

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  055167	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  10/30/2024
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<p>F 0600</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Protect each resident from all types of abuse such as physical, mental, sexual abuse, physical punishment, and neglect by anybody.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 47286</b></p> <p>Based on observation, interview, and record review, the facility failed to ensure that three of seven sampled residents (Residents 1, 2, and 6) were free from physical abuse when the following occurred:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Resident 7 punched Resident 2 in the face after Resident 2 entered Resident 7 ' s room and stole a jar of instant coffee without permission on 10/10/24.</li> <li>2. Resident 2 threw a cup of coffee and kicked Resident 1 on 10/11/2024.</li> <li>3. Resident 2 kicked Resident 6 in the left leg after Resident 6 confronted Resident 2 for attempting to steal a jar of Resident 6 ' s coffee.</li> </ol> <p>These deficient practices resulted in Resident 2 being punched in the face, Resident 1 suffering a left thumb wound, and Resident 6 being kicked causing severe left leg pain.</p> <p>Findings:</p> <p>During a review of Resident 2 ' s Admission Record, the admission record indicated Resident 2 was admitted to the facility on [DATE]. Resident 2 ' s admitting diagnoses included a cognitive (ability to think and reason) communication deficit and schizophrenia (a mental illness that is characterized by disturbances in thought).</p> <p>During a review of Resident 2 ' s History and Physical (H&amp;P), dated 8/20/24, the H&amp;P indicated Resident 2 could make his needs known but could not make medical decisions.</p> <p>During a review of Resident 2 ' s Minimum Data Set (MDS, a federally mandated resident assessment tool), dated 8/26/24, the MDS indicated Resident 2 had moderately impaired cognition (problems with a person's ability to think, learn, remember, use judgement, and make decisions). The MDS indicated Resident 2 also displayed inattention and disorganized thinking (unclear or illogical flow of ideas, unpredictable switching from subject to subject). The MDS further indicated Resident 2 could ambulate (walk) independently and needed help from staff to assist with functional cognition (cognitive skills required to complete those meaningful daily activities, directly related to behavior).</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>

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 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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<p>F 0600</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>During an interview on 10/29/24 at 11:20 AM, with Resident 1, Resident 1 stated the altercation on 10/26/24 was a planned confrontation because he and other residents were tired of Resident 2 stealing from them. Resident 1 stated they felt the facility was not doing enough to prevent Resident 2 from continuing to steal from them. Resident 1 stated he hit Resident 2 on the arm and stated Resident 2 kicked Resident 6 in the leg. Resident 1 stated Resident 2 did not have any direct supervision prior to the altercation on 10/26/24, and stated no staff stopped him from approaching Resident 2 before the altercation started.</p> <p>During an interview on 10/29/24 at 11:45 AM, with Resident 7, Resident 7 stated she confronted Resident 2 on 10/26/24 after their previous altercation on 10/10/24. Resident 7 stated she hit Resident 2 again on 10/26/24 because she was frustrated knowing Resident 2 was still in the facility, and that staff were not acting on his behavior of stealing from other residents.</p> <p>During an interview on 10/30/24 at 12:38 AM, with the DON, the DON stated staff were aware of Resident 2 ' s behavior of stealing from other residents, but his care plan had not been revised to address the stealing. The DON stated it was reasonable for the other residents to feel frustrated if they felt that their belongings were not safe, and stated their frustration could escalate to a physical altercation.</p> <p>During a review of the facility ' s P&amp;P titled, Abuse Prevention and Management, dated 6/2024, the P&amp;P indicated abuse included physical abuse (willful, deliberate infliction of injury), as well as misappropriation of resident property (wrongful, temporary, or permanent use of a resident ' s belongings without the resident ' s consent). The P&amp;P indicated the facility was supposed to identify, correct, and intervene in situations where abuse and/or misappropriation of resident property was more likely to occur. The P&amp;P indicated that in the event abuse or misappropriation of property occurred, the Administrator or their designee was supposed to provide a safe environment for the resident as indicated by the situation. The P&amp;P further indicated that in the event the perpetrator was another resident, staff were supposed to separate the residents so that they did not interact with each other.</p>		

