

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 056169	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 01/24/2025
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<p>F 0550</p> <p>Level of Harm - Potential for minimal harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Honor the resident's right to a dignified existence, self-determination, communication, and to exercise his or her rights.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 39683</p> <p>Based on interview, medical record review, and the facility P&P review, the facility failed to ensure the resident's rights were respected for one of four sampled residents (Resident 1).</p> <p>* The facility failed to ensure Resident 1's medications were administered as per Resident 1 and family member's request. This failure had the potential to negatively affect the residents' well-being.</p> <p>Findings:</p> <p>Review of the facility's P&P titled Resident Rights revised 1/11/25, showed the resident has the right to and the facility must promote and facilitate self-determination through supporting the resident's choices including the resident's right to make choices about aspects of his life in the facility.</p> <p>Medical record review for Resident 1 was initiated on 1/3/25. Resident 1 was initially admitted to the facility on [DATE].</p> <p>Review of Resident 1's MAR for January 2025 showed Resident 1's medications were administered at the following dates and times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - on 1/1 to 1/4/25 at 1300 hours, Resident 1 received the cholecalciferol (a supplement) 2000 units by mouth daily and cyanocobalamin (a supplement) 1000 mcg by mouth daily. - on 1/12/25 at 0900 hours, Resident 1 received the cholecalciferol 2000 units by mouth daily and cyanocobalamin 1000 mcg by mouth daily. <p>However, there was no documented evidence why the administration time had changed from 1300 hours to 0900 hours, after 1/4/25.</p> <p>Additionally, Resident 2's MAR for January 2025 showed the following medications were administered on 1/12/25 at 0900 hours:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - folic acid (a supplement) one tablet by mouth daily; <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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<p>F 0580</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Immediately tell the resident, the resident's doctor, and a family member of situations (injury/decline/room, etc.) that affect the resident.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 39683</p> <p>Based on interview, medical record review, and the facility P&P review, the facility failed to notify the physician of the changes in the resident's status for one of four sampled residents (Resident 1).</p> <p>* The facility failed to notify the physician that Resident 1 had been refusing the bowel management medications from 1/1-1/3/25. This failure had the potential for the resident not to receive the necessary care and services which would negatively affect the resident's well-being.</p> <p>Findings:</p> <p>Review of the facility's P&P titled Change in Resident Condition dated 10/14/24, showed a change in the resident condition is reported as soon as practical</p> <p>Medical record review for Resident 1 was initiated on 1/3/25. Resident 1 was initially admitted to the facility on [DATE].</p> <p>Review of Resident 1's Bowel Elimination record showed the resident had a bowel movement on 1/1/25 at 0830 hours. Further review of the bowel elimination record showed Resident 1's next bowel movement was on 1/4/25 at 2051 hours.</p> <p>Review of Resident 1's MAR for December 2024, showed the following physician's orders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - on 9/24/24, for docusate sodium (a stool softener) by mouth twice a day, bisacodyl (a laxative) one 10 mg suppository as needed for bowel protocol, and Lactulose Oral Solution 10 gm/ml 30 ml by mouth as needed for constipation; - on 10/22/24, for Milk of Magnesia Suspension (laxative) 2400 mg by mouth every 24 hours as needed for constipation; - on 10/31/24, for Fleets Saline enema 7-19 GM/197 ml rectally for constipation if the suppository ineffective; and - on 11/21/24, for psyllium (a fiber supplement) one capsule twice a day for bowel management; <p>Review of Resident 1's Progress Notes showed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - on 1/1/25 at 2312 hours, Resident 1 refused the stool softener three times; - on 1/2/25 at 2246 hours, Resident 1 refused the stool softener three times; - on 1/3/25 at 1531 hours, Resident 1 was offered and refused the prn bowel management medications for no bowel movement. The note further showed the resident's family member requested the medication to be administered on 1/4/25, because it was Resident 1's shower day. <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0580</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>However, there was no documented evidence the physician was informed of the resident's refusal of stool softener medication from 1/1 - 1/3/25.</p> <p>Further review of the progress notes showed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - on 1/3/25 at 2254 hours, Resident 1 was administered the stool softener but still had not had a bowel movement. The noted further showed Resident 1 wanted the bowel management prn medications on 1/4/25, before his shower; - on 1/4/25 at 1536 hours, Resident 1 still did not have a bowel movement but wanted to wait until tonight to see if he could have a bowel movement; - on 1/4/25 at 2331 hours, Resident 1 had one large, formed bowel movement and one medium soft bowel movement; - on 1/5/25 at 0130 hours, Resident 1 was administered acetaminophen (a pain medication) 750 mg for mild pain; and - on 1/5/25 at 0430 hours, the resident complained of pain level of 10 (based on 0-10 pain scale, 0 = no pain and 10 = severe pain) between his lower ribs and pelvis and wanted to go to the hospital. The staff called Family Member 1 who came to the facility and stated the resident did not look well and requested the resident go to the hospital. The physician was notified and the resident was transferred out to the hospital at 0530 hours. <p>Review of Resident 1's ED Note dated 1/5/25, showed the CT imaging showing diverticulitis (inflammation or infection of the digestive tract) with an abscess (a confined pocket of pus) and an associated ileus (inability of the intestine to contract normally and move waste out of the body) versus a small bowel obstruction (intestines becomes blocked, preventing stool from passing.)</p> <p>On 1/23/25 at 0851 hours, an interview and concurrent record review was conducted with the DON. The DON stated if the resident had no bowel movement and refusing the bowel management medications, the physician should have been notified.</p>		

