

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  105885	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  08/06/2024
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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><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> 39943</p> <p>Based on interview, and record review, the facility failed to protect the resident's right to be free from neglect by not ensuring staff maintained a secure environment and implemented measures to mitigate the risks to prevent elopement for 1 of 9 residents reviewed for elopement, of a total sample of 10 residents, (#1).</p> <p>These failures contributed to the elopement of resident #1 and placed him at risk for serious injury, impairment, and/or death. While resident #1 was out of the facility unsupervised, there was reasonable likelihood he could have fallen, become lost, accosted by a stranger, or been hit by a vehicle.</p> <p>The facility neglected to identify the need for adequate supervision and ensure a secure environment that contributed to resident #1's elopement and placed all residents at risk for elopement at risk. This failure resulted in Immediate Jeopardy starting on [DATE]. The Immediate Jeopardy was determined to be removed on [DATE] after verification of the immediate actions implemented by the facility. The scope and severity of the deficiencies were decreased to a D, no actual harm with potential for more than minimal harm, that is not Immediate Jeopardy. There were a total of 9 current residents at risk for wandering/elopement identified at the time of the survey.</p> <p>Findings:</p> <p>Cross reference F689</p> <p>On [DATE] at approximately 6:05 PM, the facility's Weekend Supervisor unlocked the door for a visitor to leave and neglected to ensure no residents followed behind the visitor. Resident #1, a vulnerable, severely cognitively impaired male followed the visitor and exited the facility unnoticed and unsupervised. Resident #1 was allowed to exit the building and walked outside on the hot, 90 degree Fahrenheit evening for approximately 30 minutes (retrieved on [DATE] from www.wunderground.com). He traveled approximately 1.1 miles away from the facility until an off-duty staff nurse noticed him and stopped to call the facility to inquire about him being missing.</p> <p>Resident #1 was admitted to the facility on [DATE], with diagnoses to include right femur fracture, difficulty walking, dementia, anxiety, major depressive disorder, and psychotic disorder with delusions.</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 Minimum Data Set (MDS) Admission assessment with reference date of [DATE] revealed resident #1 had a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) score of 3 out of 15 which indicated he had severe cognitive impairment. The assessment revealed he received antipsychotics, antianxiety, antidepressant, and antibiotic medications, but did not show any documentation of behaviors towards others or rejection of care.</p> <p>Review of the medical record revealed resident #1 had a physician's order for an electronic wander monitoring bracelet to be applied beginning [DATE].</p> <p>Review of resident #1's medical record revealed he had a care plan for potential for elopement related to his behaviors such as wanders, ambulatory, has confusion, and exit seeking initiated on [DATE]. The goal described the resident would remain safe and would refrain from leaving the facility unsupervised was initiated on [DATE] and revised on [DATE]. Interventions included enhanced supervision, initiated on [DATE], provide redirection when observed going towards exit doors, initiated on [DATE]. A revision was added to the care plan on [DATE] which indicated resident #1 had eloped from building.</p> <p>On [DATE] at 11:48 AM, the Weekend Supervisor stated the receptionist was on duty until 5:00 PM on the weekends and after hours any staff could let visitors in or out. She said she was the on-duty supervisor the day resident #1 eloped. The Weekend Supervisor stated she was sitting at receptionist desk charting assessments sometime after 5:00 PM on Saturday, [DATE] when a visitor approached the door to leave the facility. The Weekend Supervisor said she unlocked the door with a remote electronic key fob from where she was sitting, the visitor then pushed the door open and walked out. The Weekend Supervisor stated she did not see resident #1 behind the visitor nor see him exit out the door. The Weekend Supervisor explained no one realized resident #1 was missing from the facility until about 30 minutes later when she received a phone call from an off-duty nurse at 6:35 PM, who asked if he was a resident at the facility.</p> <p>On [DATE] at 1:05 PM, the Administrator shared a video on his cell phone he made of the incident from the facility's video system when he arrived to the facility the evening of [DATE]. The video from the same date, [DATE], showed the visitor pause at the door, while the Weekend Supervisor unlocked the door with the remote key at 6:05 PM, the visitor then pushed the door handle and opened the door. The Weekend Supervisor was seen lowering her head back to look at her computer and resident #1 came a few seconds later behind the visitor and exited out the door. The video showed him returning to the facility at 6:49 PM.