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<p>F 0657</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Develop the complete care plan within 7 days of the comprehensive assessment; and prepared, reviewed, and revised by a team of health professionals.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 47286</b></p> <p>Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to implement and revise the care plan interventions, initiated on 8/27/24, for one of eight sampled residents (Resident 2) to address his continued behavior of stealing residents food (Resident 1, Resident 6, and Resident 7).</p> <p>This deficient practice resulted in Resident 2 ' s continued thefts causing psychosocial distress for Resident 1, Resident 6, and Resident 7, and three resident-to-resident altercations that occurred on 10/10/24, 10/11/24, and 10/26/24.</p> <p>Findings:</p> <p>a. During a review of Resident 2 ' s Admission Record, the record indicated Resident 2 was admitted to the facility on [DATE]. Resident 2 ' s admitting diagnoses included a cognitive (ability to think and reason) communication deficit and schizophrenia (a mental illness that is characterized by disturbances in thought).</p> <p>During a review of Resident 2 ' s History and Physical (H&amp;P), dated 8/20/24, the H&amp;P indicated Resident 2 could make his needs known, but could not make medical decisions.</p> <p>During a review of Resident 2 ' s Minimum Data Set (MDS, a federally mandated resident assessment tool), dated 8/26/24, the MDS indicated Resident 2 had moderately impaired cognition (problems with a person's ability to think, learn, remember, use judgement, and make decisions). The MDS indicated Resident 2 also displayed inattention and disorganized thinking (unclear or illogical flow of ideas, unpredictable switching from subject to subject). The MDS further indicated Resident 2 could ambulate (walk) independently and needed help from staff to assist with functional cognition (cognitive skills required to complete those meaningful daily activities, directly related to behavior).</p> <p>During a review of Resident 2 ' s care plan titled, [Resident 2] has a behavior problem .increased agitation . attempting to take other residents snack and drinks, dated 8/27/24, the care plan indicated goals of care included Resident 2 having no further episodes of the behavior. Care plan interventions included monitoring behavior episodes and documenting the behaviors and their potential causes. Care plan interventions further included staff interventions as necessary to protect the rights and safety of others. There were no documented revisions to the care plan interventions.</p> <p>During an interview on 10/28/24 at 11:04 AM, with Activity Staff (AS) 1, AS 1 stated Resident 2 had a known history of attempting to steal things from other facility residents and staff. AS 1 stated Resident 2 recently stole drinks from the nurse ' s station, stole other residents ' coffee and water from their rooms, and stole another facility resident ' s instant noodles.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0657</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>During a concurrent interview and record review on 10/28/24 at 11:35 AM, with Registered Nurse (RN) 1, Resident 2 ' s care plan titled, [Resident 2] has a behavior problem .increased agitation .attempting to take other residents snack and drinks, dated 8/27/24, was reviewed. RN 1 stated the care plan interventions indicated Resident 2 ' s behavior was supposed to be monitored and documented. RN 1 stated staff did not document when the behavior occurred. RN 1 stated staff were not keeping record of the frequency of the behavior or interventions taken to address Resident 2 ' s behavior.</p> <p>During an interview on 10/28/2024 at 12:14 PM, with Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) 1, CNA 1 stated that on 10/11/24, Resident 2 attempted to steal a cannister of hot coffee from a coffee cart. CNA 1 stated that when she attempted to intervene, Resident 2 punched her in the face.</p> <p>During an interview on 10/29/24 at 10:02 AM, with AS 2, AS 2 stated he started working at the facility a week prior and heard from various facility residents and staff that Resident 2 had a habit of stealing from staff and residents. AS 2 further stated facility residents told him they were tired of Resident 2 stealing their belongings.</p> <p>During an interview on 10/29/24 at 10:58 AM, with AS 3, AS 3 stated that on 10/26/24 a physical altercation occurred where multiple facility residents approached Resident 2 and attacked him. AS 3 stated that after the altercation, multiple facility residents stated the altercation happened because they were tired of Resident 2 stealing their belongings and nothing being done about it. AS 3 further stated that housekeeping staff found items that belonged to other facility residents in Resident 2 ' s room while cleaning.</p> <p>During a concurrent interview and record review, on 10/29/24 at 12:40 PM, with the Director of Nursing (DON), Resident 2 ' s care plan titled, [Resident 2] has a behavior problem .increased agitation .attempting to take other residents ' snack and drinks, dated 8/27/24 was reviewed. The DON stated the facility staff were aware of Resident 2 ' s continued behavior of agitation and stealing other residents ' things, and stated the care plan did not have any revisions to address the continued behavior. The DON stated there should have been a care plan meeting to discuss and address Resident 2 ' s continued behavior and revise the care plan. The DON stated the facility was the residents ' home, and they should not have to lock up their food or beverages out of fear of them getting stolen. The DON stated staff were responsible for preventing Resident 2 from stealing.</p> <p>During a concurrent interview and record review on 10/30/24 at 12:38 PM, with the DON, Resident 2 ' s care plan titled, [Resident 2] has a behavior problem .increased agitation .attempting to take other residents ' snack and drinks, dated 8/27/24 was reviewed. The DON stated the care plan indicated staff were supposed to document Resident 2 ' s behavior of agitation and stealing and identify potential causes. The DON stated the purpose was to be able to track the behavior, report to the doctor, and revise care plan and stated staff were not implementing the care plan. The DON further stated it was reasonable for the facility residents to feel frustrated if they felt that their belongings were not safe, and stated their frustration could escalate to a physical altercation. The DON stated that if staff had revised and implemented the care plan to address Resident 2 ' s behaviors, the physical altercations that occurred on 10/10/24, 10/11/24, and 10/26/24 could have been avoided.</p> <p>b. During a review of Resident 1 ' s Admission Record, the record indicated Resident 1 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with admitting diagnoses that included acquired absence of the right and left leg below the knee, and muscle wasting and atrophy (thinning of muscle mass).</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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