

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 105522	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 08/24/2024
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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** 41905</p> <p>Based on clinical record review, review of facility policies and procedures, resident representative and staff interviews, the facility failed to protect the residents' right to be free from neglect.</p> <p>The facility failed to re-evaluate the risk for elopement and implement adequate supervision to prevent unsafe wandering and elopement for 1 (Resident #1) of 3 sampled residents reviewed with severe cognitive impairment, confusion, and decreased safety awareness.</p> <p>Resident #1 was a vulnerable adult admitted to the facility on [DATE]. Diagnoses included Alzheimer's disease, cognitive communication deficit, and generalized muscle weakness.</p> <p>On 8/16/24, documentation in the nursing progress notes indicated Resident #1 was confused, wandering and said he wanted to go down the street to his house. The facility neglected to re-evaluate the risk for elopement and adequately supervise Resident #1.</p> <p>On 8/16/24 at approximately 7:30 p.m., Resident #1 was sitting in the front lobby with a bag of clothes on his shoulder. The receptionist neglected to verify the resident's identity. She unlocked the front door and allowed him to leave.</p> <p>The facility staff were not aware of the resident's exit until 8/16/24 at approximately 8:45 p.m.</p> <p>Resident #1 walked approximately 75 feet to a busy six lane road, got on a bus to Fort [NAME] located approximately 16 miles from the facility.</p> <p>Resident #1 could have been hit by a car while crossing the busy six lane road. He could have wandered into an unsafe area, get assaulted, causing serious injury or death.</p> <p>The facility's failure to provide the necessary care and services to prevent neglect created a likelihood of serious harm, serious injury, or death of Resident #1 and other cognitively impaired residents from unsafe wandering. This failure resulted in the determination of Immediate Jeopardy (IJ) at a scope and severity of Isolated (J) starting on 8/16/24.</p> <p>On 8/24/24, after verification of an acceptable Immediate Jeopardy removal plan, the Immediate Jeopardy was removed as of 8/24/24. The scope and severity were reduced to no actual harm with potential for more than minimal harm that is not Immediate Jeopardy.</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>The findings included:</p> <p>Cross reference F689.</p> <p>The facility's Standards and Guidelines for Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation revised on 11/1/2017 noted, It will be the standard of this facility [sic] honor residents' rights and to address with employees the seven (7) components regarding . neglect . Neglect is the failure of the facility, its employees or service providers to provide goods and services to a resident that are necessary to avoid physical harm, pain, mental anguish, or emotional distress . Training will focus on the following topics: Recognizing . neglect . The facility environment will be monitored to prevent any potential ANE [Abuse, Neglect, Exploitation] through: . Monitoring of residents with needs and behaviors that might lead to conflict .</p> <p>The facility's elopement policy revised August 2014 noted, The facility will strive to prevent unsafe wandering while maintaining the least restrictive environment for residents who are at risk for elopement . The staff will identify residents who are at risk for harm because of unsafe wandering or exit seeking (including elopement). Staff will utilize the Admission Nursing Comprehensive Evaluation to determine the residents risk for elopement . After the time of admission staff will utilize the Elopement evaluation as needed to determine the residents risk for elopement. The following are behaviors or changes in behavior that would require staff to re-evaluate a resident to determine their risk of Elopement.</p> <p>i. Resident expressing, he/she is looking to leave the facility .</p> <p>iii. Loitering around exit doors .</p> <p>The staff will assess at-risk individuals for potentially correctable risk factors related to unsafe wandering.</p> <p>The resident's care plan will indicate whether the resident is at risk for elopement or other safety issues. Interventions to try to maintain safety, such as a detailed monitoring plan will be included .</p> <p>Review of the clinical record revealed Resident #1 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] from an acute care hospital. Diagnoses included Alzheimer's disease and Dementia.</p> <p>The Admission Nursing Comprehensive evaluation dated 8/7/24 at 6:56 p.m., noted Resident #1 scored a 6 on the elopement risk evaluation indicating the resident was not at risk for elopement.</p> <p>The Licensed Nurse completing the assessment noted in History of elopement/wandering, Wanders, but has NEVER eloped. Resident #1 was totally or mostly dependent in locomotion, was discontent but agreeable to facility placement.</p> <p>The baseline care plan initiated on 8/8/24 documented Resident #1 had decreased cognitive skills related to cognitive/linguistic deficits and a potential for alteration in thought process related to diagnosis of dementia, Alzheimer's disease and altered mental status. The baseline care plan specified to observe Resident #1 for changes in cognitive function and notify the physician if noted.</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>Review of the emergency room (ER) Physician's progress note dated 8/17/24 showed documentation Resident #1 was at the nursing facility in [NAME] when he eloped from the nursing facility, got on a bus and went to a bar. He was a silver alert (Public notification system to help locate missing people 60 or older). They were in the process of trying to find him with helicopters, police dogs, personnel search when his defibrillator fired. EMS was called for his chest pain which is when they located him. The physician wrote, On bedside physical exam he is awake he follows commands he is confused he knows the year not the month or time of year. He believes he is in Maine. He cannot remember what state he currently lives in.