

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 065189	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 08/20/2024
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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** 19262</p> <p>Based on record review and interviews, the facility failed to provide adequate supervision and assistance to prevent falls, and failed to assess, implement and monitor interventions consistent with resident needs for two (#3 and #9) of three residents reviewed for falls out of seven sample residents.</p> <p>Specifically, the facility failed to have a registered nurse (RN), nurse practitioner or physician assess the residents after unwitnessed falls, prior to the removal of the residents from off the floor.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>I. Facility policy</p> <p>The Falls and Fall Risk Managing policy, revised January 2024, was provided by the nursing home administrator (NHA) on 8/20/24 at 8:31 a.m. The policy revealed on previous evaluations and current data, the staff would identify interventions related to the resident's specific risks/causes to try to prevent the resident from falling and to try to minimize complications from falling.</p> <p>According to the minimum data set, (MDS) a fall was defined as an unintentionally coming to rest on the ground, floor or other lower level, but not as a result of an overwhelming external force; such as a resident pushed by another resident. An episode where a resident lost his/her balance and would have fallen, if not for another person or if he or she had not caught him/herself, would be considered a fall. A fall without injury was still considered a fall. Unless there was evidence suggesting otherwise, when a resident was found on the floor, a fall was considered to have occurred.</p> <p>The staff, with the input of the attending physician, would implement a resident-centered fall prevention plan to reduce the specific risk factor(s) of falls for each resident at risk or with a history of falls.</p> <p>If a systematic evaluation of a resident's fall risk identified several possible interventions, the staff might choose to prioritize interventions, such as trying one or a few at a time, rather than many at once.</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 - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Resident #3 was interviewed on 8/20/24 at 10:10 a.m. Resident #3 said for two of her falls, the mattress on her bed slid as she turned over in bed. She said she was asleep and then she woke up on the floor with the mattress on top of her. She said for both of the falls out of bed, she had to go to the hospital. She said she had a lot of all over body pain from each of the falls. She said she hit her head both times and had some bleeding but did not break anything. She said she still had some pain in her back. She said she did have sufficient pain medications.</p> <p>C. Record review</p> <p>The care plan for a history of falls, medication use, new environment and unsteady balance/gait was initiated on 2/26/24. The interventions included to provide the resident with a clutter free environment that was free from spills, provide the resident with adequate lighting and place personal items within reach. Staff were to ensure the call light was within reach and encourage the resident to use the call light. Nursing staff were to provide the resident with assistive devices as needed and refer the resident for therapy services as needed (initiated on 2/26/24). Nursing staff were to remind the resident to use the call light for safety which (initiated on 2/26/24). Nursing staff verbally educated the resident on the use of the call light, to ask for assistance as needed, and to use the proper footwear (initiated on 3/4/24). Nursing staff were verbally educated to anticipate the resident's needs and the visual cues for the use of the call light (initiated on 3/4/24). Staff were to provide the resident with non-slip socks and place the resident's walker within reach (initiated on 3/16/24). The resident was verbally educated to wait to undress at the toilet and not prior to going to the toilet (initiated on 3/16/24). Nursing staff were to provide visual cues for the resident to call for help as needed and staff were to anticipate the resident's needs (initiated on 3/18/24). Physical therapy and occupational therapy was approved and a cognitive evaluation to be performed by therapy (initiated on 3/18/24). The maintenance staff were to check the bed/mattress for proper fit (initiated on 3/23/24). The resident was currently working with physical therapy and occupational therapy (initiated on 3/23/24). Therapy services were to evaluate if a lipped mattress was appropriate for the resident (initiated on 3/29/24).</p> <p>The fall risk tool, dated 3/3/24 at 1:43 p.m., revealed the resident had a score of seven, or a moderate risk for falling.</p> <p>D. Fall 3/16/24</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>The nurse note, dated 3/23/24 at 2:43 p.m. and written by a LPN, revealed the resident was found on the floor by the side of the bed. The resident was lying flat on her back and her bottom, when the nurse arrived. The resident was assessed by two nurses, her hips looked dislocated and she was in pain. Emergency services were called. When the paramedics arrived, the resident received an injection of pain medication. The resident was taken to the hospital. Management, the physician and the family were notified. The ED was called and a report was provided.