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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 056367	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 06/16/2026
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER The Rehabilitation Center of North Hills		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 9655 Sepulveda Boulevard North Hills, CA 91343	
For information on the nursing home's plan to correct this deficiency, please contact the nursing home or the state survey agency.			
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F 0686 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Provide appropriate pressure ulcer care and prevent new ulcers from developing. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on observation, interview, and record review, the facility failed to ensure proper use of a low air loss mattress (LALM - a specialty bed that alternates pressure to help heal and prevent pressure ulcer/injuries [PU/PIs - injuries that breakdown the skin and underlying tissue when an area of skin is placed under pressure]), for one of four sampled residents (Resident 2) by failing to set the LALM to the correct mode while the resident was lying in bed, and by placing multiple layers of linens on top of the LALM. These deficient practices had the potential to increase the resident's risk for skin breakdown and/or delay the healing of existing PU/PI. During a review of Resident 2's admission Record, the admission Record indicated that the facility originally admitted the resident (Resident 2) on 1/2/2026 and readmitted on [DATE] with diagnoses that included hemiplegia (total paralysis [complete or partial loss of muscle function in a part of the body, often accompanied by a loss of sensation] of the arm, leg, and trunk on the same side of the body) and hemiparesis (paralysis or weakness on one side of the body) following cerebral infarction (CI - a serious medical condition that occurs when blood flow to the brain is blocked, leading to brain cell death), and Stage IV (Full-thickness skin and tissue loss with exposed muscle, tendon, ligament, cartilage, or bone) PU of the sacral region (the flat, triangular bone located at the very base of the spine, between the lower back and the tailbone), diabetes mellitus (disorder characterized by difficulty in blood sugar control and poor wound healing), and anemia (a condition where the body does not have enough healthy red blood cells). During a review of Resident 2's Minimum Data Set (MDS - a resident assessment tool) dated 5/4/2026, the MDS indicated Resident 2's cognition (ability to think and make decisions) was severely impaired. The MDS further indicated that Resident 2 was dependent on staff for Activities of Daily Living (ADLs- activities such as bathing, dressing and toileting a person performs daily). The MDS indicated that Resident 2 was at risk for developing PUs/PIs. During a review of Resident 2's Order Summary Report dated 3/3/2026, the Order Summary Report indicated that Resident 2's physician ordered a LALM for wound healing and prevention every shift. During a review of Resident 2's Care Plan (CP- a document that summarizes a resident's needs, goals, and care/treatment) report created on 6/4/2026, the CP indicated Resident 2 required the use of a LALM to relieve pressure, maintain skin integrity and promote healing of an existing wound. The CP further identified Resident 2 as being at risk for developing PU/PI and included interventions to ensure the LALM was properly inflated and set according to the manufacturer's guidelines. During a review of Resident 2's Wound Physician's Progress Notes dated 6/9/2026, the Wound Physician's Progress Notes indicated the following pre-procedure measurement: Location - Sacrococcyx (the tailbone area at the bottom of the spine, right between the buttocks), sacral region. Measurements - the length was 2.7 centimeter (cm - a unit of measurement), the width was 1.0 cm, and the depth was 0.2 cm. During a review of Resident 2's Progress Notes dated 6/10/2026, timed at 11:51 a.m., the Progress Notes indicated that Resident 2 remained at high risk for further skin breakdown and had higher risk/potential for PU development due to generalized muscle weakness, poor mobility, thin and fragile skin, anemia, hypertension (high blood pressure), hyperlipidemia (excessive fat in the blood), acute (sudden, intense flare-up) kidney failure (AKF - kidneys stop working suddenly), DM, and history of osteomyelitis (inflammation of bone (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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