</p> <p>In the medical decision making of the progress note the ER Physician documented, Medical hold was placed on his chart as he is a flight risk and he did try to elope from the emergency department.</p> <p>After verification of implementation of an acceptable Immediate Jeopardy removal plan, the Immediate Jeopardy was removed as of 8/24/24.</p> <p>The Immediate actions implemented by the facility and verified by the survey team included:</p> <p>On 8/17/2024 an ad hoc (unplanned) QAPI (Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement) meeting was held, and a root cause analysis of the incident was done. Attendees of the QAPI included the Medical Director, Director of Nursing, Administrator, Human Resources, Social Service, Activities, Therapy Director, Minimum Data Set nurse, Nurse, CNA.</p> <p>The Licensed Nurses neglected to assess Resident #1 with severe cognitive impairment, confusion and decreased safety awareness to prevent unsafe wandering and elopement.</p> <p>The receptionist neglected to verify the identity of Resident #1 before allowing him to leave the facility.</p> <p>On 8/24/24 the surveyor verified through review of the QAPI meeting.</p> <p>On 8/17/2024 the DON completed an audit of all 119 current residents to ensure each resident is receiving the appropriate care and services to prevent neglect focusing on adequate assessment and supervision of residents with severe cognitive impairments, confusion and decrease safety awareness to prevent unsafe wandering and elopement.</p> <p>43 residents were identified with a BIMs score below 13.</p> <p>All 43 residents were reviewed to ensure each resident is receiving appropriate care and services to prevent neglect.</p> <p>On 8/24/24 the surveyor verified through review of the audits completed and review of two randomly selected residents with impaired cognition for evidence of adequate assessment and supervision.</p> <p>One resident was identified to be at risk of unsafe wandering and elopement. The care plan was updated to ensure the safety of the residents. Resident was placed in the elopement binder and elopement binder was updated to reflect current elopement risk residents. There are 4 binders in the facility. One is at the receptionist desk and one on each of the three nursing stations in the facility.</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>On 8/24/24 the surveyor verified through observation and content of the four binders with one resident identified at risk for unsafe wandering and elopement.</p> <p>On 8/17/2024 the DON initiated education of all staff on abuse, neglect and exploitation, focusing on adequate supervision to ensure the safety of cognitively impaired residents to prevent unsafe wandering and elopement.</p> <p>As of 8/24/2024, 45 of 53 Licensed nurses, 49 of 54 Certified Nursing Assistants, 17 of 17 Therapists, 3 of 3 receptionists and 42 of 47 staff from other departments completed their education.</p> <p>Knowledge verification was done through a posttest.</p> <p>Any staff who has not completed the education will be required to complete the required training prior to the start of their next shift.</p> <p>On 8/24/24 the surveyor verified through review of the training provided.</p> <p>On 8/24/24, one receptionist, six licensed nurses and three CNAs were interviewed. They were able to verbalize content of training and process to identify and ensure adequate supervision of cognitively impaired residents to prevent unsafe wandering and elopement.</p> <p>On 8/23/24 the DON initiated the education with the Licensed Nurses on prevention of neglect of cognitively impaired residents by ensuring accurate assessment and adequate supervision to prevent unsafe wandering and elopement.</p> <p>As of 8/24/24, 28 of the 53 Licensed Nurses received education.</p> <p>The remaining 25 Licensed Nurses will be educated before their next shift begins.</p> <p>On 8/24/24 the surveyor verified through review of the content of education provided and interview with six licensed nurses. Each nurse was able to verbalize the content of the education on neglect prevention by ensuring accurate assessment and adequate supervision to prevent unsafe wandering and elopement.</p> <p>The DON/Designee will audit the clinical record of new admissions and random residents to ensure appropriate care and services are provided to prevent neglect.</p> <p>On 8/24/24 the surveyor verified through interview with the DON and review of audits completed, and review of two random residents records to ensure accurate assessment and interventions to prevent neglect related to unsafe wandering and elopement.</p>		

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<p>F 0609</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Timely report suspected abuse, neglect, or theft and report the results of the investigation to proper authorities.</p> <p>21322</p> <p>Based on record review, review of facility's policies and procedures, and staff interviews, the facility failed to ensure an allegation of neglect was reported to the State Survey Agency within the prescribed timeframe for 1 (Resident #1) of 3 residents reviewed.</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>Review of the facility's Standards and Guidelines for Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation investigations with a revised date of 11/1/2017 noted, All allegations of . neglect . are to be reported immediately to the Administrator and according to Federal and State Regulations . The facility will . file the Federal Immediate Report to the State Agency (if applicable). A 5 Day Follow-up Federal Report must be submitted within 5 days of the event occurring or when the Facility was made aware of the allegation .