</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>From [DATE] to [DATE], interviews were conducted with 28 staff members who represented all shifts. Staff included 8 CNAs, 8 LPNs, 4 RNs, 2 Housekeepers, 1 Receptionist, 1 MDS Coordinator, 2 Dietary personnel, 1 Maintenance Director, and 1 Physical Therapy Assistant who verbalized their understanding of the education provided.</p> <p>The resident sample was expanded to include all 8 additional residents identified as at risk for elopement/neglect. Interviews with 3 alert and oriented residents regarding interviews conducted by facility staff regarding feeling safe and no neglect and chart reviews for 9 residents to ensure elopement risk evaluations and skin checks were completed on [DATE]. Observations, interviews, and record reviews revealed no concerns related to elopement for the expanded sample residents.</p>		

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<p>F 0610</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Respond appropriately to all alleged violations.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> 39943</p> <p>Based on interview, and record review, the facility failed to ensure a thorough investigation was conducted/completed in response to possible neglect for a resident elopement for 1 resident of 9 residents reviewed for elopement, of a total sample of 10 residents, (#1).</p> <p>Findings:</p> <p>Resident #1 was admitted to the facility on [DATE], with diagnoses to include right femur fracture, difficulty walking, dementia, anxiety, major depressive disorder, and psychotic disorder with delusions.</p> <p>The Minimum Data Set Admission assessment with assessment reference date of 6/24/24 revealed resident #1 had a Brief Interview for Mental Status score of 03/15 which indicated he had severe cognitive impairment. The assessment read he received the following medications, antipsychotics, antianxiety, antidepressant, and antibiotics.</p> <p>On 8/03/24 at 11:48 AM, the Weekend Supervisor stated she was sitting at the receptionist desk on Saturday, 7/20/24 sometime after 5:00 PM, charting assessments when a visitor came to the door to leave. The supervisor said from where she was seated, she unlocked the door with the remote, the visitor pushed the bar on the door, opened the door and walked out. The supervisor stated she returned to her work and did not see anyone behind the visitor go out the door. She explained no one knew resident #1 was missing from the facility until she got a phone call from an off-duty nurse at 6:35 PM, who asked if he was a resident and explained she has seen him walking down a busy highway about a mile away from the facility.</p> <p>On 8/03/24 at 1:05 PM, the Administrator shared video footage of the incident from his cell phone taken on 7/20/24 after resident #1's elopement. According to the video, at 6:05 PM, a visitor was seen paused at the door, while the Weekend Supervisor pushed the button, a few seconds later the visitor pushed the door handle and opened the door. Resident #1 came behind the visitor and went out the door 6 seconds later. The video showed him returning to the facility at 6:49 PM.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>

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<p>F 0610</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>On 8/03/24 at 3:53 PM, via telephone, Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) C stated she worked a double shift from 3:00 PM to 7:00 AM the day resident #1 eloped. She recalled the day he eloped he had been wandering around, and asked more frequently questions like when he was going to leave and could he go home, about every 10 minutes. She recounted resident #1 packed his bags about an hour and a half into her shift and asked why his wife had left him there. CNA C stated the staff had to redirect him frequently that day because he had increased behaviors and was more persistent with them. She remembered she let the other CNAs, and his nurse know so they could also redirect him. She said he asked her where [his home] was. CNA C explained the Weekend Supervisor called her around 5:00 PM and asked her to come get him from the front desk and keep him occupied after he wandered up there and set the wander prevention alarm off. CNA C explained when she arrived to the lobby resident #1 was sitting next to the supervisor at the front desk, with his bag and a picture of his wife in his hand. CNA C said she took resident #1 back to the nurse's station and stayed near him until she had to help deliver trays for dinner. She added if resident #1 had been on 1:1 supervision she did not think he would have gotten out. She explained she wrote a statement afterwards and got education for elopement, abuse and neglect.