

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 075358	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 02/13/2026
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<p>F 0580</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Immediately tell the resident, the resident's doctor, and a family member of situations (injury/decline/room, etc.) that affect the resident.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on clinical record review, facility documentation review, facility policy review, and interviews for one of four residents (Resident #1 and #5) reviewed for wandering behaviors, the facility failed to ensure the physician was notified timely following Resident #1's significant change in condition and failed to ensure the physician was notified timely when laboratory results were received (Resident #5). The findings include: Resident #1's diagnoses included dementia. Record review and facility documentation review identified MD #1 was the attending physician/Medical Director. Elopement risk evaluation dated 11-24-2025 identified Resident #1 ambulated independently, was cognitively impaired with poor decision-making skills, made statements that he/she was leaving and displayed behaviors that may indicate an attempt to leave. The quarterly Minimum Data Set assessment dated [DATE] identified Resident #1 had a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) score of ten (10) indicating moderate cognitive impairment, had no pacing behaviors, wandering presence and frequency indicated the behavior occurred one (1) to three (3) days, transferred with moderate assistance, ambulated independently with supervision, and had no wander/elopement alarm. The Resident Care Plan dated 1-31-2026 identified Resident #1 had a wander guard on the right ankle. Interventions directed to redirect if near doors to outside. Check functioning per protocol. Physician order dated 1-15-2026 directed to ambulate with four (4) wheeled rolling walker with supervision. The facility submitted reportable event (RE) dated 2-8-2026 at 9:46 AM identified Resident #1 had a with diagnosis of dementia and history of wandering, was found outside of the building around 5:12 AM and was immediately brought back into the building. Nursing note written by the Director of Nursing (DNS) dated 2-8-2026 at 1:05 PM identified Resident #1 was observed by the overnight shift not to be in his/her room upon rounding. Per supervisor, a search was done, and Resident #1 was located on the grounds outside and was immediately brought inside the building. Assessment was done, warm clothes and blanket provided. 911 was called. Per Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) report, Resident #1 was pronounced deceased at around 6:46 AM. Family, physician and police were notified. A nursing note dated 2-10-2026 at 5:19 AM written by RN #1 identified on 2-8-2026 at approximately 5:00 AM, RN #1 was approached by a certified aid who reported a missing resident. A perimeter search of the building identified Resident #1 was found on the sidewalk, lying on his/her left side, and upper body on the snow. Resident #1 was blinking his/her eyes and responding to painful stimuli when applied and was not verbal. Resident #1 was brought back to the facility and placed in his/her room and into bed. RN #1 performed an assessment, including temperature, which indicated Low reading and had low pulses. Warm blankets and incontinent care was provided. Emergency services were called, with family and primary care physician were informed. All facility Administrators were contacted. EMS (emergency medical services) arrived, and Resident #1 was pronounced after evaluation. Addition review of the facility RE and investigation dated 2-8-2026 at 5:00 AM failed to identify that the physician was notified. Interview and</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 0600</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Protect each resident from all types of abuse such as physical, mental, sexual abuse, physical punishment, and neglect by anybody.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on observation, record review, and staff interviews, the facility failed to ensure the resident was free from neglect when the facility failed to notify the local police department within 15-minutes when a resident was identified missing from the facility in accordance with facility policy, and failed to notify emergency services timely when a resident was found unresponsive outside the building in below freezing temperatures. The failures resulted in a finding of Immediate Jeopardy. The findings include: Resident #1's diagnosis included dementia. The elopement evaluation dated 11-24-2025 identified Resident #1 was ambulatory or had independent wheelchair location, was cognitively impaired, made statements that he/she was leaving, and displayed behavior that he/she may attempt to leave. The evaluation identified Resident #1 was at risk for elopement and had a care plan for the risk. The quarterly Minimum Data Set assessment dated [DATE] identified Resident #1 had a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) score