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| STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION | (X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 145663 | (X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing | (X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 03/12/2026 |
| NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER LA Bella of Aurora | | STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 1017 West Galena Boulevard Aurora, IL 60506 | |

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| <p>F 0602</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p> | <p>Protect each resident from the wrongful use of the resident's belongings or money.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to prevent diversion of resident's money by a staff member. This applies to 1 of 3 residents (R3) reviewed for misappropriation of funds in the sample of 11. This failure resulted in psychosocial harm when R3 stated she feels terrible and bothered when the staff member took her hard-earned money without her consent. The findings include: R3 was admitted to the facility on [DATE]. R3 had multiple diagnoses including metabolic encephalopathy, type 2 diabetes mellitus without complications, generalized muscle weakness, unspecified lack of coordination, and anxiety disorder, based on the face sheet. R3's quarterly MDS (Minimum Data Set), dated February 6, 2026, showed the resident was cognitively intact. On March 6, 2026, at 2:04 PM, R3 was sitting on her bed inside her room. R3 was alert and was able to answer questions. R3 stated she had a car accident sometime in July 2025 and since admission at the facility, there were several suspicious transactions in her bank account. R3 stated her bank sent the statements, and she noticed her bank card is being used by someone here at the city where she currently resides (city where the facility is located) and she did not recognize the charges. During the same interview, R3 stated after her car accident, she had no place to store her car while she was residing at the facility. R3 also stated V4 (Receptionist) was storing her car for her at her (V4) place. R3 stated she told V4 that she could use the car if she needed it to pick up her kids or get groceries. According to R3, while V4 was using her car, V4 went 10 miles over the speed limit and V4 received a ticket. Since V4 did not have any money to pay for the ticket, R3 stated she paid for it, however, she does not remember how much. On March 6, 2026, at 3:22 PM, the above information shared by R3 was brought to the attention of V1 (Administrator) and V2 (Director of Nursing). On March 9, 2026, at 12:35 PM, during an over the phone interview, V4 (Receptionist) stated she was suspended from the facility starting March 6, 2026. V4 stated from August 2025 through March 6, 2026, she was storing R3's car at the back of her house and V1 (Administrator) and V9 (Social Worker) were aware of it. V4 stated on the afternoon of March 6, 2026, after being told that she was suspended, the facility had R3's car towed to the facility's parking lot. According to V4, I just wanted to help [R3], then R3 wanted to pay for storing the car at her property. V4 stated R3 decided to keep the car at her property because eventually the resident wanted to use her car when she got discharged from the facility. V4 stated R3 told her that she could use the car when she needed it. V4 admitted R3 had given her a total of \$1,490.00 from January through February 2026. According to V4, the \$1,490.00 payments were made by R3 using her (V4) phone-based application (an application that enables her to accept credit card payments). V4 was asked how those transactions were made. V4 stated randomly, R3 would tell her she wanted to give some money for storing the car, so she (V4) would accept the money by using the phone-based application. R3 would enter the amount she wanted to give on the phone-based application then R3 would tap the credit card on the phone, and the credit card would be charged paid to V4. V4 was asked to account for the \$1,490.00 that she received from R3. According to V4, out of \$1,490.00, the \$500.00 was for the release of R3's car from the impound. V4 stated while driving R3's car, she received a speeding ticket and the car was impounded. She (V4) showed R3 the ticket and told the resident she was working on paying for the \$500.00 ticket so the car could be released, but R3 offered (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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