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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 145628	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 12/20/2024
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Evergreen Nursing & Rehab Center		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 1115 North Wenthe Effingham, IL 62401	
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F 0550 Level of Harm - Actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Honor the resident's right to a dignified existence, self-determination, communication, and to exercise his or her rights. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 32619 Based on observation, interview, and, record review the facility failed to treat residents with dignity by answering call lights in a timely manner for two residents of nine residents (R1,R6) reviewed for resident rights in the sample of nine. This failure resulted in R1 and R6 experiencing feelings of embarrassment and humiliation. Findings include: 1. R1's Face Sheet documented an admitted [DATE] and listed diagnoses including Displaced Comminuted Fracture of Shaft of Left Femur, Fibromyalgia, Polyneuropathy, Depression, and Anxiety Disorder. R1's Brief Interview for Mental Status Score (BIMS) dated 12/8/24 documented a score of 14, indicating R1 has minimal deficits in cognition. R1's Nursing Progress Note dated 12/3/24 documented, admitted a [AGE] year-old Caucasian female via ambulance from (local hospital). Brought into facility via stretcher and transferred to chair per 2 EMT's (Emergency Medical Technicians) with TTWB (Toe Touch Weight Bearing) status to LLE (Lower Left Extremity) (due to fractured left femur). This note further stated, Resident. States she has chronic pain due to Fibromyalgia and rates it normally at a chronic 4 (on a 0-10 scale). On 12/18/24 at 1:40pm, R1 was alert and oriented to person, place, and time. R1 stated she had fallen while living in the community and fractured her femur and needed nursing facility care for rehabilitation. R1 stated she was admitted to the facility on [DATE]. R1 stated call lights routinely take over an hour to be answered. R1 stated she had experienced difficulty with loose stools and had been incontinent in bed while waiting long periods on her call light. R1 stated, That was very hard on my dignity. R1 stated when she had complained to one of the Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA) (identity unknown) about waiting so long, the CNA told her to, Just go ahead and go in the bed and we will clean you up later. On 12/19/24 at 10:50am, R1 was alert and oriented to person, place, and time. R1 stated, You can't imagine how embarrassing it is to turn on your call light and wait for over an hour and then lose control of your bowels because nobody came to check on you. Then you have to have somebody clean you up. It's pretty humiliating. (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 0550 Level of Harm - Actual harm Residents Affected - Few	2. R6's Face Sheet documented an admitted [DATE] and documented Diagnoses including Fracture of Left Femur, Malignant Neoplasm of Colon and Low Back Pain. R6's BIMS dated 12/17/24 documented a score of 15, indicating R6 has no deficits in cognition. R6's Nursing Progress Note dated 12/10/24 documented, Resident arrived to facility at approx 1:45pm via facility transport van. Left hip surgery on 12/5/24, left hip dressing has moderate serosanguinous drainage with purple bruising to left hip. Maximum 2 assist pivot transfer with front wheeled walker from wheelchair to bedside commode. On 12/17/24 at 12:25pm, R6 was alert and oriented to person, place, and time. R6 stated call lights generally take about 45 minutes at minimum. R6 stated she fell at home and broke her left leg and is dependent on staff for transfers, and she cannot ambulate at this time. R6 stated she has been having loose stools since admission and has had several accidents while waiting for her call light to be answered. R6 stated she wears incontinence briefs but prefers to defecate on the commode rather than the incontinence brief. R6 stated when she has accidents, staff have to clean her up and it is very embarrassing. R6 stated, I've pretty much thrown my dignity out the door since I've been here. V11, R6's family member, who was also in the room with R6 stated he has been present during several of these instances and he corroborated her account. 3. On 12/17/24 at 9:35am, V10, Ombudsman, stated complaints about long call light wait times comes up at almost every monthly resident council meeting. Resident Council Meeting Minutes documented the following: 9/26/24: Call lights not being answered in a timely manner still an issue. Leaving residents on the toilet too long. Not having beds made and leaving beds dirty. 10/24/24: Still not having call lights answered in a timely manner. On 12/19/24 at 8:45am, V2, Director of Nurses, when asked what her expectation is as to how long residents should have to wait on call lights. V2 stated the State Agency does not specify in any regulations as to how long it should take for call lights to be answered, but ideally, they should be answered as soon as possible. V2 stated she did not feel the problem was that call lights are not answered timely, but that resident's perception is that it takes longer than it actually does. V2 further stated a former CNA staff member contractually employed via a staffing agency had a lot of complaints from residents about her being slow to answer call lights, and since she left their employment in October 2024, the problem seems to have resolved. V2 stated it is not acceptable for staff to tell residents to be purposely incontinent in bed if it takes too long to answer call lights. The facility's, Answering the Call Light Policy, dated July 2014 stated, The purpose of this procedure is to respond to the resident's requests and needs. 5. When the resident is in bed or confined to a chair, be sure the call light is within easy reach of the resident. 8. Answer the resident's call light as soon as possible. The facility's, Resident Rights, policy dated August 31st, 2023, stated, The resident has a right to a dignified existence, self-determination, and communication with, and access to, persons and services inside and outside the facility, including: A facility must treat each resident with respect and dignity and care for the resident manner and in an environment that promotes maintenance or enhancement of his or her quality of life, recognizing each residents individuality. The facility must protect and promote the rights of the resident.		

