

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  075295	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  02/19/2025
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER  Meriden Health and Rehab		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE  360 Broad Street, Ste 1 Meriden, CT 06450	

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(X4) ID PREFIX TAG	SUMMARY STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES (Each deficiency must be preceded by full regulatory or LSC identifying information)
<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><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> 50059</p> <p>Based on clinical record reviews, facility documentation, facility policy and interviews for one (1) of three (3) sampled residents (Resident #1) who wandered throughout the unit, the facility failed to ensure the resident who resided on the memory care unit was not able to exit the unit through the locked door. The findings include:</p> <p>Resident #1's diagnoses included dementia, phobic anxiety, and mood disorder.</p> <p>The quarterly Minimum Data Set assessment dated [DATE] identified Resident #1 rarely or never made decisions regarding tasks of daily life, had difficulty focusing attention, and ambulated independently.</p> <p>The Resident Care Plan initiated on 8/26/24 identified Resident #1 was a wanderer, an elopement risk and wandered aimlessly.</p> <p>Interventions directed to identify patterns of wandering, redirect as needed, and provide structured activities.</p> <p>The nurse's note dated 2/3/25 at 2:05 PM identified the charge nurse was made aware by the assigned nurse aide that Resident #1 was exit seeking, redirection was successful and then shortly afterwards the nurse aide reported Resident #1 was walking down the sidewalk. The note indicated many attempts at redirection and de-escalation were made before Resident #1 returned back into the facility. The note identified Resident #1 refused the placement of a wanderguard bracelet, became increasingly agitated and was transferred to the hospital for an evaluation.</p> <p>A physician's order dated 2/3/25 directed placement of a wander guard and check placement daily.</p> <p>The Facility Reported Incident report dated 2/3/25 identified at 1:30 PM Resident #1 exited the building from the memory care unit through the double doors, was walking down the sidewalk, and able to get to the parking lot.</p> <p>The summary report dated 2/7/25 identified Resident #1 had observed the door code, memorized it, and used the code to exit the building.</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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