of ten (10) indicating moderate cognitive impairment, had no behaviors, transferred with moderate assistance, ambulated independently with supervision, and had no wander/elopement alarm. The Resident Care Plan (RCP) dated 12-2-2025 identified Resident #1 had a wander guard on the right ankle. Interventions directed staff to redirect Resident #1 if near the doors, check wander guard functioning per protocol. Physician order dated 12-7-2025 directed to ambulate with four (4) wheeled rolling walker with supervision. Physician order dated 1-15-2026 directed wander guard to right ankle, check placement every shift, and check function daily. Review of Nurse Aide (NA) documentation dated 2-8-2026 identified rounds were completed and Resident #1 was observed at 1 AM, and 3 AM sleeping in his/her bed. The Facility Reported incident form dated 2-8-2026 at 5:00 AM identified Resident #1 was found outside of the building around 5:12 AM and was immediately brought back into the building. NA #1 written statement dated 2-8-2026 identified about 1:30 AM she observed Resident #1 sleeping in bed and she placed the walker next to the bed so he/she could hold it if he/she got up. The statement indicated NA #1 saw Resident #1 again at 3:30-ish, sleeping in bed. Then about 4:30 AM, Resident #1 was not on his/her bed. NA #1 searched other rooms looking for Resident #1, then I went on the other wing to check and told my co-worker who also started searching with me while I went outside (to) look she went and told the nurse. The co-worker came outside the building to join me, while we both was looking around she stopped, Resident #1 (was) laying on the floor, by the walkway. I run quickly to get the nurse, also got some blankets. Registered Nurse (RN) #1 written statement dated 2-8-2026 identified a NA informed him at approximately 5 AM (30 minutes after NA #1 identified Resident #1 was missing) that Resident #1 was not in his/her room. He immediately instituted a room search again, with no success. He then instructed an outside search, then Resident #1 was found on the sidewalk outside of the facility. Resident #1 was only responding to painful stimuli and blinking his/her eyes. Resident #1 was brought back to the facility and applied warm blanket. 911 was called and upon arrival Resident #1 was still unresponsive. Nursing note written by the Director of Nursing (DNS) dated 2-8-2026 at 1:05 PM identified Resident #1 was observed by the overnight shift not to be in his/her room upon rounding. Per supervisor, a search was done, and Resident #1 was located on the grounds outside and was immediately brought inside the building. Assessment was done, warm clothes and blanket provided. 911 was called. Per Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) report, Resident #1 was pronounced deceased at around 6:46 AM. Family, physician and police were notified. Review of local weather on 2-8-2026 at 1:53 AM identified the temperature at 1:53 AM was 1 degree Fahrenheit with a wind of 14 mph, and at 5:53 AM the temperature was 0 degrees Fahrenheit with a wind of 12 mph. Observation on 2-8-2026 at 2:10 PM identified a local police car in front of the</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>

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<p>F 0600</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>was informed that he called 911 at 6:23 AM (1 hour and 11 minutes after he/she was found outside). RN #1 stated he looked at Resident #1's code status, it was just me, and he looked to get help he needed and to call facility people above him, and to do an assessment. He wanted the DNS and Administrator, to make sure he informed them that we had an emergency. He had to assess Resident #1 first before calling 911. Review of thermometer manufacturer manual identified the thermometer reads LO if the temperature is less than 89.6 Fahrenheit. Interview and record review with the DNS and Administrator on 2-9-2026 at 1:56 PM identified the DNS received a conference call from the administrator and RN #1 on 2-8-2026 at 6:08 AM (56 minutes after Resident #1 was found outside). The DNS stated that RN #1 indicated during the call that he had not called 911 because they were trying to get Resident #1 warm, and she directed RN #1 to call 911. Interview identified staff should have notified RN #1 immediately when Resident #1 was identified missing, when the resident was not found within 15 minutes the police should have been notified, and 911 should have been called immediately after Resident #1 was found. Review of EMS run sheet dated 2-8-2026 identified EMS was called at 6:23 AM and EMS initiated treatment of the resident at 6:35 AM for a question of a cold exposure out of the facility. On arrival with police on scene, Resident #1 was found unresponsive, pulseless, apneic (not breathing). Staff reported the resident had wandered out of the facility possible 30 minutes prior and found laying on the ground outside, not responding to staff, placed in a wheelchair and returned into facility and bed when 911 was called. EMS noted severely cold temperatures. Once confirmed