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F0000	<p>INITIAL COMMENTS</p> <p>A complaint health survey for compliance with 42 CFR Part 483, Subpart B, requirements for Long Term Care facilities was conducted from 11/17/25 through 11/19/25. Areas surveyed included quality of care related to a resident with skin wounds. Palisade Healthcare Center was found not in compliance with the following requirement: F684, with an Immediate Jeopardy violation at F684.</p>	F0000		
F0684 SS = SQC-J	<p>Quality of Care</p> <p>CFR(s): 483.25</p> <p>§ 483.25 Quality of care</p> <p>Quality of care is a fundamental principle that applies to all treatment and care provided to facility residents. Based on the comprehensive assessment of a resident, the facility must ensure that residents receive treatment and care in accordance with professional standards of practice, the comprehensive person-centered care plan, and the residents' choices.</p> <p>This REQUIREMENT is NOT MET as evidenced by:</p> <p>Based on South Dakota Department of Health (SD DOH) complaint intake report review, record review, interview, and policy review, the provider failed to ensure staff provided quality care related to skin injury prevention and skin management processes including completing skin evaluations, accurate communication, accurate documentation, and implementing interventions and treatment orders for one of one sampled resident (1) who developed skin injuries to his left lower leg, left foot, and right lower leg and was hospitalized related to those wounds. Those failures put all residents at potential risk for serious injury or harm.</p> <p>Immediate Jeopardy (IJ) at F684 began on 11/18/25 when the provider failed to evaluate resident 1's left lower leg, left foot, and right lower leg wounds and implement appropriate follow-up procedures.</p>	F0684		

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.

LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE Carolyn Riggs	TITLE Administrator	(X6) DATE 12/12/2025
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F0684 SS = SQC-J	<p>Continued from page 1</p> <p>*Administrator A was notified of the IJ on 11/18/25 at 4:03 p.m., and a removal plan was requested.</p> <p>*The IJ was removed on 11/19/25 at 1:00 p.m. as confirmed by onsite verification by the survey team.</p> <p>*After the IJ removal, the severity of non-compliance remained at a E.</p> <p>*Current census was 46.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>1. Review of the 11/12/25 SD DOH complaint intake report regarding resident 1 revealed:</p> <p>*Resident 1 went to his scheduled wound clinic appointment for treatment of his pressure ulcer (skin and/or underlying tissue injury caused by prolonged pressure) on his coccyx (tailbone), where it was determined that he needed to be transferred to the emergency room for further evaluation because of the condition of his left foot and left and right lower leg wounds.</p> <p>*The nursing home where resident 1 resided was aware and concerned of the left foot and both leg wounds and planned to move up his wound care treatment appointment to be seen earlier, but that did not occur.</p> <p>*The vascular physician indicated that resident 1's left foot and both leg wounds should have been treated sooner.</p> <p>*Resident 1 was admitted to the hospital on 11/4/25 with wounds to his left lower leg, left foot, and right lower leg.</p> <p>2. Review of resident 1's electronic medical record (EMR) revealed:</p> <p>*He admitted to the nursing home on 8/29/25 with a pressure ulcer on his coccyx. That pressure ulcer was categorized as unstageable (full thickness tissue loss in which the base of the ulcer is covered by slough (yellow, tan, gray, green, or brown) and/or eschar (tan, brown or black) in the wound bed) by licensed practical nurse (LPN) D on 9/2/25.</p> <p>*His 8/29/25 Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) assessment score was 7 which indicated his cognition was severely impaired.</p>	F0684		11/20/25

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F0684 SS = SQC-J	<p>Continued from page 2</p> <p>*His diagnosis included chronic diastolic (congestive) heart failure, peripheral vascular disease (arteries narrow, restricting blood flow to the limbs), unspecified protein calorie malnutrition, and Brown-Sequard syndrome (damage to one half of the spinal cord that causes weakness and paralysis).</p> <p>Resident 1's current care plan (personalized plan that addresses a resident's care needs, goals, and interventions) revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *He was dependent on staff members to reposition him. *He required the use of a full body lift (a mechanical lift and sling used to lift a person's full body) for transferring. *He had actual impaired skin integrity related to his pressure injury to his coccyx and wounds (revised on 10/30/25) on his left heel, left inner ankle, left medial foot, and bilateral shins. <p>Interventions last updated on 9/30/25 in that impaired skin integrity care plan area included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> **Administer treatments as ordered and monitor for effectiveness. **Air mattress to bed. **[Name redacted] wound clinic as scheduled or as needed. **Inspect skin while providing care, notify nurse of any new skin conditions. **Pressure reducing cushion to wheelchair. **Use draw sheet to pull resident up in bed with two staff to prevent shearing. **Wound vac [a device that uses negative pressure to remove excess fluid and debris from a wound to promote wound healing]. Make sure this keeps a charge and is running at 125 mmHg. <p>Review of resident 1's physician's orders included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *On 8/29/25, "Heel boots on while in bed. Reposition frequently with wedge. Every day and night shift." *On 9/3/25, "Weekly Skin Audit every day shift every Wed [Wednesday] Nurse initials = Head to Toe Skin 	F0684		

