep and pulled out a piece of the bratwurst and there was still a piece in his mouth that he started chewing. V3 stated his color returned to normal and he started breathing again. V3 stated she does not know what diet R2 had ordered at the time.</p> <p>On 6/26/25 at 12:37 PM, V4 (Speech Therapist) stated she saw R2 prior to the choking incident and he was ordered to be on a mechanical soft diet and thickened liquids. V4 stated she was not at the facility the day of R2's choking incident but she was told he received a whole bratwurst on a bun. V4 stated a whole bratwurst is not considered a mechanical soft texture diet. V4 stated she was in the facility the next day and saw R2 and that time nursing had downgraded R2 to a pureed diet when he came back from the hospital. V4 stated the goal for R2 is to get him back to a mechanical soft diet and she will be trying that diet with R2 today.</p> <p>On 6/26/25 at 1:17 PM, V9 (Dietary Aide) stated she was working the day R2 choked, and she served R2 a whole brat on a bun. V9 stated R2 was ordered mechanical soft textured diet. V9 stated R2 should have received the bratwurst and bun mechanical soft texture and not whole on a bun.</p> <p>On 6/26/25 at 1:42 PM, V2 (Director of Nursing) stated she was notified that there was an emergency in the dining room and when she arrived in the dining room and saw R2 laying in the floor and R2 was choking. V2 stated staff were doing abdominal and back thrust and</p>	S9999		

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S9999	<p>Continued from page 4</p> <p>it was not working so she did a finger sweep in R2's mouth and pulled out a piece of bratwurst and some gummed up bread. V2 stated the staff sat R2 up then they performed another back thrust and R2 then started coughing. V2 stated EMS arrived shortly after that and took R2 to the local emergency room.</p> <p>On 6/26/25 at 2:11 PM, V12 (Cook) stated she was working the day R2 choked. V12 stated she served R2 a whole bratwurst on a bun that day. V12 stated R2 was ordered for a mechanical soft diet and received the incorrect diet texture. V12 stated R2 was supposed to get his bratwurst and bun with mechanical soft texture.</p> <p>On 6/26/25 at 2:44 PM, V1 (Administrator) stated she was not working the day R2 choked. V1 stated she was informed R2 was served a regular texture diet, bratwurst on a bun. V1 stated R2 should have been served mechanical soft texture diet.</p> <p>R2's emergency department notes from local hospital dated 6/13/25 documents R2 presented from a local nursing home after a choking episode. The nursing home did the Heimlich maneuver, and they were able to expel the sausage the patient choked on. Patient did have an episode of non-responsiveness at the facility, but he was more alert once EMS arrived.</p> <p>The facility "Diet Spreadsheet" for "Day 20" documents the mechanical soft diet served for 6/13/25 was ground bratwurst on bun with gravy (no raw vegetables), potato salad, baked beans, and soft chopped watermelon (no seeds).</p> <p>The facilities recipe for mechanical soft texture diet for 6/13/25 titled "Ground Bratwurst on Bun with Gravy" documents under 3. Place prepared bratwurst in a washed and sanitized food processor. Pulse/grind to the size and texture of finely ground beef. 4. Place in steam table pan and add a small amount of prepared broth or gravy to keep moist.</p> <p>The facility policy titled "Diet Summary" dated 2022 documents under Dental Soft (Mechanical Soft) Diet: Foods should be moist and fork tender. Meat is ground or chopped into "bite-size" pieces (1/2 inch or smaller) and should be mixed or served with gravy, broth, or another type of moistening agent.</p>	S9999		