pulseless, Resident #1 was transferred to a stretcher and CPR was initiated due to no CPR bed board available and unknow DNR (Do Not Resuscitate), monitor placed with pads, asystole (no pulse) on monitor, no lung or heart sounds, extremely cold to touch with thermometer reading LO. Nurse provided paperwork for DNR. EMS also noted lividity (discoloration of the skin due to pooled blood after death) on the left flank (between ribs and hips), left hand and knee with possible blistering from outside temperature and positioning. Pupils were fixed and non-reactive. No other traumatic injuries noted. EMS noted resident was in a hospital gown with adult depends on. Patient was extremely cold to the touch and pale along with the lividity on the left side. Patient presumed (death) at 6:46 AM. Review of facility Elopement Management Policy dated 11-25 directed in part, if an employee discovers a resident is missing, to inform the supervisor or DNS while staff do a quick and thorough search of the unit and other departments. The supervisor or DNS will page overhead Calling Dr Hunt, and the Supervisor of DNS will instruct the NAs on the unit to repeat search of the unit as well as instruct to search outside the facility. Notify the police department within 15 minutes of not successfully locating the missing resident. When the missing resident is returned to the facility the nurse will immediately and thoroughly assess the resident for injuries. Review of facility Change in Condition Policy dated 6/23 directed in part 911 should be called immediately if a resident is unresponsive.</p>		

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<p>F 0684</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide appropriate treatment and care according to orders, resident's preferences and goals.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on clinical record reviews, facility documentation, facility policy review, and interviews for one of four residents (Resident #1 and #3) reviewed for wandering behaviors, the facility failed to ensure physician orders were obtained that directed to check the wander guards function, and failed to ensure an elopement risk assessment was completed timely. The findings include: Resident #1's diagnoses included dementia. Elopement risk evaluation dated 11-24-2025 identified Resident #1 ambulated independently, was cognitively impaired with poor decision-making skills, made statements that he/she was leaving and displayed behaviors that may indicate an attempt to leave. The quarterly Minimum Data Set assessment dated [DATE] identified Resident #1 had a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) score of ten (10) indicating moderate cognitive impairment, had no behaviors, transferred with moderate assistance, ambulated independently with supervision, and had no wander/elopement alarm. Physician order dated 1-15-2026 directed to check wander guard bracelet placement every shift and check function daily. The Resident Care Plan dated 1-31-2026 identified Resident #1 had a wander guard on the right ankle. Interventions directed to redirect if near doors to outside. Check functioning per protocol. Physician order dated 1-31-2025 directed to check wander guard bracelet placement every shift and check function daily. Record review identified the physician order for wander guard use was reviewed with monthly physician order reviews, with the most recent dated of 1-15-2016. Review of Resident #1's Elopement Risk Evaluations identified the following:A quarterly elopement risk evaluation was completed on 1-30-2025. The next quarterly elopement risk evaluation was performed on 6-3-2025 (124 days later).The next quarterly elopement risk evaluation was performed on 11-24-2025 (174 days later). 2. Resident #3's diagnoses included dementia. The quarterly Minimum Data Set assessment dated [DATE] identified Resident #3 had a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) score of six (6) of fifteen (15), indicating severe cognitive impairment, had no wandering behaviors, transferred with moderate assistance, ambulated independently with a wheelchair, and had wander/elopement alarm daily. Elopement risk evaluation dated 12-30-2025 identified Resident #3 ambulated independently, was cognitively impaired with poor decision-making skills and displayed behaviors that may indicate an attempt to leave.?? Resident Care Plan dated 1-22-2026 identified a risk for elopement. Interventions directed to check function and placement of wander guard every shift and daily. Review of Resident #3's Elopement Risk Evaluations identified the following:An admission elopement risk evaluation was completed on 7-4-2025.The next quarterly elopement risk evaluation was performed on 12-30-2025 (179 days later). Although additional record review identified a physician order that directed to check wander guard placement every shift, review failed to identify a physician order that directed nursing staff to perform function checks of Resident #3's wander guard. Interview and record review with the DON on 2-10-2026 at 3:30 PM identified Elopement risk evaluations are completed