

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 055297	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 06/27/2024
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER The Springs Post-Acute		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 10625 Leffingwell Road Norwalk, CA 90650	

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<p>F 0626</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Permit a resident to return to the nursing home after hospitalization or therapeutic leave that exceeds bed-hold policy.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 36292</p> <p>Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to ensure one of three sampled residents (Resident 1), who was transferred from the facility ([DATE]) to a General Acute Care Hospital (GACH) for evaluation and treatment after being found lethargic (a condition marked by drowsiness and an unusual lack of energy and mental alertness) and hypotensive (low blood pressure), was readmitted to the facility after Resident 1 was treated and stabilized at the GACH ([DATE]).</p> <p>This deficient practice resulted in Resident 1 remaining at the GACH for approximately ,d+[DATE] days after Resident 1 was deemed appropriate for discharge back to the facility ([DATE] - [DATE]) but was denied readmission by the facility. Resident 1 was subsequently transferred to a different facility placing the resident at risk for confusion, disorientation and psychosocial harm related to dislocation from a place that was considered Resident 1's home.</p> <p>Findings:</p> <p>During a review of Resident 1's Admission Record (Face Sheet) the Face Sheet indicated Resident 1 was admitted to the facility on [DATE]. Resident 1's diagnoses included acute respiratory failure (not able to breathe), sepsis (a life-threatening medical emergency that occurs when the body 's immune system overreacts to an infection), dependence on mechanical ventilation (when a patient is unable to wean [detach from source of dependence] off a ventilator [a machine that assist with breathing] and breathe independently for more than six hours a day and for more than 21 days), and a tracheostomy (an opening surgically created through the neck into the windpipe to allow air to fill the lungs).</p> <p>During a review of Resident 1's Minimum Data Set ([MDS] a standardized assessment and care screening tool), dated [DATE], the MDS indicated Resident had modified independence (difficulty in new situations only) in her cognitive skills for daily decision-making.</p> <p>During a review of Resident 1's History and Physical (H&P) dated [DATE] the H&P indicated Resident 1 did not have capacity to understand and make decisions.</p> <p>During a review of Resident 1's Change of Condition (COC) dated [DATE] and timed at 11 a.m., the COC indicated Resident 1 had was lethargic with a blood pressure of ,d+[DATE] millimeters of mercury ([mmHg] a unit of measurement), (normal range ,d+[DATE] mmHg). The COC indicated a physician examined Resident 1 at her bedside with orders to transfer Resident 1 via 911 to the GACH.</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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