</p> <p>Review of the facility's incident investigations showed on 8/16/24 at around 7:30 p.m., Resident #1 with a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and mild cognitive impairment eloped from the facility. The preliminary report was submitted to the State Survey Agency on 8/20/24, four days after the facility became aware of the allegation of neglect related to the resident's elopement. The 5 Day follow up report was submitted to the State Survey Agency on 8/23/24, seven days after the facility became aware of the allegation of neglect.</p> <p>On 8/23/24 at approximately 1:30 p.m., in an interview the Administrator verified the report was not submitted within the required time frame.</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>A review of the undated statement by the receptionist documented that on 8/16/24 at around 7:10 p.m., she noticed a gentleman taking a seat in the lobby. He was neatly dressed and had a bag over his shoulder that appeared to have clothes in it. She was tending to another gentleman who was signing out from visiting his mother. After about five minutes the gentleman (Resident #1) that was sitting in the chair casually got up and walked to the exit door with his bag over his shoulder. She had not seen this individual before. The way he was dressed, he looked like a visitor. As Resident #1 approached the door, she asked him if he was a resident or a visitor. He was not wearing any name band. He said he was a visitor and proceeded to walk out the door. She tried to get his attention to sign out. He kept walking and she did not call him to come back and sign out. She locked the door at 7:30 p.m. at the end of her shift. She received a call at approximately 9:00 p.m., to 9:30 p.m. asking about Resident #1. She told the facility she saw him go out and he stated he was a visitor.</p> <p>On 8/22/24 at 3:02 p.m., in a telephone interview the receptionist said she was working on the day Resident #1 eloped. She said around 7:20 p.m., she made the announcement for visitors to come to the front lobby since visiting hours were over at 7:30 p.m. She said at approximately 7:10 p.m., Resident #1 came and sat on a chair in the lobby. He looked like a visitor and had a large bag, the kind you would put clothes in. He looked like he was watching people leaving. She thought he was waiting for a ride. Resident #1 told her he was a visitor which she thought was kind of strange. He did not have a wrist band on. He got up slowly and walked toward the door. He exited the facility when she let another visitor out.</p> <p>On 8/22/24 at 3:33 p.m., in a telephone interview Resident #1's daughter said the case manager at the hospital told her the facility had a memory care unit. She found out when her father got to the facility that they did not. She wanted him safe in a memory unit. She voiced her concern to the nurse who told her they monitor their residents all the time. She said her father took a bus and got dropped off in a downtown area (approximately 16 miles from the facility) and was found sitting outside of a bar. He had no identification on and would not know his address. She said Resident #1 was currently at a different skilled nursing facility in a secured memory unit.</p> <p>On 8/23/24 at 10:22 a.m., in a telephone interview LPN Staff A said on 8/15/24 she worked from 7:00 p.m., to 7:00 a.m. She said that night Resident #1 was very confused. She documented in a progress note that he was wandering and he walked pretty well. When he got into bed, he did not remove his shoes. He did not know where he was so she didn't think he really knew if he lived down the street. LPN Staff A said Resident #1 was not safe to leave the facility unsupervised. She said she should have placed a wander alarm band (alerts staff when a resident leaves a safe area) on him. She said if she had done that, the alarm would have gone off and Resident #1 would not have left. She said on 8/16/24 at 7:00 a.m., she gave report to the oncoming nurse and told her about the resident's exit seeking behavior during the night. She said Resident #1 was already sitting in the front lobby while she gave report to the oncoming nurse.</p> <p>On 8/23/24 at 11:05 a.m., in an interview the SLP said he evaluated Resident #1 on 8/8/24 and saw him three times during his stay. He clearly was cognitively impaired. His orientation was pretty bad. He was not safe to leave the facility unsupervised. He was a lot better physically than cognitively. His orientation, decision making, and short term memory were severely impaired. He would not trust him to go to the convenience store nearby by himself because he would not come back. The SLP said Resident #1 kept saying he wanted to go home. He said, What made this resident's situation unsafe is the fact that he was very confused but very mobile.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0843</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</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>41905</p> <p>Based on record review and staff interview, the facility failed to have a written transfer agreement in effect with one or more hospitals approved for participation under the Medicaid and Medicare programs.</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>Review of the facility's assessment tool showed the facility had an agreement with multiple entities to allow for a smooth operation. The agreements did not include a transfer agreement with one or more hospitals approved for participation under the Medicare and Medicaid programs.</p> <p>On 8/24/24 at 3:47 p.m., in an interview the Assistant Director of Nursing said the facility did not have an existing transfer agreement with a hospital.</p> <p>On 8/24/24 at 4:49 p.m., in an interview the administrator verified the facility did not have an existing transfer agreement with one or more hospitals approved for participation under the Medicare and Medicaid programs.</p>