on admission, quarterly, and readmissions to the facility, and physician orders should be obtained that directed staff to check daily function of the wander guard bracelets. The DON stated the elopement risk evaluations for Resident #1 and Resident #3 were not completed quarterly (every 90 days) and they should have been completed. Interview failed to identify why they were not completed timely. DON was unable to identify why the assessments were not completed timely and why a physician order was not obtained that directed to check function of Resident #3's wander guard. Review of the Wandering Risk Assessment Policy dated 11/25 directed in part, a wandering risk assessment will be utilized and completed on all residents to determine their risk level. The assessment will be completed upon admission and quarterly. Review of the Wander-Guard Security System Policy dated 11/25 directed in part, the wander guard security device will be</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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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>Additional observation identified the sidewalk where Resident #1 was found (that had previously had yellow police tape) had piles of snow on both sides of the walkway. Observation on 2-9-2026 at 11:45 AM identified the following regarding emergency exit door functionality and security: a. Rear Exit Door (back parking lot):The door was initially secured. After entering the access code, the surveyor opened the door, upon self-closure, the door failed to latch and did not re-lock. A faint alarm briefly activated; however, when the door was manually pushed closed, and the alarm ceased. The surveyor repeated the process, and the door again failed to latch or lock and did not activate an alarm, allowing unrestricted entry and exit. b. Kitchen Exit Door near the hairdresser (to the left upon immediate exit of Resident #1's unit):The door was initially secured. After entering the access code and opening the door, the door failed to latch or re-lock upon self-closure. No alarm sounded after closure, permitting unrestricted entry and exit. c. T-Wing Exit Door (wing closest to the street that led into the courtyard):The door was initially secured. After entering the access code and opening the door, the door failed to latch or re-lock upon self-closure. No alarm activated, allowing unrestricted entry and exit. Interview and observation conducted on 2-9-2026 at 11:55 AM with the Director of Maintenance (DOM), Director of Nursing (DON), and Administrator regarding the T-Wing emergency egress door identified the following: Upon entry of the access code, the emergency door opened and activated a single external alarm indicating possible movement through the doorway. However, upon closure, the door failed to properly latch and lock and the alarm did not sound despite the door not being fully secured. As a result, the door could be freely opened from both the inside and outside without restriction or alarm activation. During the observation, the DOM acknowledged the latch/lock mechanism was not functioning properly and stated that weather stripping along the door frame may be interfering with proper latching. The DOM immediately began removing the weather stripping during the interview. The DOM further stated he would inspect and address all egress doors, contact the egress lock vendor for repair, and implement staff monitoring (watch person) at each affected egress door to ensure resident safety. Interview and observation of the exit doors with the DON, Administrator and DOM on 2-10-2026 at 9:37 AM identified the small dining room door and the T unit doors did not latch, and did not alarm to alert staff when the doors were ajar and were not latched. The DOM stated the doors were in winter mode, and no one would go outside in the cold and that the keypads had no alarm function to alert staff and the keypads were old. Subsequent to surveyor inquiry, staff were placed at the doors to monitor. State Building and Fire Safety on-site, information provided on 2-10-2026 at 2:25 PM identified the exit doors with keypads have alarms and the alarm function was turned off. All alarms were turned back on and were functioning correctly. Although requested, the facility did not have a policy for ensuring proper functioning of emergency exit doors.</p>		

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<p>F 0772</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Have an agreement with an approved laboratory to obtain services, if on-site laboratory services aren't provided.</p> <p>Based on facility document review, policy review, and staff interview, the facility failed to maintain and provide a written agreement for laboratory services to ensure required laboratory services are available timely to meet resident needs. The findings include: Review of facility documentation failed to identify a written agreement or contract verifying arrangements with a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA)-certified laboratory for the provision of laboratory services when such services are not provided directly by the facility. Interview with the Administrator on 2-13-2026 at 5:00 PM identified she was unable to locate the requested laboratory services contract at the time of survey. The Administrator stated that due to a recent facility-wide evacuation, binders containing important documents were relocated; however, the requested agreement could not be produced. The facility was unable to provide documentation verifying how laboratory services are formally arranged and maintained in compliance with regulatory requirements.</p>		