</p> <p>On 8/03/24 at 7:08 PM, CNA F stated she was working on the 200 unit the night resident #1 eloped. She stated was not resident #1's assigned CNA that evening, but she knew him as being confused and needing redirection and supervision sometimes. She recalled resident #1's behavior caught her attention when she arrived to her shift on that Saturday as he kept walking up the hallway in the front of the 200 unit toward the lobby, which was not usual for him. She explained he carried around a bag and a picture of his wife, was carefully watching the staff watching him, and had told her he was leaving and had been doing these type of things all week. CNA F recalled while her and CNA C were passing dinner trays resident #1 approached them and the redirected him back to his room. She stated she told CNA C that resident #1 needed to be on 1 to 1 supervision because of the way he was acting, and CNA C told her he was okay. CNA F explained she did not write a statement after the elopement incident, nor did anyone follow up to interview or ask her questions about what she saw or what happened that evening, nor did she voluntarily go to Supervisory staff to volunteer information about what happened. CNA F stated she told CNA C after the elopement, I told you he needed to be on 1 to 1 [supervision].</p> <p>On 8/03/24 at 4:34 PM, Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) D stated she was assigned to resident #1 the night he eloped. She said she was not aware his CNA had to retrieve him from the lobby area. LPN D said she was surprised when the supervisor told her he got out of the building. She said when he returned, she asked him how he left and he said, I was very careful. The LPN said he then asked her if he was going to get in trouble. LPN D stated the staff got education when the administrative team got to the facility that evening, and she wrote a statement. She explained she talked with the Director of Nursing (DON) that evening about the event, but no one inquired about resident' #1's behaviors that shift.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0610</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>On 8/04/24 at 1:58 PM, the 200 Unit Manager (UM) stated she did not think resident #1 had any new behaviors although she acknowledged nurses needed to reinstate an as needed anti anxiety medication order that week, which he received multiple times. The UM stated he needed the medication because he was more anxious, but did not elaborate further. When asked why he was given the as needed anti-anxiety medication when he cut off his wander monitoring bracelet, packed his clothes to leave and staff were not able to redirect him as these were more behaviors than anxiety, she again stated he got the medication for anxiety not behaviors. The UM stated all of the staff who worked that night were interviewed on the night of the elopement by the DON, UMs, and Assistant DON. She was unable to say who was interviewed, nor how did they know if all of the staff were interviewed. The 200 UM stated they did not have documentation of which staff were interviewed, or what was said during those interviews.</p> <p>On 8/03/24 at 5:55 PM, in joint interviews with the Director of Nursing (DON), the Administrator, the [NAME] President of Clinical Services and the Regional Nurse, the DON stated on the evening of the elopement, she asked all staff in the facility to write a statement regarding interactions with resident #1. She read statements including, LPN E's statement read, The last time I saw resident was at 6:19 PM. CNA J's statement read, he saw him while was passing trays in his room at approximately 5:30 PM. CNA C's statement from 7/20 read, [resident #1's name] left saw him between 6-6:30 PM. The DON acknowledged that two of the staff statements said they saw the resident when he was not in the building per the facility video timeline. The DON stated she did not interview or speak to the staff again personally after she received their statements to clarify or add additional information to her investigation of the incident. She stated she asked for written statements then she and the managers provided verbal education to the staff. The DON could not say why she did not further investigate by clarifying or asking for additional details from staff when some statements were vague or incorrect only saying she did not want to change them. She confirmed the facility had no further written documentation showing further investigation with the staff, and explained she had talked to staff throughout that evening and no one mentioned resident #1's behavior. The Regional Nurse explained, because there was actual video footage that showed what happened they did not feel they needed additional information from the staff.</p> <p>On 8/04/24 at 4:53 PM, the [NAME] President of Clinical Services and the Regional Nurse confirmed the facility did not have a statement documented from CNA F or an interview from 7/20/24, the night of the elopement. They presented a verbal statement signed by CNA F and transcribed on 8/03/24 in which CNA F stated, I felt something wasn't right.</p> <p>On 8/04/24 at 3:01 PM, the Administrator stated he was the Risk Manager for the facility. He explained interviews were part of the investigation process for abuse or neglect allegations as well as taking statements from staff or witnesses. He was unable to say how the facility would know if they had interviewed all of the pertinent players or what had been said if there was no documentation for it.