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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</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** 47151</p> <p>Based on record review and interviews, the facility failed to ensure one (#1) of three residents at risk for elopement out of seven sample residents received adequate supervision and were kept free from elopement.</p> <p>Specifically, the facility failed to provide Resident #1 the supervision necessary to prevent elopement. The facility failures created a situation with serious harm and a situation of likelihood of serious harm to residents' health and safety if not immediately corrected.</p> <p>Resident #1, diagnosed with metabolic encephalopathy (improper brain function due to underlying medical condition), unspecified psychosis (mental condition caused by loss of contact with reality), dementia and anxiety, eloped from the facility on 2/1/25 at an unknown time.</p> <p>Facility staff were unaware Resident #1 was missing until after 6:00 a.m. on 2/2/25 when certified nurse aide (CNA) #2 began answering call lights at the start of her shift. At approximately 6:20 a.m. on 2/2/25, CNA #2 noticed Resident #1's dinner tray, untouched, in the resident's room. Resident #1's roommate reported to CNA #2 she had not heard Resident #1 in the room since approximately 5:30 p.m. on 2/1/25, the previous day. CNA #2 reported this to a nurse on duty and the assistant director of nursing (ADON) was notified at approximately 6:30 a.m. A full facility check was conducted, the staff checked the surrounding neighborhood and the resident was unable to be located. At 8:10 a.m. the admissions coordinator (AC) informed the interdisciplinary team (IDT) that Resident #1 had been located at a local hospital.</p> <p>The facility began investigating the incident immediately after Resident #1 was discovered in care of the local hospital and determined Resident #1 eloped from the facility after CNA #1 and licensed practical nurse (LPN) #1 failed to monitor Resident #1 every two hours per facility protocol and due to Resident #1's refusal to wear a wanderguard.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>Observations, interviews and record review confirmed the facility corrected the deficient practice prior to the onsite investigation on 2/12/25 to 2/13/25, resulting in the deficiency being cited as past noncompliance with a correction date of 2/4/25.</p> <p>I. Situation of serious harm</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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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>The facility failed to ensure the facility staff performed a check of Resident #1 every two hours throughout the evening on 2/1/25 resulting in the facility being unaware of Resident #1's whereabouts for approximately 12 to 15 hours. Resident #1 eloped from the facility on 2/1/25 and was found by the local police approximately 0.3 miles from the facility. She was taken to a local hospital for evaluation where she was admitted at 8:36 p.m. and treated for a urinary tract infection (UTI).</p> <p>II. Facility plan of correction</p> <p>The corrective action plan the facility implemented in response to Resident #1's elopement incident on 2/2/25 was provided by the clinical resource (CR) on 2/12/25 at 2:30 p.m.</p> <p>A. Immediate action</p> <p>One-on-one education was provided to the staff who worked on the 2/1/25 overnight/evening shift and CNA #1 and LPN #1 were placed on suspension pending the investigation of Resident #1's elopement. A facility wide resident count was conducted and all other residents were accounted for. An assessment was conducted of all exterior doors and doors and door alarms were all functioning properly. The incident investigation began immediately and was conducted by the director of nursing (DON) and the nursing home administrator (NHA).</p> <p>B. Identification of others affected</p> <p>The facility determined the deficient practice had the potential to affect all the residents in the facility.</p> <p>C. Systemic changes</p> <p>The DON educated all of the staff on the importance of staff expectations with rounding, high risk for elopement residents (if a resident had not been seen in a few hours), reviewing the resident sign out book, any resident that required one-to-one staff to resident monitors, frequent or 15-minute checks and the post test for elopement. Residents in the facility were interviewed and educated on the use of the resident sign out log.</p> <p>D. Monitoring</p> <p>The facility would evaluate the effectiveness of the plan in quality assurance and program improvement (QAPI) committee meetings for three months and implement additional interventions as needed to ensure sustained compliance. Audits, along with resident records reviewed and analysed for trends, would be reported monthly to the QAPI committee.</p> <p>III. Facility policy and procedure</p> <p>The Elopement/Unsafe Wandering policy, undated, was provided by the CR on 2/12/25 at 2:30 p.m. The policy read in pertinent part, This facility is committed to promoting resident autonomy by providing an environment that remains as free of accident hazards as possible. Each resident is assisted in attending or maintaining their highest practicable level of function through providing the resident adequate supervision and diversional programs to prevent unsafe wandering while maintaining the least restrictive environment for those at risk for elopement.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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