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<p>F 0776</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide timely, approved x-ray services, or have an agreement with an approved provider to obtain them.</p> <p>Based on facility document review, policy review, and staff interview, the facility failed to maintain and provide a written agreement for radiology and other diagnostic services to ensure required diagnostic services were available timely to meet resident needs. The findings include: Review of facility documentation failed to produce a written agreement or contract verifying arrangements for radiology and other diagnostic services when such services are not provided directly by the facility. Interview with the Administrator on 2-13-2026 at 5:00 PM identified she was unable to locate the requested radiology services contract at the time of survey. The Administrator reported that due to a recent facility-wide evacuation, binders containing important documents were relocated; however, the requested agreement could not be produced. The facility was unable to provide documentation verifying how radiology and other diagnostic services are formally arranged and maintained in compliance with regulatory requirements.</p>

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<p>F 0835</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Administer the facility in a manner that enables it to use its resources effectively and efficiently.</p> <p>Based on facility document review, policy review, and staff interview, the facility failed to maintain and provide evidence of physician coverage available 24-hours per day for emergency care. The findings include: Review of facility documentation failed to produce a written agreement, contract, or other documentation verifying physician services are available 24-hours a day to respond to resident medical emergencies Interview with the Administrator on 2-13-2026 at 5:00 PM identified she was unable to provide documentation demonstrating how physician services are ensured on a 24-hour basis. The Administrator reported that due to a recent facility-wide evacuation, important binders were relocated; however, the requested documentation could not be produced at the time of survey. Additionally, the facility was unable to provide a policy or procedure outlining how 24-hour physician availability is arranged, maintained, and verified to ensure timely medical oversight during emergencies.</p>		

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<p>F 0837</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Establish a governing body that is legally responsible for establishing and implementing policies for managing and operating the facility and appoints a properly licensed administrator responsible for managing the facility.</p> <p>Based on facility document review, policy review, and staff interview, the facility failed to maintain and provide a written transfer agreement policy to ensure appropriate transfer arrangements with a hospital. The findings include: Review of facility documentation failed to produce a written transfer agreement policy outlining the facility's process for transferring residents to a hospital when medically necessary. Interview with the Administrator on 2-13-2026 at 5:00 PM identified she was unable to provide the requested transfer agreement policy at the time of survey. The Administrator reported that due to a recent facility-wide evacuation, binders containing important documents were relocated; however, the requested documentation could not be produced. Additionally, the facility was unable to provide evidence of a current written transfer agreement or documentation verifying formalized arrangements with a hospital to ensure timely transfer of residents requiring acute care services.</p>		

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<p>F 0841</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Designate a physician to serve as medical director responsible for implementation of resident care policies and coordination of medical care in the facility.</p> <p>Based on facility document review, policy review, and staff interview, the facility failed to maintain and provide evidence of a written agreement designating a Medical Director responsible for implementation of resident care policies and coordination of medical care in the facility. The findings include: Review of facility records failed to produce a written contract or agreement verifying the appointment and ongoing contractual relationship between the facility and the Medical Director. Interview with the Administrator on 2-13-2026 at 5:00 PM identified she was unable to locate the Medical Director contract at the time of the survey. The Administrator reported the facility recently experienced a facility-wide evacuation during which important binders were relocated; however, the requested contract could not be produced. Additionally, the facility was unable to provide a policy or procedure outlining the process for maintaining, retaining, or ensuring accessibility of the Medical Director contract.</p>		