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F 0677 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Provide care and assistance to perform activities of daily living for any resident who is unable. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 32619 Based on observation, interview, and record review, the facility failed to provide timely ADL (Activities of Daily Living) assistance for residents who are dependent on staff for two of six residents (R1, R6) reviewed for ADL care in a sample of nine. Findings include: 1. R1's Face Sheet documented an admitted [DATE] and listed diagnoses including Displaced Comminuted Fracture of Shaft of Left Femur, Fibromyalgia, Polyneuropathy, Depression, and Anxiety Disorder. R1's Brief Interview for Mental Status Score (BIMS) dated 12/8/24 documented a score of 14, indicating R1 has minimal deficits in cognition. R1's Nursing Progress Note dated 12/3/24 documented, admitted a [AGE] year-old Caucasian female via ambulance from (local hospital). Brought into facility via stretcher and transferred to chair per 2 EMT's (Emergency Medical Technicians) with TTWB (Toe Touch Weight Bearing) status to LLE (Lower Left Extremity) (due to fractured left femur). This note further stated, Resident. States she has chronic pain due to fibromyalgia and rates it normally at a chronic 4 (on a 0-10 scale). On 12/18/24 at 1:40pm, R1 was alert and oriented to person, place, and time. R1 stated she had fell while living in the community and fractured her femur and needed nursing facility care for rehabilitation. R1 stated she was admitted to the facility on [DATE] and discharged on [DATE]. R1 stated she is unable to ambulate and was dependent on staff for almost all ADLs. R1 stated call lights routinely take over an hour to be answered. R1 stated she had experienced difficulty with loose stools and had been incontinent in bed while waiting long periods on her call light. R1 stated when she had complained to one of the Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA) (identity unknown) about waiting so long, the CNA told her to, Just go ahead and go in the bed and we will clean you up later. 2. R6's Face Sheet documented an admitted [DATE] and documented Diagnoses including Fracture of Left Femur, Malignant Neoplasm of Colon, and Low Back Pain. R6's BIMS dated 12/17/24 documented a score of 15, indicating R6 has no deficits in cognition. R6's Nursing Progress Note dated 12/10/24 documented, Resident arrived to facility at approx 1:45pm via facility transport van. Left hip surgery on 12/5/24, left hip dressing has moderate serosanguinous drainage with purple bruising to left hip. Maximum 2 assist pivot transfer with front wheeled walker from wheelchair to bedside commode. On 12/17/24 at 12:25pm, R6 was alert and oriented to person, place, and time. R6 stated call lights generally take about 45 minutes at minimum. R6 stated she fell at home and broke her left leg and is dependent on staff for transfers, and she cannot ambulate at this time. R6 stated she has been having loose stools since admission and has had several accidents while waiting for her call light to be answered. V11, R6's family member, who was in the room at that time stated he has been present during several of these instances and he corroborated her account. (continued on next page)		

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F 0677 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	On 12/19/24 at 8:45am, V2, Director of Nurses, when asked what her expectation is as to how long residents should have to wait on call lights. V6 stated the State Agency does not specify in any regulations as to how long it should take for call lights to be answered, but ideally, they should be answered as soon as possible. V2 stated she did not feel the problem was that call lights are not answered timely, but that resident's perception is that it takes longer than it actually does. V2 further stated a former CNA staff member contractually employed via a staffing agency had a lot of complaints from residents about her being slow to answer call lights, and since she left their employment in October 2024, the problem seems to have resolved. The facility's, Answering the Call Light Policy, dated July 2014 stated, The purpose of this procedure is to respond to the resident's requests and needs. 5. When the resident is in bed or confined to a chair, be sure the call light is within easy reach of the resident. 8. Answer the resident's call light as soon as possible.		

