

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 055262	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 03/11/2025
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Lomita Post-Acute Care Center		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 1955 Lomita Blvd Lomita, CA 90717	

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<p>F 0925</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p>	<p>Make sure there is a pest control program to prevent/deal with mice, insects, or other pests.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 46415</p> <p>Based on observation, interview, and record review, the facility failed to have an effective pest control program to prevent the infestation of gnats (fruit fly: flying, winged flies) by failing to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintain a sanitary environment for the residents' shared refrigerator in the dining room. 2. Prevent gnats from flying in Resident 1's room during lunch time. 3. Place UV fly traps throughout the facility and have working UV fly traps in Resident 5's room. 4. Maintain a sanitary environment in the storage room in the kitchen. <p>These deficient practices have the potential to have flies in the food while having lunch and can affect residents that has open wounds prone to infection.</p> <p>Findings:</p> <p>During an observation on 3/11/2025 at 12:05p.m. in shared residents' refrigerator, there were 11 small black gnats with three (3) walking at the bottom of the refrigerator. The refrigerator had a lot of containers that appears to be brought from home with no date or room number, yogurts with the resident's name but no date, and had a very strong odor the moment the refrigerator was opened.</p> <p>During a review of Resident 3's Admission record (Face Sheet), the Face Sheet indicated Resident 3 was initially admitted to the facility on [DATE] and was readmitted on [DATE] with diagnoses including hemiplegia (total paralysis of the arm, leg, and trunk on the same side of the body) and hemiparesis (weakness of one side of the body) following cerebral infarction (blood flow to the brain is interrupted causing brain cells to die) affecting right dominant side, lack of coordination, and hypertension (HTN-high blood pressure).</p> <p>During a review of Resident 3's History and Physical (H&P) dated 2/8/2025, the H&P indicated Resident 3 does not have the capacity to understand and make decisions.</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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