</p> <p>The fall risk tool dated, 3/23/24 at 2:49 p.m., revealed a score of nine, or a moderate risk for falling.</p> <p>-Resident #3's clinical record revealed the resident was not assessed by a RN, NP or physician before the resident was assisted from off the floor, for the fall on 3/23/24.</p> <p>III. Resident #9</p> <p>A. Resident status</p> <p>Resident #9, age 82, was admitted on [DATE]. According to the August 2024 CPO, diagnoses included stage 3</p> <p>chronic kidney disease, anxiety, asthma, chronic diastolic congestive heart failure and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.</p> <p>The 6/8/24 MDS assessment identified the resident had moderate cognitive impairment with a BIMS score of 10 out 15. The resident had no impairments in her upper or lower extremities.</p> <p>B. Resident interview</p> <p>Resident #9 was interviewed on 8/20/24 at 12:11 p.m. She said the fall on 5/1/24 was her fault because the facility wanted her to stay in her bed and she did not. She said her right knee and foot were the cause of her fall. She said she did hit her head and her back still hurt at times.</p> <p>C. Record review</p> <p>The care plan for being at risk for falls related to medication use, a new environment, weakness, unsteady balance/gait and the use of a Hoyer lift was initiated on 12/15/23. The interventions included to keep her environment free from clutter, free from spills, provide adequate lighting and to ensure her personal items were within reach. Staff were to encourage the resident to keep her bed in the lowest position. The facility would request hospice to provide a bolster sheet to be applied to her air mattress. Staff were to ensure the call light was within reach and encourage the resident to use the call light. Staff were to ensure the resident used the appropriate footwear when ambulating. Staff were to review the documentation on past falls and attempt to determine the cause of the falls. Staff would apply the bolster sheet and ensure it fit the bed properly related to the resident leaning to the right (initiated on 5/1/24). Staff would modify the resident furniture placement to ensure snacks were within reach (initiated on 5/1/24). Staff were to offer the resident snacks when in the room (initiated on 5/1/24).</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>The fall risk tool, dated 1/25/24 at 2:28 p.m., revealed a score of 11, or a moderate risk for falling.</p> <p>D. Fall 5/1/24</p> <p>The incident report, dated 5/1/24 at 5:30 a.m., revealed the writer heard a shout for help. The resident had slid out of bed onto the floor. The resident was still upright when found. The resident received a scrape to the right side of her head that was approximately three inches in length. The resident was unaware of the injury and did not know how it had occurred. The resident said she was reaching for a snack that was out of reach. The resident was assessed head to toe and no other injuries were observed from the fall. The resident's range of motion was within normal limits. The resident was returned to bed with three staff assistance and the use of a gait belt. The resident denied any pain (0 out of 10) related to the fall. All parties were notified. The resident was resting quietly in her bed with her eyes closed and no physical indications of pain or acute distress were observed. The resident's bed was placed in the lowest position. The resident was oriented to person and place. The resident's room had been previously rearranged by her granddaughter's preference for more room between the dresser and the bed. The IDT interventions were to ensure a bolster sheet was properly fitted to the bed related to the resident had a tendency to lean to the right. The resident's furniture was modified to ensure snacks were within reach. Staff were to offer snacks when they were in the room.</p> <p>A nurse note, dated 5/1/24 at 5:30 a.m. and written by a LPN, revealed the resident had an unwitnessed fall from the bed that resulted in a small laceration to the right scalp area. All appropriate parties were notified.</p> <p>The fall risk tool, dated 5/1/24 at 11:15 a.m., revealed a score of 16, or a high risk for falling.</p> <p>IV. Staff interviews</p> <p>LPN #2 was interviewed on 8/20/24 at 1:06 p.m. LPN #2 said a RN, NP or a physician should complete an assessment of the resident, prior to moving the resident from off the floor. She said during this assessment, they would be looking for fractures, head injuries, bleeding, abnormalities in range of motion and the resident's consciousness. She said when a resident fell , during the next day's morning meeting, the fall would be discussed. She said Resident #3's mattress had slid off the frame and dycem (a non-slip material used to help stabilize objects, hold objects firmly in place, or to provide a better grip) was placed on the bed. She said the resident removed the dycem and threw it in the trash can. She said clips were placed on the bed to keep it from moving.</p> <p>LPN #3 was interviewed on 8/20/24 at 1:30 p.m. LPN #3 said a resident should be assessed by a RN, NP or a physician before they were moved off the floor. She said an RN would do an assessment because the LPN could not do the assessment prior to moving the resident off the floor. She said staff would be assessing the resident for any head injuries, bleeding, fractures, skin tears, bruises, lacerations, cognitive deficit, range of motion concerns and pupil size.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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