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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 055750	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 04/21/2026
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Westwood Post Acute		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 1601 Petersen Avenue San Jose, CA 95129	
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F 0684 Level of Harm - Actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Provide appropriate treatment and care according to orders, resident's preferences and goals. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to provide services according to professional standards for one of two sampled residents (Resident 1) when registered nurse A (RN A) and licensed vocational nurse B (LVN B) re-inserted Resident 1's gastrostomy tube (GT, a tube inserted through the abdomen that delivers nutrition and medications directly to the stomach) without proper training and demonstration of competency in this procedure, using a bigger size of GT and did not have a detailed confirmation of GT placement (verifying if the tube is in the stomach using methods like checking for stomach contents, easy rotation of the tube, and lack of leakage. The most common method is attaching a syringe, pulling back to see gastric content, and performing a air bolus test, where 5-10 milliliters [ml - volume of measurement] of air is injected while listening to the stomach with a stethoscope [Medscape [DATE] - Gastrostomy Tube Replacement Technique]). These failures resulted in Resident 1's desaturation (drop of oxygen concentration), abdominal distension (visible or measurable swelling and enlargement of the abdomen beyond its normal size), respiratory distress (difficulty breathing, labored breathing, or the need for increased effort to breathe, often resulting in low oxygen levels) due to GT malpositioning (the feeding tube is not properly located within the stomach, having been misplaced during reinsertion), cardiac arrest (a medical emergency where the heart suddenly stops beating, cutting off blood flow to the brain and body) and Resident 1 was sent to acute hospital via 911 where Resident 1 ended up in the hospital's intensive care unit (ICU - a specialized hospital department with high-level monitoring and advanced life support for patients with life-threatening illnesses or injuries) with severe septic shock (a life-threatening stage of sepsis, caused by infection which resulted to a rapid drop in blood pressure and organ failure) due to catastrophic intra-abdominal process (or abdominal catastrophe, a sudden, severe, and life-threatening medical emergency involving the organs within the belly that requires immediate surgical intervention) from misplaced G tube. Resident 1's misplaced GT had the potential to affect her quality of life due to considerable pain, and possible multiple surgeries to address the problem. Resident 1 passed away on [DATE] at 11:55 p.m. Findings: Review of Resident 1's clinical record titled, admission Record, indicated Resident 1 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses including chronic respiratory failure (a long-term progressive condition where the lungs cannot properly move oxygen into the blood or remove carbon dioxide) with hypoxia (a dangerous condition where the body tissues and organs do not receive enough oxygen to function properly), dependence on respirator status (use of ventilator, a life-support machine that breathes for patients who cannot breathe sufficiently on their own), Ogilvie syndrome (also called acute colonic pseudo-obstruction, a sudden, severe swelling [dilatation] of the large intestine without any physical blockage), and encounter for attention to gastrostomy. Review of Resident 1's admission minimum data set (MDS - a federally mandated resident assessment tool) assessment dated [DATE], indicated Resident 1 had short term memory (a temporary storage space that holds limited amount of information for a few seconds to minutes) and long term memory (the brain's system for storing, managing, and retrieving information for long periods - from a few minutes to a lifetime) problem. Review of Resident 1's nursing alert charting dated [DATE], indicated that at 4:00 p.m., Resident 1's GT was out and RN A (continued on next page)		

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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