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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 105389	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 05/04/2026
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Birchwood Health and Rehabilitation Center		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 3250 12th St Sarasota, FL 34237	
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F 0725 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Some	Provide enough nursing staff every day to meet the needs of every resident; and have a licensed nurse in charge on each shift. Based on observation, review of the grievance log, review of facility's policy and procedure, residents and staff interviews, the facility failed to ensure sufficient nursing staffing to meet the needs of 10 (Residents #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, #8, #9 and #10) of 10 dependents residents reviewed. The findings included: Review of the facility's policy and procedure titled, Standards and Guidelines: Call lights issued 03/2018 and revised 01/2024 revealed, Resident will have a call light to summon facility personnel to ensure the resident's needs will be met. Guideline: Resident's call light is to be within reach and answered promptly by facility personnel. Answer call light promptly. All facility personnel are expected to respond to call lights. Call lights must remain functional and within reach of each resident. On 5/4/26 at 8:45a.m., during an initial tour of the facility, Residents #10, #6, #7, #8 and #9 were observed in their bed. The residents' call lights were on the floor and not accessible to the residents. Photographic evidence obtained On 5/4/26 at 9:00 a.m., in an interview, the Director of Nursing (DON) said each resident should have a call bell within their reach. The DON observed Residents #6 and #7's rooms. She verified that the residents were in bed and the call lights were on the floor, not accessible to the residents. On 5/4/26 at 11:39a.m., in an interview, Resident #1 said she recently filed a grievance for call light response times but has not heard anything back. She said she must wait about 30 minutes to an hour before anyone will come to answer a call bell if she needs anything. She said when no one comes to answer my call bell she has to walk to the nurses station. Resident #1 said, I really feel like they have a staffing problem, because the people who are here are trying their hardest but there just are not enough staff to care for the amount of people and the things they need. On 5/4/26 at 1:55 p.m., in an interview, Resident #2 said, When I push my call bell sometimes, I am waiting hours. If they don't come, I will get up in my wheelchair and go up to the desk. Resident #2 said she did not feel like they have enough help at night and on weekends. She didn't think they have enough staff to take care of everyone. She said, There just isn't enough hands to go around. On 5/4/26 at 12:32 p.m., in an interview, Resident #3 said that sometimes it takes a very long time for staff to answer the call light, if he even has a call light at his side. He said, One time I didn't have the bell, I was yelling and yelling. Finally, it dawned on me that I had the phone, so I called 911. They came in after that. On 5/4/26 at 3:00p.m., in an interview, Resident #4 stated that it takes staff a long time to come in to answer call bells, sometimes upwards of an hour. He said, like right now I've been waiting for someone to come in, I put my call bell on about an hour ago. I just want a refill of water. The indicator light above Resident #4's bedroom door did not turn on to alert the staff. Resident #4 was observed activating the call light again. The indicator light above the bedroom door did not illuminate. On 5/4/26 at approximately 3:05 p.m., Registered Nurse (RN) Staff A verified that the call light was not working. RN Staff A was observed adjusting the call light cord at the wall where it was inserted. The indicator light above the resident's bedroom door illuminated at that time. On 5/4/26 at 4:25p.m., in an interview, Resident #5 stated that he had filed grievances with the facility about the staff not answering his call lights. He said he did not recall any follow up with him regarding the grievance. He said he feels like if he rings his bell, they do not ever come. Resident #5 said that he cannot put weight on his left foot and requires assistance with dressing, bathing and toileting (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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LPN Staff B said that sometimes she works the 3rd shift and has 35 to 38 residents to take care of. She said, I do not feel like my license or the residents are safe. LPN Staff B said she told management that she did not feel safe having to care for 38 residents. When she has said something to them, they told her that technically they can have 40 residents according to the State. She didn't really feel like her complaint was heard or taken into consideration. On 5/4/26 at 1:12p.m., in an interview, LPN Staff C said everyone was responsible for answering call lights. The expectation is that the call lights be answered within 10 minutes or less. She said, That doesn't really happen though because we are too busy. She said she is caring for 20 to 29 Residents on each shift. She has had to tell management that because of the acuity and needs of the Residents it is really too many. Their response was that according to the State they can have up to 40 Residents. LPN Staff C said that she did not feel there was enough staff to safely care for residents. Review of grievance log for January 2026 revealed there were 7 call light grievances filed by Residents. Each individual grievance statement reviewed, all stating 'call bell issues' handwritten by Activities Director Staff D. No specific reason, time or date revealing when call bell issue occurred. Resolution documented by facility for January 2026 Grievances stated that staff education was given and call bell audits completed. Review of grievance log for February 2026 revealed there were 4 call light grievances filed by Residents. Each individual grievance statement reviewed, all stating 'call bell issues' handwritten by Activities Director Staff D. No specific reason, time or date revealing when call bell issue occurred. Resolution documented by facility for February 2026 Grievances stated that staff education was given and call bell audits completed. Documentation revealed the same call bell audits completed for January audits were provided for February. Review of grievance log for March 2026 revealed there were 8 call light grievances filed by Residents. Each individual grievance statement reviewed, all stating 'call bell issues' handwritten by Activities Director Staff D. No specific reason, time or date revealing when call bell issue occurred. Resolution documented by facility for March 2026 Grievances stated that staff education was given and call bell audits completed. No documentation that call bell audits was completed. Review of grievance log for April 2026 revealed there were 4 call light grievances filed by Residents. Each individual grievance statement reviewed, all stating 'call bell issues' handwritten by Activities Director Staff D. No specific reason, time or date revealing when call bell issue occurred. Resolution documented by facility for April 2026 Grievances stated that staff education was given and call bell audits completed. No documentation for education or audits completed in April 2026. On 5/4/26 at 3:00p.m., an interview was held with the Administrator and the Social Services Director. The Administrator said he was sure the audits were completed for February but did not provide additional documentation. The administrator said that the issue of answering the call lights was a work in progress. They keep educating staff. In January they realized it was an issue with some of their staff so they had terminated some staff related to call bell issues. He said he feels that sometimes if the issue is brought up during Resident Council, residents will start to complain about it, that is why there are so many of the same complaints on the same day. He said sometimes we have noted that it is the same residents that have the same complaints. He said he can only staff according to what his management allows. On 5/4/26 at 4:02p.m., in an interview, the DON she said that call lights should be within reach of each resident and should be answered as quickly as possible. She said, Any time a call light is set (continued on next page)		

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