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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 056405	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 04/06/2026
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Cerritos Vista Healthcare Center		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 17836 Woodruff Avenue Bellflower, CA 90706	
For information on the nursing home's plan to correct this deficiency, please contact the nursing home or the state survey agency.			
(X4) ID PREFIX TAG	SUMMARY STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES (Each deficiency must be preceded by full regulatory or LSC identifying information)		
F 0745 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Provide medically-related social services to help each resident achieve the highest possible quality of life. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to ensure physician's orders for an orthopedic surgeon (specialist in bones, joints, and muscles) and vascular specialist (specialist in blood vessels and circulation) was carried out and/or follow-up was made for one of four sampled residents (Resident 1) who had dry gangrene (tissue death caused by loss of blood supply) of the left finger. These failures resulted in a two-week delay in obtaining Resident 1's ordered consultations and placed Resident 1 at risk for worsening gangrene, auto-amputation (dead portion may fall off on its own due to lack of blood supply) of the left finger, and infection. Findings: During a review of Resident 1's admission Record (Face Sheet), the Face Sheet indicated Resident 1 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] and readmitted on [DATE]. Resident 1 was admitted with diagnoses including open wound of the left index finger without damage to nail, type 2 diabetes mellitus ([DM] a disorder characterized by difficulty in blood sugar control and poor wound healing), and epilepsy (a brain disorder that causes repeated seizures [uncontrolled movement]). During a review of Resident 1's Minimum Data Set ([MDS] a resident assessment tool), dated 2/21/2026, the MDS indicated Resident 1's cognition (the process of acquiring knowledge and understanding through thought, experience, and the senses) was severely impaired and Resident 1 required moderate assistance (helper does less than half the effort) from staff for eating and was dependent (helper does all the effort) on staff for toileting and bathing. The MDS further indicated Resident 1 had a total of four venous (related to veins) and arterial (related to arteries) ulcers (a small open sore or wound generally found in the stomach or on the skin). During a review of Resident 1's History and Physical (H&P), dated 3/18/2026, the H&P indicated Resident 1 was not able to make medical decisions. The H&P indicated Resident 1 was readmitted to the facility from a General Acute Care Hospital (GACH) with gangrene of the left finger and required an outpatient follow-up with an orthopedic specialist to determine the need for amputation (the surgical removal of a body part, such as a finger, toe, hand, foot, or limb). During a review of Resident 1's Order Summary Report (Physician's Orders) dated 4/1/2026, the Physician's Orders indicated the facility was to obtain an authorization for Resident 1 to be seen by an orthopedic surgeon, ordered on 3/13/2026 and by a vascular specialist, ordered on 3/16/2026. During an observation on 4/2/2026 at 8:30 a.m., in Resident 1's room, the Treatment Nurse (TXN) 1 was observed performing wound care and a dressing change to Resident 1's left index finger. Resident 1's left index finger appeared darkened with blackened areas at the tip with discoloration extending along the finger. Resident 1's fingertip appeared larger compared to the adjacent fingers. During a review of the Social Service Note dated 3/17/2026, the Social Service Note indicated the Case Manager (CM) notified the Power of Attorney ([POA] the person who is legally allowed to receive information about the resident, make care decisions, and handle insurance or financial matters on the resident's behalf) to make her aware that the orthopedic surgeon did not accept Resident 1's secondary insurance and would refer Resident 1 to another orthopedic provider that accepted his secondary insurance. During a review of [NAME] Healthcare's Prior Authorization ([PA] insurance approval before certain medical services can be provided or paid for) determination, dated 3/18/2026, the insurance determination indicated the PA (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.

LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE	TITLE	(X6) DATE
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F 0745 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	medically related social services whether by a staff member or through referrals to an outside agency.3. Obtaining or attempting to obtain medically related social services on behalf of a resident are not contingent upon Medicaid coverage of needed services.		