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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 05A355	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 04/28/2026
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER LA Paz Geropsychiatric Center		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 8835 Vans Street Paramount, CA 90723	
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 0600 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Some	Protect each resident from all types of abuse such as physical, mental, sexual abuse, physical punishment, and neglect by anybody. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to protect the residents right to be free from physical abuse for one of three sampled residents (Resident 1). The facility failed to: 1. Ensure Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN)1 redirected Resident 1 and Resident 2 away from each other after she observed Resident 1 placing her hand on Resident 2's back. 2. Ensure facility staff provided immediate 1:1 supervision for Resident 1 after an altercation with Resident 2. These failures resulted in Resident 2 being assaulted by Resident 1 on 4/22/2026 and a second allegation of physical abuse on 4/22/2026, when Resident 3 alleged Resident 1 punched her in the face and nose. These failures had the potential to place other residents who resided in the facility at risk for abuse. Findings:During a review of Resident 1's admission Record (Face Sheet), the Face Sheet indicated Resident 1 was initially admitted to the facility on [DATE]. Resident 1 had diagnoses including schizophrenia (a mental illness that is characterized by disturbances in thought), anxiety (extreme worry) and major depressive disorder (mood disorder that causes a persistent feeling of sadness and loss of interest).During a review of Resident 1's the Minimum Data Set ([MDS] a resident assessment tool), dated 1/23/2026, the MDS indicated Resident 1's cognition (the mental action or process of acquiring knowledge and understanding through thought, experience, and the senses) was severely impaired and was dependent (helper does all the effort, resident does none of the effort to complete the activity) on staff for toilet hygiene, showering, lower body dressing, and putting on and taking off footwear. The MDS indicated Resident 1 had delusions (unshakable beliefs in something that is untrue). During a review of Resident 2's admission Record (Face Sheet), the Face Sheet indicated Resident 2 was initially admitted to the facility on [DATE]. Resident 2 had diagnoses including schizophrenia, anxiety and major depressive disorder. During a review of Resident 2's MDS, dated [DATE], the MDS indicated Resident 2's cognition was moderately impaired). During a review of Resident 3's admission Record (Face Sheet), the Face Sheet indicated Resident 3 was initially admitted to the facility on [DATE]. Resident 2 had diagnoses including schizoaffective disorder (a mental illness that can affect thoughts, mood and behavior), cataracts (cloudy area in the lens of the eye that blocks light, causing blurry or dim vision) and blepharochalasis (a disorder characterized by recurrent, painless, swelling of the upper eyelids, leading to thin, wrinkled, paper-like skin and stretched, saggy tissues). During a review of Resident 3's MDS, dated [DATE], the MDS indicated Resident 3's cognition was intact. During a review of the facility's Summary Investigative Report, dated 4/28/2026, the Summary Investigative Report indicated on 4/22/2026 LVN 1 witnessed Resident 1 push Resident 2 out of her wheelchair, unprovoked. The Summary Investigative Report indicated LVN 1 witnessed the incident in the safety mirror (specialized, reflective surfaces designed to increase visibility, enhance surveillance, and prevent accidents or theft by eliminating blind spots).During a review of the facility's Summary Investigative Report, dated 4/28/2026, the Summary Investigative Report indicated on 4/22/2026 the Clinical Director (CD) and Social Worker (SW) were made aware by Resident 3 that she (Resident 3) was hit in the face by her roommate, Resident 1. The Summary Investigative Report indicated the incident occurred moments after Resident 1 was (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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