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<p>F 0842</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Safeguard resident-identifiable information and/or maintain medical records on each resident that are in accordance with accepted professional standards.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on clinical record reviews, facility documentation, facility policy review and interviews for three of four residents (Resident #1, #2, and #3) reviewed for wandering behaviors, the facility failed to ensure the clinical record was complete and accurate to include rounds performed for resident location (Resident #1's care checks) and to accurately document the resident's (#1, #2, and #3) wander guard devices. The findings include: Resident #1's diagnoses included dementia. Elopement risk evaluation dated 11-24-2025 identified Resident #1 ambulated independently, was cognitively impaired with poor decision-making skills, made statements that he/she was leaving and displayed behaviors that may indicate an attempt to leave. The quarterly Minimum Data Set assessment dated [DATE] identified Resident #1 had a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) score of ten (10) indicating moderate cognitive impairment, had no behaviors, transferred with moderate assistance, ambulated independently with supervision, and had no wander/elopement alarm. Physician order dated 1-15-2026 directed to check wander guard bracelet placement every shift and check function daily. The Resident Care Plan dated 1-31-2026 identified Resident #1 had a wander guard on the right ankle. Interventions directed to redirect if near doors to outside. Check functioning per protocol. ?? Physician order dated 1-31-2025 directed to check wander guard bracelet placement every shift and check function daily. Record review identified the physician order for wander guard use was reviewed with monthly physician order reviews, with the most recent dated of 1-15-2016. Review of the MAR/TAR (Medication and Treatment Administration Record) for the month of February 2026 identified the following: An order to check function of wander guard to left ankle once daily, RN #2 failed to document that this was performed on 2-2 and 2-4-2026. An order to check the placement of the wander guard to left ankle every shift, RN #2 failed to document that this was performed on 2-2 and 2-4-2026. Facility reportable event (RE) dated 2-8-2026 at 9:46 AM identified Resident #1 had a with diagnosis of dementia and history of wandering, was found outside of the building around 5:12 AM and was immediately brought back into the building. Nursing note written by the Director of Nursing (DNS) dated 2-8-2026 at 1:05 PM identified Resident #1 was observed by the overnight shift not to be in his/her room upon rounding. Per supervisor, a search was done, and Resident #1 was located on the grounds outside and was immediately brought inside the building. Assessment was done, warm clothes and blanket provided. 911 was called. Per Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) report, Resident #1 was pronounced deceased at around 6:46 AM. Family, physician and police were notified. Review of Nurse Aide (NA #1) Care Check Rounds Documentation (shift rounds) identified NA #1 indicated she observed Resident #1 asleep in his/her bed at 1:00 AM and again at 3:00 AM. Additional review of the rounds documentation identified NA #1 provided care, including turning and repositioning, for Resident #1's roommate (Resident #5) at 3:30 AM. NA #1 written statement dated 2-8-2026 identified about 1:30 AM she observed Resident #1 sleeping in bed and she placed the walker next to the bed so he/she could hold it if he/she got up. The statement indicated NA #1 saw Resident #1 again at 3:30-ish, sleeping in bed. Then about 4:30 AM, Resident #1 was not on his/her bed. The statement identified after searching the facility, Resident #1 was found outside laying on the sidewalk in front of the facility. During an interview and record review with NA #1 on 2-9-2026 at 11:06 AM, NA #1 stated she observed Resident #1 in his/her bed at 1 AM and again about 3:30 AM. Observation of video obtained by local police identified a person (probable Resident #1) was observed at the back of the building near the rear parking lot at 1:50 AM (1 hour and 10 minutes before the NA documented that Resident #1 was alleged to be observed sleeping in his/her bed at 3 AM). The person came into view at the back corner of the building</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0842</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>and