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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Ensure that a nursing home area is free from accident hazards and provides adequate supervision to prevent accidents.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 39683</p> <p>Based on interview, medical record review, and the facility P&P review, the facility failed to ensure the necessary care and services for two of two sampled residents (Resident 2 and 4) to prevent the elopement.</p> <p>* The facility failed to update the elopement assessment when Resident 2 had an increased on wandering behavior resulting in the use of Wander Guard.</p> <p>* The facility failed to ensure Resident 4's elopement risk assessments were completed quarterly as per the facility's P&P.</p> <p>These failures posed a risk for Residents 2 and 4 not to receive the necessary care and services to prevent elopement.</p> <p>Findings:</p> <p>Review of the facility's P&P titled Accident Prevention and Supervision revised 10/7/24, showed the resident environment remains as free of accident hazards as possible; and each resident will receive adequate supervision to prevent accidents and will include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - identifying hazard(s) and risk(s); - evaluating and analyzing hazard(s) and risk(s); - implementing interventions to reduce hazard(s) and risk(s); and - monitoring for effectiveness and modifying interventions when necessary. <p>Review of the facility's P&P titled Elopement Risk Evaluation revised on 10/14/24, showed the residents will be assessed for elopement and throughout their safety by the interdisciplinary care planning team. The facility is equipped with door locks/alarms to help avoid elopements. Elopement occurs when a resident leaves the premises or a safe area without authorization and/or any necessary supervision to do so. The section for Efforts to Prevent Elopement included the interdisciplinary care team will assess resident for risk of elopement risk on admission, readmission, quarterly with the MDS process and as needed, when a change of condition occurs where the resident might seek out exit doors of the facility.</p> <p>1. Medical record review for Resident 2 was initiated on 1/22/25. Resident 2 was admitted to the facility on [DATE].</p> <p>Review of Resident 2's Initial H&P examination dated 1/17/25, showed Resident 2 had dementia and did not have capacity to understand and make decisions.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Review of Resident 2's Elopement Risk Scale dated 1/15/25, showed Resident 2 was at low risk for elopement. The section for History for Wandering showed Resident 2 had episode of wandering/seeking to find someone or something and no history of elopement or leaving the facility without assistance.</p> <p>Review of Resident 2's Clinical Note dated 1/17/25 at 1634 hours, showed Resident 2 had multiple episodes of getting out of bed unassisted, going into other residents' rooms and walking down the hallway.</p> <p>Review of Resident 2's Clinical note dated 1/17/25 at 1742 hours, showed the staff notified Family Member 2 that a Wander Guard alarm was placed on the Resident 2's left wrist.</p> <p>On 1/23/25 at 0851 hours, an interview and concurrent medical record review was conducted with the DON. The DON stated an elopement assessments should be done on admission, quarterly and as needed for changes in wandering/elopement behaviors. The DON verified Resident 2's elopement risk evaluation was completed upon admission on 1/15/25. However, when Resident 2 exhibited increased wandering behaviors resulting in the use of Wander Guard on 1/17/25, the DON further stated a new elopement risk evaluation should have been completed.</p> <p>2. Medical record review for Resident 4 was initiated on 1/22/25. Resident 4 was admitted to the facility on [DATE].</p> <p>Review of Resident 4's Elopement Risk Scale dated 3/31/23, showed the Resident 4 was not at risk for elopement.</p> <p>Review of Resident 4's H&P examination dated 4/18/24, showed Resident 2 had dementia.</p> <p>Review of Resident 4's Clinical Note dated 6/28/24 at 1211 hours, showed Resident 4 was seen outside the facility's back door, and Resident 4 did not know where he was. The note further showed a Wander Guard braceletwas attached to Resident 4's wheelchair.</p> <p>Review of Resident 4's Elopement Risk Scale dated 1/19/25 at 1358 hours, showed Resident 4 was a high elopement risk. The assessment showed Resident 4 kept wheeling his wheelchair to the exits, attempted to leave the facility, and verbalized wanting to go home. The section for interventions showed a Wander Guard was in place.</p> <p>Further review of Resident 4's medical record showed no other elopement risk assessments were completed.</p> <p>Review of Resident 4's Clinical Noted dated 1/19/25 at 1557 hours, showed around 1300 hours, the CNA reported the resident attempted to leave the facility, and a Wander Guard braceletwas placed on Resident 4's left ankle.</p> <p>Review of Resident 4's MDS assessments showed the following:</p> <p>- on 4/6/23, an admission assessment was completed, with a correlating elopement assessment done 3/31/23; and</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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