

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 056065	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 06/19/2024
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<p>F 0726</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p>	<p>Ensure that nurses and nurse aides have the appropriate competencies to care for every resident in a way that maximizes each resident's well being.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 36623</p> <p>Based on observation, interview, and record review, the facility failed to ensure nurses were trained and demonstrated competency in testing the functionality of the Wander Management Transmitters (wander guard, a device placed on a resident's wrist, ankle, or wheelchair that alarms to notify the staff if a resident tries to leave the facility) used for 9 of 9 residents (Residents 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9). This failure had the potential to result in transmitter equipment failure or system failure and resident elopement (to leave a health facility without notification or permission).</p> <p>Findings:</p> <p>Review of Resident 1's face sheet indicated she was admitted to the facility with diagnoses including dementia (decline in mental capacity affecting daily function) and type 2 diabetes mellitus (a condition which affects the way the body processes blood sugar).</p> <p>Review of Resident 1's Elopement Risk Observation/Assessment, dated [DATE], indicated her elopement risk score was 12 (If the score was 10 or greater, the resident would be considered to be at risk for elopement).</p> <p>Review of Resident 1's Order Summary Report, dated [DATE] indicated she had a physician order to check function and placement of wander guard every shift, dated [DATE]. The report also indicated Resident 1 had a physician order for Wander Guard on wheelchair for safety, dated [DATE].</p> <p>Review of Resident 1's elopement care plan, dated [DATE] indicated Wander Alert: Check function and placement per orders.</p> <p>Review of Resident 2's face sheet indicated she was admitted to the facility with diagnoses including hypertension (high blood pressure) and dementia.</p> <p>Review of Resident 2's Elopement Risk Observation/Assessment, dated [DATE], indicated her elopement risk score was 12.</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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