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F 0697 Level of Harm - Actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Provide safe, appropriate pain management for a resident who requires such services. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 32619 Based on observation, interview, and record review, the facility failed to formulate a Care Plan to address a resident's pain and to provide as needed pain medication in a timely fashion for one resident of nine residents (R1) reviewed for quality of care in the sample of nine. This failure resulted in R1 experiencing unresolved excruciating pain from a femur fracture, with accompanying feelings of fear and anxiety. Findings include: R1's Face Sheet documented an admitted [DATE] and listed diagnoses including Displaced Comminuted Fracture of Shaft of Left Femur, Fibromyalgia, Polyneuropathy, Depression, and Anxiety Disorder. R1's Care Plan dated 12/9/24 did not document any problem areas nor interventions addressing pain. R1's 12/8/24 Brief Interview for Mental Status Score documented a score of 14, indicating R1 has minimal deficits in cognition. R1's December Physicians Order Sheet documented orders for hydrocodone-acetaminophen 5-325 milligrams take one tablet every 4 hours as needed for pain, not to exceed 3 grams of acetaminophen every 24 hours, and methocarbamol 500 milligrams take one tablet every 4 hours as needed for muscle cramps/spasms. R1's December Medication Administration Record documented that R1 received the hydrocodone-acetaminophen and the methocarbamol on 12/13/24 at 4:39pm and not again until 12/14/24 at 7:34am, with V8, Registered Nurse (RN) administering the 12/14/24 dose. The same MAR documented R1's pain on 12/14/24 at the beginning of the day shift (6am) as zero on a scale of zero to ten. (continued on next page)		

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F 0697 Level of Harm - Actual harm Residents Affected - Few	On 12/18/24 at 1:40pm, R1 was alert and oriented to person, place, and time. R1 stated she had fallen while living in the community and fractured her femur, needed nursing facility care for rehabilitation, and therefore was admitted to the facility on [DATE]. R1 stated she has experienced a significant amount of pain from the fracture, as well as anxiety. R1 stated when she asked for her as needed pain medication and muscle relaxer, it rarely came within 20 minutes, and it generally took at least an hour. R1 stated this made her pain more difficult to control. R1 stated on Saturday 12/14/24 at 3am, she was experiencing excruciating pain from the fracture and turned on her call light and told, One of the CNAs (Certified Nursing Assistants), she needed the pain medication and muscle relaxer. R1 stated after several minutes, nobody came back, so she turned her call light on several more times throughout the early morning hours, and CNA staff told her the nurse was busy on another hall, the nurse had a delivery of medications she needed to put away, and that she was busy with another resident. R1 stated she did not receive the medications until about 7:30am that morning, when V8 came in to give her morning medications. R1 stated she told V8 how upset she was about waiting all that time and being in pain, and V8 stated the night nurse (V9, Registered Nurse) was new and she was overwhelmed. R1 stated when she finally received the medications, She was in terrible pain and it took the medications a lot longer to be effective, and they didn't control the pain as well, and she was extremely upset. When R1 was told by the Surveyor that the beginning of shift documentation rated her pain at zero, R1 stated, It wasn't a zero, it was a ten. R1 stated, She called her husband and said, I want to go home, I'm not safe here, I'm scared, they aren't giving me my pain pills after I ask for them and they aren't answering my call light. R1 stated her husband came and got her and she left without signing any discharge paperwork. R1 stated since she left AMA (Against Medical Advice) and did not consult with staff, she did not have any discharge medications. R1 stated her pain got much worse as the day wore on, and she ended up going to the emergency room that evening. R1 stated she is still in the hospital and is being treated for Pneumonia. R1's Nursing Progress Note dated 12/3/24 documented the following: admitted a [AGE] year-old Caucasian female via ambulance from (local hospital). Brought into facility via stretcher and transferred to chair per 2 EMT's (Emergency Medical Technicians) with TTWB (Toe Touch Weight Bearing) status to LLE (Lower Left Extremity) (due to fractured left femur). This note further stated, Resident states she has chronic pain due to fibromyalgia and rates it normally at a chronic 4 (on a 0-10 scale). (continued on next page)		

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