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F 0609 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Timely report suspected abuse, neglect, or theft and report the results of the investigation to proper authorities. Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to ensure an allegation involving an incident of unknown source resulting in serious bodily injury was reported to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH-state agency who ensures oversight of state and federal regulations to long term care facilities) immediately, but not later than two hours after becoming aware of the incident, for one of four sampled residents (Resident 1) by failing to report that Resident 1 eloped (unauthorized departure of a resident from an around-the-clock care setting) from the facility on on 5/5/2026 at 5:50 PM. Resident 1 remained missing overnight and was returned to the facility by two police officers on 5/6/2026 at 3:35 PM two police officers. On 5/6/2026 at 7:36 PM, Resident 1 was transferred to a general acute care hospital (GACH) where the Resident 1 was diagnosed with fractured (broken) right fifth finger of unknown origin. This deficient practice delayed notification to the state agency responsible for oversight and investigation of incidents involving potential abuse, neglect, or injuries of unknown source, delaying external review of the circumstances surrounding Resident 1's elopement and injury. Findings: During a review of Resident 1's admission Record, dated 4/19/2026, indicated Resident 1 was admitted with diagnoses including dementia (progressive impaired ability to think, remember, or make decisions that interferes with daily activities), diabetes mellitus type II (DM2- A condition that happens because of a problem in the way the body regulates and uses sugar as fuel), and metabolic encephalopathy (a disturbance of brain function that may cause confusion and impaired cognition). During a review of Resident 1's Minimum Data Set (MDS- resident assessment tool), dated 4/22/2026, indicated Resident 1 had severe impaired cognition (ability to think, remember and reason) . Resident 1 required supervision (oversight, encouragement, or cueing) for eating, oral hygiene, and personal hygiene. Resident 1 required partial assistance (Helper does LESS THAN HALF the effort. Helper lifts, holds, or supports trunk or limbs, but provides less than half the effort) for toileting, shower/bathe, upper and lower body dressing, putting on footwear, roll left and right, sit to lying, lying to sitting on side of bed, sit to stand, chair/bed transfer, and walk 10 feet. During a review of Resident 1's Elopement and Wandering Risk Assessment, dated 4/22/2026, indicated Resident 1 was assessed as high risk for elopement due to dementia, metabolic encephalopathy, a history of attempting to leave a previous facility, unsafe wandering behaviors, and verbalizing intent to leave the facility. The assessment indicated Resident 1 required a Wander Guard device. During a review of facility investigation of elopement, Resident 1 eloped from the facility on 5/5/2026 at approximately 6:30 PM and was discovered missing at approximately 6:50 PM. Resident 1 remained missing overnight until located by law enforcement on 5/6/2026 at approximately 3:15 PM and returned to the facility at approximately 3:35 PM. During a review of the May 2026 Medication Administration Record (MAR), Resident 1 missed physician-ordered medications scheduled for 9:00 PM on 5/5/2026 while absent from the facility. The MAR further indicated Resident 1 complained of bilateral hand pain and received Acetaminophen on 5/6/2026 at 7:06 PM. During an interview on 6/23/2026 at 12:08 PM, the Administrator stated he was notified on 5/5/2026 at approximately 6:50 PM that Resident 1 was missing from the facility. The Administrator stated he immediately contacted the local police department, telephoned area hospitals, and, along with the Director of Nursing (DON) and Social (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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F 0689 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Ensure that a nursing home area is free from accident hazards and provides adequate supervision to prevent accidents. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on observation, interview, and record review, three of four sampled residents (Residents 1, 2, and 3), who were identified as at high risk for elopement (Refers to an unauthorized departure. It happens when a patient or resident leaves a hospital, clinic, or care facility without notifying the staff or before being officially discharged). This is especially critical when the patient requires supervision for their own safety) and with wandering behaviors (locomotion behavior associated with conditions like dementia or autism. It involves repetitive, aimless, or disoriented pacing, roaming, or leaving a safe area) the facility failed to: Ensure the reception/lobby area is monitored and supervised after 6 PM when the receptionist signs out/leaves for the day to prevent residents at risk for elopement from eloping the facility. Ensure the wander guards (An electronic monitoring device worn on ankle or wrist to help ensure safety by alarm activation if a resident attempts to leave a safe area) and wanderguard alarm doors were functional to alert staff when a resident(s) attempts to elope/leave the facility. Resident 1 and Resident 3 wore a Wander Guard device at all times according the careplan (CP) and medication administration record (MAR) for 5/2026. These deficient practices resulted in Resident 1 eloping from the facility on [DATE] at 5:50 PM without staff awareness, remaining missing overnight for over 20 hours and missed scheduled medications. On [DATE] at 3:35 PM, 2 (two) police officers returned Resident 1 to SNF 1. Resident 1 complained of right phalangeal (finger) to the right pinky (small) pain, had right finger discoloration and left knee abrasions and discoloration. On [DATE] at 7:36 PM, Resident 1 was transferred to a general acute care hospital (GACH) 1 for further evaluation and management where Resident 1 was diagnosed with Phalangeal fracture (break in bone) to the right pinky with splint (brace/immobilizer) and placing Resident 1, Resident 2 and Resident 3 at increased risk for elopement/repeated, fall with injuries, hospitalization and death. Findings 1. During a review of Resident 1's admission Record, dated [DATE], indicated Resident 1 was admitted with diagnoses of dementia, diabetes type 2 (DM2- high blood sugar), and metabolic encephalopathy (disturbance of brain function, it causes confusion, memory loss and coma in severe cases). A review of Resident 1's Minimum Data Set (MDS- resident assessment tool), dated [DATE], indicated Resident 1 had severely impaired cognition (ability to think, remember and reason). The