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F0684 SS = SQC-J	<p>Continued from page 7</p> <p>6. Interview on 11/18/25 at 9:35 a.m. with LPN F revealed:</p> <p>*He remembered resident 1 had a wound on his tailbone where the bone was visible.</p> <p>*Resident 1 had a wound vac for the majority of his time at the facility.</p> <p>*LPN D was the nurse who showed him how to change resident 1's wound vac, and he had changed it many times.</p> <p>*He did not know how resident 1 had got the wounds on his legs.</p> <p>*He did not remember performing wound care treatment on resident 1's left foot or both legs.</p> <p>7. Interview on 11/18/25 at 10:02 a.m. with CNA I revealed:</p> <p>*She was a bath aide and knew resident 1 had skin wounds on his left foot and both legs.</p> <p>*Bath aides did not document skin changes on bath days. If the staff saw a new skin impairment, they would inform LPN D or the floor nurse on duty.</p> <p>*The wounds on resident 1's left foot were always covered, and the wounds on his shins looked scabbed over.</p> <p>*Resident 1's left foot and both legs were covered with bandages when she bathed him on 11/4/25 before he left for his wound clinic appointment.</p> <p>8. Interview on 11/18/25 at 10:28 a.m. with administrator A revealed:</p> <p>*She believed there was a breakdown in their processes because RN K did not document resident 1's new skin impairment on his left foot and both legs on 10/22/25 and should have completed a skin evaluation, contacted the family and the resident's healthcare provider, and made efforts for him to be seen at the wound clinic sooner.</p> <p>*She thought they could have addressed his left foot leg wounds sooner and prevented them from worsening.</p> <p>*She expected the nursing staff to follow physicians'</p>	F0684		

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F0684 SS = SQC-J	<p>Continued from page 9</p> <p>*RN/MDS coordinator C documented what she observed and did for resident 1 in a nursing progress note.</p> <p>*Every day, management held an early morning meeting to review residents' progress notes, and identify new skin impairments. LPN D would be notified of any new skin impairments to add them to her list to complete those residents' skin evaluations.</p> <p>*She felt all staff knew that LPN D completed the skin evaluations and that the staff were expected to alert LPN D if they saw a new skin impairment.</p> <p>12. Interview on 11/18/25 at 12:29 p.m. with DON B revealed:</p> <p>*She expected that the nurse who identified a new skin impairment was to complete a skin evaluation that day and document in the resident's nursing progress notes, any actions taken, and who was notified.</p> <p>*In any of the resident's EMR with weekly skin audits, the EMR would prompt a nurse who found a new skin impairment to complete a skin evaluation.</p> <p>13. Interview on 11/18/25 at 3:46 p.m. with RN K revealed:</p> <p>*She noticed resident 1 had missing skin with yellow or white discharge on his left foot wound.</p> <p>*She did not document anything about his foot wound because she did not work at the facility often and did not know where to document about wounds, so she alerted the wound care nurse, LPN D.</p> <p>*RN K stated she dressed resident 1's wounds on his left foot with a foam dressing and ensured his pressure ulcer prevention boots were on all day on 10/22/25.</p> <p>*She explained that she called and faxed the wound care clinic that day (10/22/25), but never heard back, and felt she did not work at the facility often enough to follow up on that.</p> <p>14. Interview on 11/19/25 at 10:53 a.m. with resident 1's son revealed:</p> <p>*He visited his father on 10/18/25 and left early on</p>	F0684		

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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTIONS		(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 435115	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. BUILDING B. WING	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 11/19/2025
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER PALISADE HEALTHCARE CENTER		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 920 4TH ST , GARRETSON, South Dakota, 57030		
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