

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 105399	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 10/03/2024
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Sea Breeze Rehab and Nursing Center		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 3663 15th Ave Vero Beach, FL 32960	

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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** 29151</p> <p>Based on record review, policy review and interview, the facility failed to prevent elopement; failed to thoroughly investigate the incident; failed to implement corrective measures to minimize reoccurrence and failed to report the adverse event. The failure affected 1 of 2 sampled residents, Resident #1.</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>Review of the Facility policy, titled, Elopement and Wandering, dated 07/2024 documented:</p> <p>The facility will identify residents who are at risk of unsafe wandering and strive to prevent harm while maintaining the least restrictive environment for residents.</p> <p>Guideline: To provide care guidance for staff on the current standards of professional practice for residents who are identified as an elopement risk or wanderer upon clinical assessment</p> <p>Definition: A situation in which an incapacitated resident leaves the premises or a safe area without the facility's knowledge and supervision, if necessary, would be considered an elopement (Ex: If the resident is observed by a staff member or a staff member is present, this would not be considered an elopement).</p> <p>Procedure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If identified as at risk for wandering, elopement, or other safety issues, the resident's care plan will include strategies and interventions to maintain the resident's safety. 2. Each resident will be assessed for wandering and elopement upon admission, re-admission, and whenever an elopement attempt or new wandering behavior is observed or identified. Assessments are also done quarterly. 3. If an employee observes a resident attempting to leaving the premises, he/she should: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Attempt to prevent the resident from leaving in a courteous manner; b. Get help from other staff members in the immediate vicinity, if necessary; and <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>Review of the Minimum Data Set (MDS), admission assessment, with reference date of 08/05/24 documented the resident BIMS (Brief Interview Mental Status) score as 03. A score of 3 indicates the resident is severely impaired for skills of daily decision making. Resident #1 exhibited wandering behavior, had one fall prior to admission and was receiving antipsychotic medications.</p> <p>Review of the Progress notes dated 08/05/24 documented Resident is alert and oriented with periods of confusion, resident is able to verbalized his needs, .resident is wandering back in forth down hallway needs re-direction, continue with skilled services, call light within reach.</p> <p>Review of the Progress notes dated 08/06/24 documented Resident is alert and oriented with periods of confusion .continue on antibiotic for metabolic toxic Encephalopathy . Resident is continue on wandering back and forth down the hallway . safety maintained.</p> <p>Review of the Progress notes dated 08/06/24 documented Resident has been having increase periods of confusion and exit seeking. Able to redirect however, still manages to head toward exits. Writer increased observation for this shift. Will continue to monitor.</p> <p>Review of the Progress notes dated 08/08/24, that has been stricken from the resident's record, documented, The leave of absence process was reviewed with the resident and/or their representative. The resident does have the ability to move about the facility independently with or without assisted devices like a walker or wheelchair. The resident does have cognitive impairment and has expressed a desire to leave the facility. The resident has exhibited exit seeking behavior including: The patient was found outside of the main entrance. The incident occurred when a visitor existing the building, and the resident followed him out through the door. A staff member promptly brought the resident back inside.</p> <p>The resident is at risk for elopement. The Resident does currently reside on a secure unit. Interventions include Increased staff observation, transfer to secured unit. The following people have been notified of this elopement evaluation: Resident Representative/Family Physician IDT/Care plan.</p> <p>Review of the Care Plan initiated on 08/08/24 documented the resident is an elopement risk / exit seeker related to Cognitive Status / Decline. The goal documented the resident will remain safe within the facility and will make no attempts to exit facility without being accompanied through next review.</p> <p>The interventions included: Distract resident from exit seeking by offering pleasant diversions, structured activities, food, conversation, television, book, etc; Identify pattern of wandering: Is wandering purposeful, aimless, or escapist? Is resident looking for something? Does it indicate the need for more exercise? Intervene as appropriate; Provide structured activities: toileting, walking inside and outside, reorientation strategies including signs, pictures and memory boxes as indicated and Psychological services as ordered/indicated.</p> <p>Review of the Progress Notes dated 08/21/24, Summary of Skilled Services, documented, Resident is alert with confusion, continue on isolation for COVID with no acute respiratory distress noted at this time, assisted with care, all medications given as ordered, tolerated well, denies pain, call light within reach, safety maintained and continue with skilled services.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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