

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 145121	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 01/06/2026
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Alton Memorial Rehab & Therapy		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 1251 College Avenue Alton, IL 62002	

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<p>F 0580</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Immediately tell the resident, the resident's doctor, and a family member of situations (injury/decline/room, etc.) that affect the resident.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on observation, interview and record review the facility failed to notify the provider of a fall with injury for 1 (R2) of 3 residents reviewed for accidents. Findings include: R2's Resident Profile Report (Care Plan) dated 11/26/2025, documents R2 was at risk for all and requires assistance with transfers and ambulation. Please ensure my bed is at an appropriate height at all times and call light is within reach. R2's SBAR dated 12/22/2025 at 8:05 AM, V5, LPN (Licensed Practical Nurse) documents R2 had knees buckle approx. 12 hours ago where resident's face had come in contact with handrail in shower room resulting in dentures breaking. Resident has bleeding and pain noted to gums/mouth. NP (Nurse Practitioner) present and gave order to send R2 to ER for evaluation and treatment. R2 complained of mouth pain 8/10 on pain scale. Medications included Apixaban (blood thinner medication) 5 mg (milligrams) BID (twice a day.) On 12/23/2025 at 9:50 AM V5, LPN stated she worked day shift on 12/22/2025 and arrived at the facility at approximately 7:00 AM. V5 stated received nurse report that R2 fell in the shower she went to assess her. V5 stated R2 complained of mouth pain and assessed dry blood on R2's lip, V5 stated she notified the provider immediately and R2 was sent to the ER for further evaluation and treatment. V5 stated it was her understanding that the nurse (name unknown) didn't notify R2's provider that she hit her head when R2 fell on [DATE]. V5 stated when a resident falls at the facility the assigned nurse is to follow the facility's fall policy which includes assessing the resident and notifying the resident's provider of the fall immediately after the assessment then to document a post fall assessment and an SBAR if the resident goes to the ER. V5 stated she couldn't believe R2 wasn't sent to the ER after she fell because she is on a blood thinner, and she could have a brain bleed and needed to be assessed by a physician. R2's Nurse Practitioner (NP) Progress Note, dated 12/23/2025, documents this fall was not reported to the provider until the oncoming nurse received report the following morning. The incident was not documented in R2's electronic medical record in a timely manner, and no nursing notes were available for review. R2 is prescribed Eliquis. Any reported or suspected head strike while on an anticoagulation warrants immediate transfer to the emergency department for evaluation, and at a minimum a STAT head CT. At 7:24 AM orders were given to send R2 to the emergency department, she was transferred via EMS. On 12/23/2025 at 1:20 PM V8, NP stated she wasn't notified R2 fell and hit her mouth/head in the shower on 12/22/2025 and she would have expected staff to notify her of that because R2 was on a blood thinner and needed to be assessed by a physician. V8 stated when she assessed R2 on the morning of 12/22/2025 R2's mouth was bleeding, so she knew R2 had an injury and she transferred R2 to the ER after assessing her. The Facility's Reporting of Injuries Policy, revised 12/25 documents purpose: to provide an orderly process for reporting injuries involving residents. Serious incidents, i.e., head injuries are to be reported to the physician at the time of occurrence. Be prepared in using the SBAR format, to report to the physician results of the assessment, including pertinent information</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.

LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE	TITLE	(X6) DATE
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F 0689 Level of Harm - Actual harm Residents Affected - Few	<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** Based on observation, interview and record review the facility failed to follow fall policy and procedures, and staff failed to use a gait belt when transferring a resident, for 1 (R2) of 3 residents reviewed for accidents. This failure resulted in a cognitively impaired resident (R2) being transferred to the emergency room after hitting her head. R2 had to get an EKG, blood work, head CT and chest x-ray. Using the reasonable person approach, this failure caused pain, discomfort and invasive interventions during an emergency room visit. Findings Include: R2's Resident Profile Report (Care Plan) dated 11/26/2025, documents R2 was at risk for falls and requires assistance with transfers and ambulation. The care plan states, Please ensure my bed is at an appropriate height at all times and call light is within reach. No documentation if gait belt should be used or how many staff to transfer R2 or mode of transfer. R2's Active Medication List documents Apixaban (blood thinner) 5 milligrams (mg) BID (twice a day) for treatment of AFIB. R2's Electronic Medical Record, dated 12/22/2025 no documentation of R2 fall in the shower or hitting her head on a handrail. R2's SBAR dated 12/22/2025 at 8:05 AM, V5, LPN (Licensed Practical Nurse) documents R2 had knees buckle approx. 12 hours ago where resident's face had come in contact with handrail in shower room resulting in dentures breaking. Resident has bleeding and pain noted to gums/mouth. NP (Nurse Practitioner) present and gave order to send R2 to ER (emergency room) for evaluation and treatment. R2 complained of mouth pain 8/10 on pain scale. Medications included Apixaban (blood thinner medication) 5 mg (milligrams) BID (twice a day.) On 12/23/2025 at 9:50 AM V5, Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) stated she worked day shift on 12/22/2025 and arrived at the facility at approximately 7:00 AM. V5 stated received nurse report that R2 fell in the shower went to assess her. V5 stated R2 complained of mouth pain and assessed dry blood on R2's lip. V5 stated she notified the provider immediately and R2 was sent to the ER for further evaluation and treatment. V5 stated it was her understanding that the nurse (name unknown) didn't notify R2's provider that she hit her head when R2 fell on [DATE]. V5 stated when a resident falls at the facility the assigned nurse is to follow the facility's fall policy which includes assessing the resident and notifying the resident's provider of the fall immediately after the assessment then to document a post fall assessment and an SBAR if the resident goes to the ER. V5 stated she couldn't believe R2 wasn't sent to the ER after she fell because she is on a blood thinner, and she could have a brain bleed and needed to be assessed by a physician. On 12/23/2025 at 9:25 AM R2 sat up in a wheelchair in her room. V4, Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) pulled R2's shirt up for a skin assessed and a large purple bruise to right upper body was noted and a dried scab/abrasion to R2's right lip area as well. R2 stated she fell in the shower. R2 didn't recall what staff was in the shower when she fell or any specifics regarding the fall. R2 stated she hit her face on the rail, and she broke her teeth on the way down. R2 stated she was assessed at the hospital the next day and although her face hurt, she was ok. On 12/23/2025 at 10:04 AM V6, RN (Registered Nurse) stated she worked 7:00 AM to 11:00 PM on 12/21/2025 and was assigned to R2. V6 stated V7, CNA asked her to help transfer R2 from shower chair to her wheelchair in the shower room because V7 had attempted to multiple times but that R2's knees kept buckling and she needed assistance because R2 was weak. V6 entered the shower room and stood behind R2. V6 stated V7 stood R2 up and assisted her to stand to hold onto the grab bar and when she moved the shower chair from under R2 her knees buckled and her and V7 lowered R2 to the ground. V6 stated V7 didn't have a gait belt on R2 at the time of the transfer but she probably should have because R2 was so weak. V6 stated she assessed a small amount of blood on R2's mouth after they lowered her to the floor, but she didn't hear or see R2 hit her mouth on anything, and she was behind</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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F 0689 Level of Harm - Actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Facility's Fall Management/Reduction Program Policy, revised 9/24, documents once a fall occurs, it is important that an assessment and investigation occur to determine possible cause of the fall utilizing the designated form within the resident's medical record. A post fall evaluation is to be completed after any resident fall. Additionally, neuro checks per neuro check policy will also be completed. Neuro checks are to be completed with any fall at the following intervals: all falls in which the head was struck initial assessment, every 15 minutes x4, every 30 minutes x2, every hour x2, then once per shift for 72 hours. The Facility's Use of Gait Belt Policy revised 5/23 documents policy purpose: to provide guidelines to facilitate the safe transfer of the resident and prevent injury to the resident. Responsibility: it will be the responsibility of all nursing staff to follow this policy and procedure. Nursing personnel must have gait belts on their person at all times.		