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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  05/05/2025
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F 0627  Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety  Residents Affected - Few	<p>Ensure the transfer/discharge meets the resident's needs/preferences and that the resident is prepared for a safe transfer/discharge.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> 50379</p> <p>Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to ensure one of three sampled residents (Resident 1), was safely discharged to a lower level of care by failing to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Follow its policy and procedure (P&amp;P) titled, Discharge and Transfer of Residents, which indicated the facility may discharge a resident if the services provided by the facility were no longer required, when Resident 1, who required the services provided by the facility was discharged to a Board and Care facility ([B&amp;C] a small residential home that provides lower-level of care and supervision to seniors who need assistance with daily living tasks but do not require 24-hour nursing care).</li><li>2. Ensure Resident 1 was safely discharged to B&amp;C 1. B&amp;C 1 was not a licensed B&amp;C and could not provide ambulation (walking) assistance, epilepsy (recurrent seizures) management and response, or assistance with medication administration and storage.</li><li>3. Ensure Resident 1 ' s discharge planning was conducted by the Interdisciplinary Team ([IDT] group of healthcare professionals, including resident/ resident representative, working together to provide residents with needed care) prior to discharging the resident to a Board and Care facility on 3/24/2025.</li><li>4. Ensure the Board and Care facility was provided with a hand-off report (a structured communication tool used to transfer patient care information from one healthcare provider to another) regarding Resident 1 ' s medical conditions to ensure the facility could meet the resident ' s needs prior to his discharge.</li><li>5. Ensure Resident 1 continued receiving prescribed medications at the B&amp;C including Seroquel (medicine for schizophrenia [a mental illness that is characterized by disturbances in thought]), Depakote (medicine for seizures [sudden, uncontrolled electrical disturbances in the brain which can cause uncontrolled jerking, blank stares, and loss of consciousness]), klonopin (antianxiety medicine), and Zonisamide (medicine for epilepsy).</li><li>6. Follow-up with the Board and Care to ensure Resident 1 was safe and comfortably settled, post discharge.</li></ol> <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 0627</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>These deficient practices resulted in Resident 1 falling at B &amp; C 1, sustaining a laceration (a deep cut or tear) on the scalp and was admitted to a general acute care hospital (GACH 1) for evaluation and treatment from 3/30/2025 to 4/10/2025 (a total of 11 days). Resident 1 was discharged back to B&amp;C 1 on 4/10/2025 and on 4/12/2025, Owner 1 transferred Resident 1 to B&amp;C 2, and on 4/13/2025, Resident 1 eloped (to leave without supervision), was found confused and wandering on the street by the law enforcement (Police) and transported to GACH 2 on 4/13/2025. Resident 1 was admitted to GACH 2 from 4/14/2025 to 4/27/2025 and discharged to another facility (facility 2).</p> <p>These failures also had the potential to result in Resident 1 ' s exposure to worsening medical and psychiatric conditions (mental illness), adverse reaction from medication overdose, and elevated risk for serious injuries, elopement (a situation in which a resident leaves the premises or a safe area without the facility ' s knowledge and supervision), seizures and death.</p> <p>On 5/1/2025 at 4:15 p.m., an Immediate Jeopardy ([IJ] a situation in which the facility's noncompliance with one or more requirements of participation has caused, or is likely to cause serious injury, harm, impairment, or death to a resident) was called in the presence of the Director of Nursing (DON) and Administrator (Admin) due to the facility ' s failure to safely discharge Resident 1.</p> <p>On 5/3/2025 at 5:22 p.m., the facility submitted an acceptable IJ removal plan ([IJRP] interventions to immediately correct the deficient practices). After verification of IJRP implementation through observation, interview, and record review, the IJ was removed onsite on 5/3/2025 at 6:55 p.m. in the presence of the Admin and DON.</p> <p>The IJRP included the following immediate actions:</p> <p>1). On 5/1/2025, the Social Services consultant initiated an educational in-service to licensed nurses and IDT regarding facility Discharge and Transfer policy and procedures. In-service included Surrogate Decision Maker-Informed Consent, Discharge and Transfer of Residents, Personal Representatives of Residents, Resident Rights, Treating Residents Without Decision-Making Capacity, Conducting IDT prior to discharge, and the importance of initiating discharge planning prior to discharge or transfer of a resident. In-service education is ongoing by the facility ' s Director of Nursing (DON)/Director of Staff Development (DSD)/Designee including the new processes implementation related to identified concerns to all active license nurses and IDT members.</p> <p>The facility has 30 licensed nurses and 24 have been provided with in-service and education. Facility does not have a licensed staff on vacation, leave nor FMLA (Family and Medical Leave Act).