</p> <p>Review of the facility Abuse, Neglect, Exploitation and Investigation policy and procedure issued 4/01/22, read, The facility will conduct their own internal investigation including but not limited to staff.resident, and family/resident representative interviews, medical records.</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>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> 39943</p> <p>Based on observation, interview, and record review, the facility failed to maintain a secure environment and provide adequate supervision to prevent a severely cognitively impaired resident to exit unauthorized, and unsupervised from the facility and the safety of its property, for 1 of 9 residents reviewed for elopement risk, of a total sample of 10 residents, (#1). These failures contributed to the elopement of resident #1 and placed him at risk for serious injury, impairment, and/or death. While resident #1 was out of the facility unsupervised, there was reasonable likelihood he could have fallen, become lost, accosted by a stranger, or been hit by a vehicle and died .</p> <p>The facility's failure to identify and provide adequate supervision and ensure a secure environment contributed to resident #1's elopement and placed all elopement risk residents at risk. This failure resulted in Immediate Jeopardy starting on [DATE]. The Immediate Jeopardy was determined to be removed on [DATE] after verification of the immediate actions by the facility. The scope and severity of the deficiencies were decreased to a D, no actual harm with a potential for more than minimal harm, that is not an Immediate Jeopardy. There were a total of 9 current residents identified at risk for wandering/elopement.</p> <p>Findings:</p> <p>Cross reference F600</p> <p>On [DATE] at approximately 6:05 PM, the facility's Weekend Supervisor unlocked the door for a visitor to leave and neglected to ensure no residents followed out behind the visitor. Resident #1, a vulnerable, severely, cognitively impaired male, followed behind the visitor and exited the safety of the facility unnoticed and unsupervised. Resident #1 was allowed to exit the building and walked outside on the hot, sunny 90 degree Fahrenheit evening for approximately 45 minutes, traveling approximately 1.1 miles away from the facility, (retrieved on [DATE] from www.wunderground.com). Along the route it was noted to have uneven, sloped terrain/pavement, curbs and multiple open retention ponds. He would have crossed a heavily trafficked, six lane highway with speed limit of 40 miles per hour to reach the location where an off-duty staff member spotted him. The facility was unaware of resident #1's whereabouts until 6:35 PM when an off-duty staff member happened to see the resident walking down the street with a wander prevention bracelet and called the supervisor.</p> <p>Resident #1 was admitted to the facility on [DATE], with diagnoses to include right femur fracture, difficulty walking, dementia anxiety, major depressive disorder, psychotic disorder with delusions.</p> <p>The Minimum Data Set (MDS) Admission assessment with assessment reference date of [DATE] revealed resident #1 had a Brief Interview for Mental Status score of ,d+[DATE] which indicated he had severe cognitive impairment. The assessment indicated he received antipsychotic, antianxiety, antidepressant, and antibiotic medications.</p> <p>Review of the medical record revealed resident #1 had a physician order for an electronic wander monitoring bracelet to be applied beginning [DATE].</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>Review of resident #1's medical record revealed he had a care plan for potential for elopement related to his behaviors such as wandering, ambulatory, has confusion, and exit seeking initiated on [DATE]. The goal described the resident would remain safe and would refrain from leaving the facility unsupervised was initiated on [DATE] and revised on [DATE]. Interventions included enhanced supervision, initiated on [DATE], provide redirection when observed going towards exit doors, also initiated on [DATE]. A revision was added to the care plan on [DATE] which indicated resident #1 had eloped from building.</p> <p>On [DATE] at 1:05 PM, the Administrator shared a video from his cell phone recorded on [DATE] from the facility's video monitoring system. The video which started at approximately 6:05 PM, showed a visitor paused at the door, while the weekend supervisor used a remote control to open the front door to exit the facility. The visitor pushed the door handle and opened the front door exiting the facility lobby. Six seconds later resident #1 went out the door after the resident. The weekend supervisor was seen seated at the receptionist desk with her head down, on the computer, totally unaware of resident #1 tailgating behind the visitor she had let out moments before. The video then showed resident #1 returning to the facility at 6:49 PM. The Administrator stated the video camera was positioned above the receptionist desk, and ran on a loop, so he had recorded the video portion of resident #1 leaving the facility on his phone but had no other record of his actions from that day.