walked along the side of the building past the main entrance toward the road and then appeared at the apron of the driveway at 1:55 AM (1 hour and 5 minutes before NA #1 documented Resident #1 was observed sleeping in his/her bed). Additional video review identified staff located Resident #1 on the sidewalk in front of the building at 5:11 AM. Resident #2's diagnoses included Alzheimer's disease, dementia, and depression. The quarterly Minimum Data Set assessment dated [DATE] identified Resident #2 had a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) score of ninety-nine (99) indicating Resident #2 was unable to complete the interview, and had severe cognitive impairment for daily decision making, had wandering behaviors daily, transferred with supervision assistance, ambulated independently with supervision, and had no wander/elopement alarm. Resident Care Plan dated 12-23-2025 identified Resident #2 wanders through out the hallway and into other rooms. Interventions directed to check wander guard every shift and as needed and to redirect into the hallway if found wandering in other resident's rooms. Elopement risk evaluation dated [DATE] identified Resident #2 ambulated independently, was cognitively impaired with poor decision-making skills and had a history of wandering into unsafe areas. Review of the MAR/TAR for the month of February 2026 identified the following:An order to check functioning of wander guard to left ankle once daily, RN #2 failed to document that this was performed on 2-2, 2-3, and 2-4-2026.An order to check placement of wander guard to left ankle every shift, RN #2 failed to document that this was performed on 2-2, and 2-4-2026. Resident #3's diagnoses included dementia. The quarterly Minimum Data Set assessment dated [DATE] identified Resident #3 had a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) score of six (6) of fifteen (15), indicating severe cognitive impairment, had no wandering behaviors, transferred with moderate assistance, ambulated independently with a wheelchair, and had wander/elopement alarm daily. Elopement risk evaluation dated 12-30-2025 identified Resident #3 ambulated independently, was cognitively impaired with poor decision-making skills and displayed behaviors that may indicate an attempt to leave.?? Resident Care Plan dated 1-22-2026 identified a risk for elopement. Interventions directed to check function and placement of wander guard every shift and daily. Review of the MAR/TAR for the month of February 2026 identified the following:An order to check placement of wander guard to left ankle every shift, LPN #2 failed to document that this was performed on 2-3-2026, and LPN #3 failed to document the placement was checked on 2-5-2026.Additional review failed to identify a physician order was obtained to monitor the wander guard for placement every shift and to check the function daily. Interview and record review with the DON on 2-10-2026 at 3:30 PM identified it was her expectation that nursing staff document all areas of provided care that was performed. The DON stated that Resident #1, #2, and #3's documentation was incomplete/missing, and that the nursing staff should have ensured all areas were documented if performed. The DON stated orders should be obtained for all residents to check wander guard placement every shift and function daily, and the nurse should document when it is done. Interview failed to identify why they were not done. Interview failed to identify why NA #1 documented on 2-8-2026 that she observed Resident #1 asleep in his/her bed at 3 PM, when the video showed Resident #1 exited the facility at 1:50 AM. Review of a Documentation Policy dated 11/25 identified the facility will ensure nursing documentation is accurate, timely, complete, and reflective of the care provided.</p>		

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<p>F 0843</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Have an agreement with at least one or more hospitals certified by Medicare or Medicaid to make sure residents can be moved quickly to the hospital when they need medical care.</p> <p>Based on facility document review, policy review, and staff interview, the facility failed to maintain and provide a written transfer agreement policy to ensure appropriate transfer arrangements with a hospital. The findings include: Review of facility documentation failed to produce a written transfer agreement policy outlining the facility's process for transferring residents to a hospital when medically necessary. Interview with the Administrator on 2-13-2026 at 5:00 PM identified she was unable to provide the requested transfer agreement policy at the time of survey. The Administrator reported that due to a recent facility-wide evacuation, binders containing important documents were relocated; however, the requested documentation could not be produced. Additionally, the facility was unable to provide evidence of a current written transfer agreement or documentation verifying formalized arrangements with a hospital to ensure timely transfer of residents requiring acute care services.</p>		