</p> <p>On 5/1/2025, the Social Services consultant worked 1:1 (one on one) with the Social Services Director (SSD). The SSD completed the Discharge Planning Review form, sections 1 (Discharge Goals/ General Information) A (Discharge Goals/ General Information) &amp; B (Caregiver Responsibilities), 2 (Self Care Evaluation and Equipment) Q (equipment and supplies), Contacts and Sign and Date of the Discharge Summary, for training purposes.</p> <p>On 5/2/2025, the facility DON and Medical Records initiated an audit to residents who have been discharged to a lower level of care in the past 30 days to ensure proper discharge planning was conducted prior to discharge with resident/responsible party, an IDT meeting was conducted prior to discharge, an endorsement of the resident ' s medical history and medication reconciliation was provided to receiving facility. No similar issues were identified.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0627</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Process: For those residents who lack capacity or with fluctuating capacity, the Office of Public Representative (OPR) will be contacted by the facility ' s SSD/Designee to act as an advocate in the discharge plan IDT prior to the discharge to ensure location is safe and appropriate given the residents ' conditions. If the OPR does not wish to participate, the facility IDT in conjunction with the physician will hold an IDT meeting to review and document appropriateness.</p> <p>Process: For those residents who lack capacity or with fluctuating capacity and have resident representatives, an IDT meeting will be held with the responsible party to review and discuss the discharge location for safety and appropriateness.</p> <p>2. On 5/1/2025, the Social Services consultant initiated an educational in-service to licensed nurses and IDT regarding facility Discharge and Transfer policy and procedures. In-service included Surrogate Decision Maker-Informed Consent, Discharge and Transfer of Residents, Personal Representatives of Residents, Resident Rights, Treating Residents Without Decision-Making Capacity, Conducting IDT prior to discharge, and the importance of initiating discharge planning prior to discharge or transfer of a resident. In-service education is ongoing by the facility ' s DON/DSD/Designee including the new processes implementation related to identified concerns to all active licensed nurses and IDT members.</p> <p>Discharge planning will begin on the residents ' admission to the facility.</p> <p>The Attending Physician and the IDT will review the residents ' progress and determine a possible discharge date and document in resident ' s health record.</p> <p>On 5/2/2025, the facility Admin notified Resident 1 ' s attending physician, by phone of the concerns related to the resident ' s transfer to the Board and Care, the fall sustained and readmission to the hospital.</p> <p>On 5/2/2025, the facility Admin notified facility Medical Director by phone of the Immediate Jeopardy that was issued, deficient practice and plan to correct.</p> <p>On 5/3/2025, the facility Admin initiated a QAPI (Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement) regarding the Transfer and Discharge of residents.</p> <p>3. Disposition of Resident ' s Drugs Upon Discharge:</p> <p>The facility staff will assist the physician and the resident to obtain medications after discharge from the facility. When discharged , remaining medications that have been administered to the resident while in the facility may be provided to the resident at the time of discharge if the medications were specifically ordered to be sent home with the resident.</p> <p>The Licensed Nurse will assure that the medication orders are reviewed with the resident and/ responsible party and explanation of all discharge medication orders occur at the time of discharge and documented on the resident ' s health record.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0627</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>During a review of Resident 1 ' s History and Physical (H&amp;P), dated 10/3/2024, the H&amp;P indicated Resident 1 had fluctuating capacity to make medical decisions.</p> <p>During a review of Resident 1 ' s Fall Risk Assessment, dated 1/9/2025, the Fall Risk Assessment indicated Resident 1 was at risk for falls due to intermittent confusion, incontinence (no control of bowel and bladder elimination), pre-disposing diseases (risk factors), use of assistive devices (mobility aids), instability while making turns, and medications.</p> <p>During a review of Resident 1 ' s Minimum Data Set (MDS - a resident assessment tool), dated 1/9/2025, the MDS indicated Resident 1 was unable to express ideas and wants, and unable to understand others. The MDS indicated Resident 1 required set-up or clean-up assistance with eating and oral hygiene, required partial/ moderate assistance (helper does more than half the effort) with toileting hygiene and with shower/ bathing self. The MDS indicated Resident 2 required supervision or touching assistance (helper provides verbal cues and/or touching/ steadying and/or contact guard assistance as resident completes activity, throughout or intermittently) with personal hygiene. The MDS indicated Resident 1 required supervision or touching assistance with sit to stand, chair/bed-to-chair transfer, toilet transfer, tub/shower transfer and walking 50 feet with two turns. The MDS indicated Resident 1 required setup or clean-up assistance walking 10 feet and 150 feet.</p> <p>During a review of Resident 1 ' s physician orders, dated 3/2025, the physician orders indicated:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Seroquel oral tablet 200 mg (milligrams- metric unit of measurement, used for medication dosage and/or amount) by mouth at bedtime for schizophrenia m/b (manifested by) disorganized speech (talking off topic).