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S9999	<p>Continued from page 5 "B"</p> <p>Statement of Licensure Violation 2 of 2:</p> <p>300.610a)</p> <p>300.1210b)4)</p> <p>300.1210d)4)C)</p> <p>300.610. Resident Care Policies</p> <p>a) The facility shall have written policies and procedures governing all services provided by the facility. The written policies and procedures shall be formulated by a Resident Care Policy Committee consisting of at least the administrator, the advisory physician or the medical advisory committee, and representatives of nursing and other services in the facility. The policies shall comply with the Act and this Part. The written policies shall be followed in operating the facility and shall be reviewed at least annually by this committee, documented by written, signed and dated minutes of the meeting.</p> <p>300.1210. General Requirements for Nursing and Personal Care</p> <p>b) The facility shall provide the necessary care and services to attain or maintain the highest practicable physical, mental, and psychological well-being of the resident, in accordance with each resident's comprehensive resident care plan. Adequate and properly supervised nursing care and personal care shall be provided to each resident to meet the total nursing and personal care needs of the resident.</p> <p>4) All nursing personnel shall assist and encourage residents so that a resident's abilities in activities of daily living do not diminish unless circumstances of the individual's clinical condition demonstrate that diminution was unavoidable. This includes the resident's abilities to bathe, dress, and groom; transfer and ambulate; toilet; eat; and use speech, language, or other functional communication systems. A resident who is unable to carry out activities of daily</p>	S9999		

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S9999	<p>Continued from page 6</p> <p>living shall receive the services necessary to maintain good nutrition, grooming, and personal hygiene.</p> <p>d) Pursuant to subsection (a), general nursing care shall include, at a minimum, the following and shall be practiced on a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week basis:</p> <p>4) Personal care shall be provided on a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week basis. This shall include, but not be limited to, the following:</p> <p>C) Each resident shall have clean, suitable clothing in order to be comfortable, sanitary, free of odors, and decent in appearance. Unless otherwise indicated by his/her physician, this should be street clothes and shoes.</p> <p>This REQUIREMENT is not met as evidenced by:</p> <p>Based on interview and record review the facility failed to respect a resident's dignity for 1 of 19 residents (R1) reviewed for resident rights in a sample of 19. This failure resulted in R1 feeling embarrassed and upset after being taken to the dining room without being fully dressed.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>R1's Admission Record documents an admission date of 5/12/25 with diagnoses including in part body mass index 80.9-69.9 adult, cellulitis of right lower limb, cellulitis of left lower limb, open wound right thigh, anxiety, paranoid schizophrenia, depression, and neuromuscular dysfunction of bladder.</p> <p>R1's Minimum Data Set (MDS) dated 5/22/25 documents a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) score of 15, indicating intact cognition. That same MDS documents R1's ability to dress and undress below the waist as dependent and R1's bowel continence as frequently incontinent.</p> <p>R1's most recent Care Plan documents a focus area of R1 has an activities of daily living/mobility performance (functional abilities) deficit that may fluctuate with</p>	S9999		

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S9999	<p>Continued from page 7</p> <p>activity throughout the day related to activity intolerance and impaired balance, dated 5/14/25.</p> <p>Intervention for that focus area include R1's usual performance is dependent on staff for lower body dressing.</p> <p>On 6/25/25 at 11:50 PM, R1 stated she slid out of the shower chair in the shower room on 6/10/25. R1 stated after they got her back into her wheelchair after the fall, they put a shirt on her but did not put pants or a depend (disposable undergarment) on, they just covered her up with a blanket and took her to the dining room. R1 stated she was too embarrassed to say anything to anyone. R1 became tearful and stated she was upset after lunch and felt very embarrassed in the dining room because the blanket kept falling while she was eating, and she knows other residents could see the blanket falling down.</p> <p>On 6/26/25 at 2:05 PM, V10 (Certified Nursing Assistant) stated she gave a shower to R1 on 6/10/25. V10 stated she did not get the resident dressed after the shower because 2 other staff members took over and she went to help pass trays. V10 stated she doesn't remember what clothing R1 had on in the dining room.</p> <p>On 6/26/25 at 2:16 PM, V11 (Unit Aide) stated she helped V10 give R1 her shower on 6/10/25. V11 stated she did not get the resident dressed after the shower and she doesn't remember who did.</p> <p>On 6/26/25, V13 (Registered Nurse), who provided care for R1 on 6/10/25, was unable to be reached for an interview.</p> <p>On 6/26/25 at 1:42 PM, V2 (Director of Nursing) stated residents should never be taken into a common area without proper clothing on.</p> <p>On 6/26/25 at 2:44 PM, V1(Administrator) stated residents should always be dressed before taking them to the dining room.</p> <p>The undated facility policy titled "Resident's Rights Policy" documents under Resident's Rights 6. To full consideration of his or her privacy and individuality as it relates to his or her social, religious, and</p>	S9999		

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