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NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Nathaniel Witherell, The		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 70 Parsonage Rd Greenwich, CT 06830	
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 0689 Level of Harm - Actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Ensure that a nursing home area is free from accident hazards and provides adequate supervision to prevent accidents. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on clinical record review, review of facility documentation, review of facility policy, and staff interviews for 1 of 3 sampled residents (Resident #30) reviewed for accidents, the facility failed to ensure that a resident who required physical assistance with toileting received the necessary hands-on supervision/support to prevent a fall. This failure resulted in the resident falling and sustaining an injury that required staples. The findings include: Resident #30 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses that included mild cognitive impairment, spinal stenosis, anxiety, seizure disorder, and traumatic subdural hemorrhage. The Morse Fall Risk assessment dated [DATE] identified Resident #30 was at high risk for falls with a score of 80 (a score of 0-24 indicates no risk, a score of 25-50 indicates low risk and a score of 51 or higher is indicative of high risk). The Resident Care Plan (RCP) dated 2/11/26 identified Resident #30 was at high risk for falls and had an activity of daily living (ADL) deficit related to deconditioning and stroke. The care plan interventions directed staff to anticipate and meet the resident's needs, ensure the call light is within reach, physical and/or occupational therapy evaluation as indicated, follow facility fall protocol, and review fall information of past falls to attempt to determine the cause of the fall, discuss with the resident and/or family any concern related to the loss of independence and decline in ability to perform self-care and praise resident's efforts at self-care. The admission MDS assessment dated [DATE] identified Resident #30 had intact cognition, required extensive assistance with bed mobility, dressing, toileting, transfers and ambulation, utilized a rolling walker and wheelchair for mobility, was always incontinent of bladder and frequently incontinent of bowel. The assessment further noted that the resident had experienced a fall within the 30 days prior to admission to the facility. The Occupational Therapy (OT) progress report for the period of 3/20/26 - 4/2/26 identified that Resident #30 required maximum staff assistance for toileting hygiene and demonstrated decreased standing balance, reduced upper body strength, decreased activity tolerance, decreased safety awareness during mobility and transfers, and decreased functional performance in self-care tasks. The Nurses' Aide (NA) care card in place prior to 4/6/26 indicated that the resident required a stand-pivot transfer with one person assistance, as well as extensive assistance with activities of daily living (ADL). Pattern of Falls (2/10/26-4/6/26): A review of the clinical record and facility documentation identified the following falls: The Accident and Incident Report dated 2/13/26 at 8:30 PM identified Resident #30 sustained an unwitnessed fall in his/her room. The resident was found lying on his/her back behind the door. An assessment revealed that the resident was able to perform active and passive range of motion in all four extremities, and pupils were equal and reactive to light. No injuries were noted at the time. The resident reported hitting his/her head. The physician was notified and ordered the resident to be transferred to the hospital for further evaluation. A hospital Discharge summary dated [DATE] identified Resident #30 was discharged with a diagnosis of an acute subdural hematoma. The Accident and Incident Report dated 2/21/26 at 5:15 PM identified Resident #30 slid from his/her bed while attempting to stand and go to the bathroom. Redness was noted on the mid-upper back. The facility's action plan was to post a reminder in the resident's room instructing the resident to call for (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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