</p> <p>On [DATE] at 11:48 AM, the Weekend Supervisor stated the receptionist hours were Monday- Friday 8 AM-8 PM and Saturday and Sunday from 8 AM-5 PM. The Weekend Supervisor stated she worked most weekends and confirmed she was the supervisor in charge [DATE], the day resident #1 eloped. She stated she had been sitting at the receptionist desk charting assessments after the receptionist left the facility. She said she saw the visitor approach and pushed the button on the remote to unlock the door to let her out. She stated she did not see resident #1 follow behind the visitor. The supervisor explained how she had opened the door from where she was seated at the desk using the remote without having to actually get up from her position. She explained no one at the facility knew resident #1 was missing until she received a phone call from off duty Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) G at 6:35 PM, who asked if [name of resident #1] was a resident at the facility.</p> <p>On [DATE] at 2:26 PM, LPN G said she worked the day shift at the facility on [DATE] then later that evening she went to pick up food at a restaurant not far from the facility with her husband. She explained as they left the parking lot, she noticed an older gentleman walking down the street who kept looking behind him as if he needed a ride or was looking for someone to pick him up. She stated the man was headed east on the sidewalk along the highway, across the intersection from where she had been parked. LPN G recounted it looked like the man had an electronic wander monitor bracelet on his leg and she asked her husband to make a U-turn so she could get a closer look. She explained they caught up with him further down the road in front of another store, so they pulled to the side of the road, and she got out of the car. She asked the gentleman if he needed a ride and where he was going. To which he replied, yes and he was going to the base. LPN G stated she did not know him, so she asked him his name, which sounded familiar. She instructed him to sit in the shade and she called her supervisor at the facility to check to see if the man was ours. Around that time a sheriff's officer pulled up and asked resident #1 where he lived, and she told him he was from the facility and a supervisor was on the way to get him. LPN G said she stayed with him until the Weekend Supervisor and another staff arrived at her location. She explained resident #1 did not recognize her but when the supervisor came, it appeared he recognized her. The supervisor got out of her car and talked to him, then he walked to the car with her.</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>On [DATE] at approximately 7:25 PM and on [DATE] at 9:18 AM, the likely route was toured by car and by foot (see photo evidence). Per interview the resident left his room on the 200 hall and walked toward the front of the building to the lobby approximately 267 feet away. From there he exited the building through the front door and likely walked approximately 298 feet through the parking lot down a short drive to the sidewalk adjacent to a minimally busy two-lane road. On the short road adjacent the parking lot there were two open retention ponds directly across from the facility. At the sidewalk he would have turned right and walked .3 miles over uneven pavement passing multiple business entrances to where that road intersected a moderately trafficked four lane road and turned left. He continued another 0.4 miles on the moderately trafficked road passing five business entrances, the driveway for a fire station and four unsecured retention ponds. At this point there was a large intersection with busy restaurants/convenience store on three of the four corners of the intersection. Resident #1 then turned left onto the highway which was 6 lanes across at that point with traffic coming from the nearby interstate and busy shopping area a short distance away. He walked another 0.1 miles before he was stopped by LPN G and her husband at the jewelry store.</p> <p>On [DATE] at 3:20 PM, LPN B stated she was familiar with resident #1. She said she went with the Weekend Supervisor to pick him up the day he eloped. The LPN stated she went along with the supervisor to retrieve resident #1 from where LPN G found him in case she needed assistance with him due to possible behavior. LPN B said, He was sitting on the sidewalk on the curb with a police officer talking to him near the jewelry store. She stated when she got out of the car resident #1 was apologetic and said he knew he did something he should not have. The LPN said resident #1 could not recall when or why he left. She said he told her he drove himself from the facility in a car.