</li> <li>2. Depakote oral tablet 750 mg by mouth two times a day for seizures</li> <li>3. Klonopin oral tablet 1 mg by mouth two times a day, for anxiety m/b inability to relax</li> <li>4. Zonisamide 100 mg capsule, 1 capsule by mouth, one time a day for epilepsy</li> </ol> <p>During a review of Resident 1 ' s care plan, titled Resident wishes to move to lower level of care such as Board and Care facility, dated 3/21/2025, the care plan indicated to coordinate Resident 1 ' s discharge goals with rehabilitative therapies, follow up with resident to assure understanding of plan and make arrangements with required community resources to support independence post-discharge with home health ([HH] medical services provided in a patient's home), Registered Nurse (RN) and physical therapy (PT) services and durable medical equipment (DME - medical devices).</p> <p>During a review of Resident 1 ' s physician orders, dated 3/24/2025, the physician orders indicated Resident 1 may discharge to Board and Care (B&amp;C 1) with HH services for RN/PT treatment and evaluation and a standard wheelchair on 3/24/2025.</p> <p>During a review of Resident 1 ' s physician report for the Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFE) Report, dated 3/24/2025, the report indicated Resident 1 was confused and disoriented at times and required medication management due to mild cognitive impairment. The report indicated Resident 1 was unable to store or administer his own medications.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0627</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>During a review of Resident 1 ' s Paramedic Report Sheet, dated 3/30/2025, the report sheet indicated paramedics were dispatched to B&amp;C 1 on 3/30/2025, at 3:40 p.m., after Resident 1 fell , hit his head, and sustained a 0.5-inch (unit of measurement) laceration on the top of his head. The report sheet indicated Resident 1 was confused, slow to respond to questions, and had unequal pupils (pupils of the two eyes are not the same size). The report sheet indicated Resident 1 arrived at GACH 1 on 3/30/2025 at 4:05 p.m.</p> <p>During a review of Resident 1 ' s GACH 1 Emergency Department (ED) provider notes, dated 3/30/2025, the ED note indicated Resident 1 was taken into the ED by paramedics. The ED note indicated Resident 1 had a right parietal (top or side of the head) laceration with surrounding hematoma (a collection of blood outside of a blood vessel caused by a broken blood vessel) and anisocoria (unequal pupil size that can indicate brain damage). The ED note indicated Resident 1 was admitted to the GACH for alteration of mental status and blunt head trauma evaluation and treatment, following a fall.</p> <p>During a review of Resident 1 ' s GACH 1 Discharge Planning Note, dated 4/10/2025, the discharge summary note indicated Resident 1 was discharged to B&amp;C 1 on 4/10/2025.</p> <p>During a review of Resident 1 ' s GACH 1 Discharge Summary Note, dated 4/18/2025, the note indicated Resident 1 had a computerized tomography (CT- diagnostic test) scan of his head which indicated some lymphadenopathy (lymph node enlargement) and no acute (sudden onset) intracranial (within the skull) hemorrhage (excessive bleeding). The discharge summary indicated Resident 1 had a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) a noninvasive medical imaging test that produces detailed images of almost every internal structure in the human body, including the organs, bones, muscles and blood vessels) scan of the brain which indicated no acute changes. The summary note indicated Resident 1 was evaluated for neurologic and malignancy (cancer-related) illnesses during his admission at GACH 1.</p> <p>During a review of Resident 1 ' s GACH 2 Discharge Summary, dated 4/27/2025, the Discharge Summary report indicated Resident 1 was admitted to GACH 2 from 4/14/2025 to 4/27/2025. The Discharge Summary indicated Resident 1 eloped from B&amp;C 2 on 4/13/2025, had two Code Gold (behavioral issues, where a patient's violent or self-destructive behavior poses a threat to their own safety or the safety of others) episodes in the ED, were evaluated, and admitted to GACH 2 for observation and placement. The report indicated B&amp;C 2 was unable to care for Resident 1 ' s high level of needs and was not an appropriate facility for Resident 1. The summary indicated Resident 1 had no capacity to make informed decisions and required long-term skilled nursing facility placement.</p> <p>During an interview on 4/28/2025 at 8:35 a.m., with a Social Worker from GACH 2 (SW), GACH 2 SW stated Resident 1 was discharged from the facility on 3/24/2025 and transferred to B&amp;C 1. GACH 2 SW stated Resident 1 was admitted to GACH 1 on 3/30/2025 from B&amp;C 1 and discharged back to B&amp;C 1 on 4/10/2025. GACH 2 SW stated B&amp;C 1 transferred Resident 1 to B&amp;C 2 on 4/12/2025 because the resident ' s needs could not be met at B&amp;C 1. GACH 2 SW stated Resident 1 eloped from B&amp;C 2 on 4/13/2025 and was found by the Police wandering in the street. GACH 2 SW stated the Police transported Resident 1 to GACH 2 on 4/14/2025 where he was admitted and was discharged on [DATE] to another facility, where his needs could be met. GACH 2 SW stated Resident 1 was not awake or alert when he arrived at GACH 2 on 4/14/2025 and required long-term care due to his behavioral and medical needs.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		



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