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NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Berrien Oaks Nursing and Rehab Center		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 405 Laurel Street Nashville, GA 31639	
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F 0689 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Ensure that a nursing home area is free from accident hazards and provides adequate supervision to prevent accidents. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on observations, record review, staff and family interviews, and review of the facility's policy titled, Elopement and Wandering Policy, the facility failed to ensure safety for one of 48 sampled residents (R106). Specifically, the facility failed to provide adequate supervision and monitoring for R106 related to wandering and elopement. This deficient practice had the potential to place R106 at risk for safety concerns including but not limited to physical and/or mental distress. Findings include: Review of the facility's policy titled Elopement and Wandering Policy with an effective date of 07/09/2018 documented under Policy: This facility ensures that residents who exhibit wandering behavior and/or are at risk for elopement receive adequate supervision to prevent accidents and receive care in accordance with their person-centered plan of care addressing the unique factors contributing to wandering or elopement risk. Under Policy Explanation and Compliance Guidelines revealed: . 2. Elopement occurs when a resident leaves the premises or a safe area without authorization (i.e., an order for discharge or leave of absence) and/or any necessary supervision to do so. 3. The facility is equipped with door locks/alarms to help avoid elopements. 5. The facility shall establish and utilize a systematic approach to monitoring and managing residents at risk for elopement or unsafe wandering, including identification and assessment of risk, evaluation and analysis of hazards and risks, implementing interventions to reduce hazards and risks, and monitoring for effectiveness and modifying interventions when necessary. 6. a. Residents will be assessed for risk of elopement and unsafe wandering upon admission and throughout their stay by the interdisciplinary care plan team. b. The interdisciplinary team will evaluate the unique factors contributing to risk in order to develop a person-centered care plan. d. Adequate supervision will be provided to help prevent accidents or elopements. 7. d. DON (Director of Nursing) or designee shall notify the physician and family member or legal representative. f. Once the resident is located all parties will be notified of the outcome. g. Appropriate reporting requirements to the State Agency shall be conducted. 8. Staff may be educated on the reasons for elopement and possible strategies for avoiding such behavior. f. When repeated elopement attempts occur, after the facility has exhausted possible care approaches, the resident may be referred for alternate placement in an appropriate facility. g. Documentation, physician/family notification, care plan discussions, and consultant notes as applicable. Tips for Prevention of Elopements: Consider use of a Chain of Custody for High Risk Residents; develop a schedule for periodic checks on the resident; never assume everyone knows the resident is a wanderer; make it clear to dining room aides, new staff and whoever is involved in the resident's care even for a short period of time. R106 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses that include, but not limited to, Alzheimer's disease and unspecified dementia, unspecified severity, with other behavioral disturbance. Review of the 04/20/2025 Comprehensive Minimum Data set (MDS) assessment for R106 revealed a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) score of 3, indicating severe cognitive impairment. Section GG, Functional Abilities and Goals revealed: Has not exhibited the behavior of wandering. Walking not attempted due to medical condition or safety concerns. Section H, Bladder and Bowel revealed: Occasional urinary incontinence (7 episodes of incontinence) and occasionally (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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F 0803 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Many	Ensure menus must meet the nutritional needs of residents, be prepared in advance, be followed, be updated, be reviewed by dietician, and meet the needs of the resident. Based on observations and staff interviews, the facility failed to ensure pureed meals were prepared according to standardized recipes and appropriate consistency requirements for eight of eight residents who received a pureed diet. Specifically, pureed meals were not consistently prepared or served in a manner that maintained appropriate texture, appearance, palatability, and safety for residents with swallowing difficulties. This deficient practice had the potential to affect all residents receiving pureed diets by placing them at risk for choking, aspiration, poor nutritional intake, and decreased quality of life. Findings include: Observation on 05/11/2026 at 11:00 AM of puree preparation revealed that a recipe was not followed. The cook put some chicken salad in the blender, then she added water (did not measure the amount) she then put some chicken bouillon seasoning in a small Styrofoam cup and added it to the blender, she then blended the mixture, then checked it, and it appeared to be to have too much liquid in it because she then got another small Styrofoam cup and dipped some thickener out of a container, and then added it to the mixture, she then blended some more at which time she added more water. Nothing was measured during the process. Interview on 05/11/2026 at 11:15 AM with the [NAME] confirmed that she had been at the facility for eight years, and in those eight years, she had never used a recipe. She stated that she went by the consistency, and since she had been doing this so long, she knew what it should look like. Interview on 05/11/2026 at 11:30 AM with the Dietary Manager confirmed that they did not use recipes when preparing the puree meals.		

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F 0812 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Many	Procure food from sources approved or considered satisfactory and store, prepare, distribute and serve food in accordance with professional standards. Based on observations, staff interviews, and review of the facility policy titled, Food Storage: Cold Food Items, the facility failed to ensure that food was properly labeled and dated and in sanitary conditions to prevent foodborne illness. The deficient practice had the potential to affect 94 residents of 95 who received meals from the kitchen. Findings include: Review of the facility policy titled Food Storage: Cold Food Items revealed under Procedure: . 5. Cold foods are to be stored wrapped or in covered containers, labeled and dated, and arranged in a manner to prevent cross-contamination. A tour on 05/11/2026 at 9:45 AM with the Dietary Manager revealed the following concerns: Observation of the walk-in refrigerator revealed a bag of finely diced cabbage with carrots, a package of cooked ham, a piece of open ham, an open pack of what appeared to be sliced turkey, and a block of cheese, all with no label or date. Observation of the walk-in freezer showed a bag of zucchini, a bag of grilled cheese, and a package of green vegetables, all with no label or date. Observation of the dry food storage revealed expired cornmeal and flour in large containers. Interview on 05/11/2026 at 9:45 AM during the tour of the kitchen with the Dietary Manager confirmed all identified concerns. He immediately labeled and dated all items that were not labeled or dated. He confirmed that he was responsible for ensuring all food was labeled with open dates/ expired dates to ensure the safety of residents. Interview on 05/11/2026 at 10:30 AM with the [NAME] revealed that they all staff were responsible for making sure the food was labeled and dated when it came off the truck.		