</p> <p>On [DATE] at 3:53 PM, via telephone, Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) C stated she worked a double shift from 3 PM to 7 AM on the day resident #1 eloped. She recalled he had wandered around that day, asking questions about every 10 minutes like, when he was going to leave? and could he go home? She said resident #1 packed his bags about an hour and a half into her shift and asked her why his wife had left him there. She recounted all the staff knew of his behaviors that day, and they needed to frequently redirect him. She expressed that everyone knew he had increased behaviors and had been hard to redirect that day. CNA C said she let the other staff, and his nurse know what he was doing so they could redirect him. She said he asked her where [the name of the city where he used to live] was. CNA C explained the Weekend Supervisor called her around 5:00 PM and asked her to come get resident #1 from the front. CNA C explained that resident #1 was sitting next to the supervisor at the front desk, with his bag and a picture of his wife in his hand when she arrived. The CNA said the supervisor asked her to take him back to his unit and keep him distracted until dinner. CNA C said she took resident #1 back to the nurse's station but shortly after the dinner trays arrived and the CNAs had to deliver them to the residents. CNA C stated she left resident #1 and went to deliver the trays and did not see him again until he was returned to the facility with the Weekend Supervisor.</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>On [DATE] at 4:35 PM, LPN D stated she was assigned to care for resident #1 frequently. She recalled he was very forgetful, and staff had to remind him over and over where he was. The LPN stated she would call his wife for him; he would talk to her and only a few minutes later he would already forget that he had just talked to her. She said, He was physically independent but very forgetful, only oriented to himself. LPN D stated resident #1 was eating in his room when she went to give him his medications around 5:30 PM. She said resident #1 had come to the nurse's station earlier and asked her to call his wife, but she told him she would call her later. He came back asking for her to call his wife again. LPN D said when she gave him his medications, she promised him she would call his wife before he went to bed, and he said okay. She explained resident #1 usually walked around the building, but she did not see him that night after she gave him his medications. LPN D stated another staff told her resident #1 had left the building, but they were not sure how he got out. She said when resident #1 returned to the facility, she asked him how he got out of the building and he said, I was very careful. The LPN said he then asked her if he was going to get in trouble.</p> <p>On [DATE] at 5:21 PM, in a second interview, the Weekend Supervisor said, When [resident #1] was talking to me before the elopement, he had a picture of his wife, but I do not recall him having a bag. She said she had seen the picture in his room but did not recall seeing him carry it around with him in the past. The supervisor stated she let him sit with her and talk a little bit because she knew he was an elopement risk, and it would give him a change of scenery. She stated if she knew he was exit seeking she would have put him on one-to-one supervision. She acknowledged it was not likely he would have eloped if he had more supervision such as one to one. She stated she had not been aware his behavior was different that day.</p> <p>Review of resident #1's medical record revealed limited nursing progress notes describing resident #1's behaviors until a week before his elopement. These progress notes revealed escalating exit seeking behaviors in the week preceding the elopement. A nursing progress note dated [DATE], read, The resident removed the electronic wander monitoring bracelet on his right ankle. The bracelet was located [in] the trash can in his room. New bracelet applied on the left ankle. A nursing progress note the next day, [DATE] documented the resident was wandering up and down the unit, packed his belonging and told others he was going home. The nurse charted she notified the charge nurse and the as needed anti-anxiety medication was given. On the day he eloped, [DATE], the nurse documented the resident's behavior remained unchanged. He continued to wandering the unit, and she noted resident #1, constantly needs to be redirected without success. The nurse indicated resident #1 was again medicated for anxiety.</p> <p>Review of the Medication Administration Record (MAR) dated for [DATE] revealed resident #1 had an as needed (prn) order for anti-anxiety medication every 8 hours for restlessness/agitation that was in effect for 14 days starting on [DATE]. The resident received the medication one time on [DATE], once on [DATE] and again once on [DATE]. The order was not renewed, and it was discontinued after the 14 days were completed. On [DATE], the day after resident #1 cut off his electronic wander monitoring bracelet the nurse noted in the progress notes he was wandering up and down the unit and an anti-anxiety prn medication was given. A renewal order for the same as needed anti-anxiety medication every 8 hours for restlessness/agitation was documented as restarted in the record. Over the course of the week before the elopement resident #1 received one dose of the as needed anti-anxiety medication on [DATE], two doses on [DATE], a dose on [DATE], a dose on [DATE] and another dose on [DATE] both prior to and after the elopement.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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