MDS indicated Resident 1 required supervision (oversight, encouragement, or cueing) for eating, oral hygiene, and personal hygiene. The MDS indicated Resident 1 required partial assistance (Helper does LESS THAN HALF the effort. Helper lifts, holds, or supports trunk or limbs, but provides less than half the effort) for toileting, shower/bathe, upper and lower body dressing, putting on footwear, roll left and right, sit to lying, lying to sitting on side of bed, sit to stand, chair/bed transfer, and walk 10 feet. A review of Resident 1's Nursing Elopement and Wandering Risk Observation/Assessment dated [DATE] at 9:59 AM, indicated Resident 1 was at high risk for elopement due to history of attempting to leave a previous facility, dementia, and metabolic encephalopathy. The Nursing Elopement and Wandering Risk Observation/Assessment indicated that Resident 1 required a Wander Guard due to exhibiting unsafe wandering (moving from place to place without a fixed plan) behavior and that Resident 1 had expressed/verbalized that she planned to leave the facility. A review of Resident 1's Care Plan (CP - (a personalized document that outlines a resident's needs, goals, and the specific services required to achieve them, ensuring consistent and holistic care) Elopement: Resident is at risk for elopement/exit seeking/wandering related to altered cognitive status, dated [DATE], indicated the facility staff will attempt to refocus Resident 1 when the resident is exhibiting elopement/exit seeking/wandering behavior, check exit, stairwell, and door alarms on a routine schedule for operability. The CP indicated that licensed nurses will check the function of the wander guard alarm per manufacturer recommendations, check placement of wander alarm every shift, and equip with a device that alarms when resident wanders. The CP indicated to check for proper (continued on next page)		

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F 0689 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Resident 1, Resident 2, and Resident 3 required a Wander Guard bracelets due to the residents being at high risk for elopement. The DSD stated that Resident 1 was discharged from the facility on [DATE]. The DSD stated any resident with an elopement assessment score of 10 or higher is required to wear a wander guard bracelet. The DSD did not know when the Wander Guard alarm system was last checked per manufacturer instructions. During a concurrent observation and interview on [DATE] at 2:59 PM with Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN)1, during the facility Resident Council meeting, Resident 3 was asked to show the LVN1 her Wander Guard bracelet to ensure it was on correctly. Resident 3 stated I don't even know what a Wander Guard is. LVN1 checked both wrists and ankles on Resident 3 and stated no Wander Guard was on as required per physician's order. LVN1 stated she thought she saw Resident 3's wander guard bracelet on the morning of [DATE] at 8 AM, even though she could not remember the location of where Resident 3 had it on. LVN1 stated Resident 3 has a history of taking her Wander Guard off. During an interview on [DATE] at 3:17 PM with the DON, the DON stated Resident 1 had eloped on [DATE] and believes Resident 1 took the bus to go to the resident's old house/address where the resident and family member used to live, and that's where the police found (Resident 1) on [DATE]. The DON stated, it is the facility's responsibility to redirect residents who are at risk for elopement and demonstrating wandering behavior in the facility. The DON stated Resident 1 who has dementia, is fall risk, and has chronic health conditions like diabetes is at risk of serious injury or death, such as traffic related injuries, dehydration, malnutrition, falls, becoming lost and unable to find way back, exploitation or abuse. DON stated delay in receiving necessary medications or medical treatment could worsen confusion, anxiety, or behavioral symptoms. The DON stated the wander guard is a critical component of the facility's elopement prevention program, it provides staff with immediate notification when an at-risk resident attempts to exit through a protected door. The system should be tested routinely to ensure it is functioning properly. If the system is not working properly, residents are at risk for leaving the facility unnoticed, delayed staff response to attempted exits, elopement resulting in injury or death, increased risk of falls or accidents outside the supervised environment, exposure to environmental hazards and unsafe conditions, inability of staff to implement timely interventions to prevent an unsafe exit. The DON verified the alarms failed to sound when Resident 2 approached the door, which placed Resident 2 at risk for elopement. The DON stated that elopement is a reportable event, and the facility is responsible for reporting to appropriate agencies within the required timeframes so that a timely investigation and implementation of corrective actions to prevent recurrence. The DON stated failure to report delays external review and may allow systemic issues to go unaddressed, impacting resident safety. During a review of the Resident Wristband Transmitter (Wander Guard) manufacturer instructions, undated, indicated, it is very important to test your Resident Wristband Transmitters on a regular basis. It is the facility's responsibility to implement a regular testing procedure. The manufacturer recommends testing Resident Wristband Transmitters Daily. To test Resident Wristband Transmitter: Take door system tester and pass tester withing proximity of resident wearing Resident Wristband Transmitter. Door system tester will display whether the Resident Wristband Transmitter is transmitting correctly and will give warning in case of low battery. A review of the facility's investigation, the facility was unable to determine why the Wander Guard system failed to activate when Resident 1 exited the facility. A review of the facility's policy and procedures (P&P) titled Wandering and Elopement dated 2/2026 indicated, if a resident is missing and not located, notify law enforcement officials and volunteer agencies as necessary. During a review of the facility's P&P titled Unusual Occurrence Reporting dated 2/2026, indicated, the facility will report to appropriate agencies of occurrences that interfere with facility operations and affect the welfare, safety, or health of residents, employees or visitors. Unusual occurrences shall be reported via telephone to appropriate agencies as required by current law and or regulations within 24 hours of such incident or as required by federal and state regulations. A written report detailing the incident and actions taken by the facility shall be sent to the state agency within 48 hours of reporting the event or as required by federal and state regulations.		