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	<p>The following reflects the findings of the Department of Public Health during a Complaint Investigation visit.</p> <p>Representing the Department of Public Health: [REDACTED], HFEN</p> <p>CLASS AA CITATION -- PATIENT CARE 03-1700-0006603-S Complaint(s): CA00093791, CA00093655</p> <p>72311 Nursing Service - General (a) Nursing service shall include, but not be limited to, the following: (1) Planning of patient care, which shall include at least the following: (A) Identification of care needs based upon an initial written and continuing assessment of the patient's needs with input, as necessary, from health professionals involved in the care of the patient. Initial assessments shall commence at the time of admission of the patient and be completed within seven days after admission.</p> <p>72311 Nursing Service - General (a) Nursing service shall include, but not be limited to, the following: (3) Notifying the attending physician promptly of: (B) Any sudden and/or marked adverse change in signs, symptoms or behavior exhibited by a patient.</p> <p>An initial unannounced visit was made to the facility on 09/29/06 to investigate Complaints #CA00093655 and #CA00093791.</p>			

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	<p><b>Continued From page 2</b></p> <p>Patient A was a [REDACTED], was admitted to the facility on [REDACTED]. He had been discharged from the hospital to home on [REDACTED] but could not be supported there. He required inpatient skilled nursing care. The admission diagnoses included [REDACTED]. The September 2006 physician orders indicated Patient A was taking multiple medications including [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The September 2006 physician orders contained a 07/21/06 order for occupational and physical therapy to increase the patient's safety awareness and functional ability. It was anticipated that he would return home.</p> <p>The [REDACTED] hospital History &amp; Physical indicated that Patient A lived alone prior to the hospital admission. The patient had a long history of [REDACTED]. The patient was had required a [REDACTED] and he had prior episodes of [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] hospital Discharge Summary documented Patient A's condition was stable at the time of discharge.</p> <p>The clinical record contained July 2006 through September 2006 facility's physician</p>			
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patient was complaining of cough and was not feeling well. LVN 4 confirmed she wrote the nursing notes on [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] and again at [REDACTED]. The LVN stated that she notified the physician about the patient's first low blood pressure and his cough following the 11:00 a.m. assessment and received orders for [REDACTED]. The LVN stated she did not call the physician again after the 11:45 p.m. reassessment to notify the physician about Patient A's condition; the low O2 saturation or that the patient's low blood pressure continued.

In Nursing Notes on [REDACTED] at [REDACTED], RN (Registered Nurse) 1 documented the following:  
[REDACTED]

Oncoming shift aware of it, no signs of distress at this time"-signed RN 1.

RN 1 confirmed in a 10/13/06 interview that Patient A's condition on [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] was as documented in the nursing notes. RN 1 did not comment when asked to explain how she considered the patient in stable condition, when the patient had shortness of breath,

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