

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 145893	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 01/04/2026
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<p>F 0656</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Develop and implement a complete care plan that meets all the resident's needs, with timetables and actions that can be measured.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to implement the established comprehensive care plan for 1 of 3 residents (R1) to ensure safety during bed mobility and ADL (Activities of Daily Living) care and failed to communicate the resident's fall risk status. Specifically, facility staff failed to provide the required level of assistance and supervision mandated by the care plan, which led to a fall resulting in significant injury of a Humerus Fracture. A facility incident report dated 9/12/2025 reads in part, On 9/12/25 while CNA (V3) was providing ADL (activities of daily living) care to the resident when the fall occurred the CNA had (R1) laying on her left side, the CNA had one hand on her rib cage area to stabilize the resident while she was washing her with the other hand when the resident started to roll out of the bed the CNA attempted to stop the fall but was unsuccessful. The CNA notified the nurse on duty. The nurse on immediately assessed the resident. (R1) complained of pain to the right shoulder area and the nurse noted a laceration above the right eye. A cold compress was applied to the right eye. (R1) was sent 911 to hospital ED. (R1) returned from hospital ED with diagnosis of a fracture of the right humerus without any surgical interventions and a laceration above the right eyes and Steri-strips applied. R1 is an alert and oriented predominantly Polish-speaking [AGE] year old with diagnoses listed in part but not limited to type II Diabetes, Fracture of the upper end of Right Humerus, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Atrial Fibrillation, Hypertension, Anxiety Disorder and History of Falls. Care Plan dated 5/12/25 reads in part, (R1) is at high risk for falls due to history of falls, impaired mobility, weakness, comorbidities include Heart Failure, Hypertension, Hyperlipidemia, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Respiratory Failure, History of Deep Vein Thrombosis, Left Humeral Fracture. Interventions: Bed in low position, Encourage to transfer and change positions slowly, Frequent toileting, Have commonly used articles within easy reach. Low bed. R1's MDS (Minimum Data Set) dated 9/16/25 section GG for Functional Abilities/Self Care showed: Toileting hygiene: The ability to maintain perineal hygiene, adjust clothes before and after voiding or having a bowel movement. R1 was noted to be Dependent on staff to conduct this task. On R1's Care Area Assessments (CAA) Summary Section V of the MDS, R1 was triggered for Fall risk for every MDS assessment upon admission on [DATE] through current MDS. Review of R1's Care Plan revealed the resident was identified as a high fall risk and required extensive assistance of at least one staff member for bed mobility and incontinence care. However, on the date of the incident, V3 the agency CNA assigned to the resident failed to follow these interventions by removing her hands and physical support from the resident while the resident was in a side-lying position. On 1/2/26 at 1:10 PM, V3 Agency CNA, said, I haven't been back there awhile (referring to facility). My agency hasn't put me back there but I remember that incident. I was taking care of this lady (R1) and had her on her side. I had one hand on her shoulder and my other hand was cleaning her up because she had a massive BM (bowel movement). She (referring to R1) just reached for her bedside table</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 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</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>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on observation, interview, and record review, the facility failed to ensure that 1 of 3 residents (R1) reviewed for accidents was free from accident hazards and received adequate supervision and assistive devices to prevent an avoidable fall. Specifically, the facility failed to ensure an agency CNA (V3) was oriented to R1's high fall risk status. This failure resulted in R1 sustaining a displaced humerus fracture, head laceration with active bleeding requiring sterile-strips, and facial contusions. R1 is an alert and oriented predominantly Polish-speaking [AGE] year old with diagnoses listed in part but not limited to type II Diabetes, Fracture of the Upper End of Right Humerus, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Atrial Fibrillation, Hypertension, Anxiety Disorder and History of Falls. A facility incident report dated 9/12/2025 reads in part, On 9/12/25 while CNA (V3) was providing ADL (activities of daily living) care to the resident when the fall occurred the CNA had (R1) laying on her left side, the CNA had one hand on her rib cage area to stabilize the resident while she was washing her with the other hand when the resident started to roll out of the bed the CNA attempted to stop the fall but was unsuccessful. The CNA notified the nurse on duty. The nurse immediately assessed the resident. (R1) complained of pain to the right shoulder area and the nurse noted a laceration above the right eye. A cold compress was applied to the right eye. Nurse notified the doctor and orders were give to send out to the ED Emergency Department for evaluation. (R1) was sent 911 to hospital ED. (R1) returned from hospital ED with diagnosis of a fracture of the right humerus without any surgical interventions and a laceration above the right eyes and Steri-strips applied. During the investigation it was noted that the resident prefers to use the edge of the bed or the night stand to support herself for comfort during ADL care, and it was noted that she would benefit from a wide bed and siderails for support during care. A review of R1's care plans refutes facility's conclusion shifting blame to the resident as no documented evidence was found that R1 preferred to be at the edge of the bed or to use the night stand for support during ADL care and was not consistent with either the resident's interview and staff interviews. Care Plan dated 5/12/25 reads in part, (R1) is at high risk for falls due to history of falls, impaired mobility, weakness, comorbidities include Heart Failure, Hypertension, Hyperlipidemia, COPD, Respiratory Failure, Osteoporosis, Gout, Dementia, History of Deep Vein Thrombosis, Left humeral fracture. Interventions: Bed in low position, Encourage to transfer and change positions slowly, Frequent toileting, Have commonly used articles within easy reach. Low bed. On January 2, 2026 at approximately 10:40 AM, R1 was observed awake in bed and with the bed raised waist high and with no fall mats or other fall prevention measures in place. Two State Surveyors conducted an interview with R1 regarding her most recent fall. Because R1 is predominantly Polish-speaking, the state surveyor utilized the Polish-speaking surveyor to interpret and ensure accuracy. During this interview, R1 consistently stated that while the agency CNA (V3) was providing care, the CNA took her hands off the resident to reach for an item. The resident reported that because the CNA let go and there were no side rails in place, the resident rolled out of the bed and struck the floor. Furthermore, R1 did not mention any such preference to be at the edge of the bed while being changed or to use her nightstand as support. R1 said, I fell out of the bed when a CNA was changing my diaper. The CNA didn't hold me when she was changing me, and I rolled out of bed and fell. The bed was high up I think because I broke both my shoulders. My shoulder hurt a lot after the fall and they still hurt today. My hands hurt and shake too. I cannot hold things in my hands like I used to before the fall. They put up this bed railing (pointing to the rail) so maybe I won't fall now, but they never put it up before I fell. A post fall incident statement dated 9/15/25 taken by</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0947</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Ensure nurse aides have the skills they need to care for residents, and give nurse aides education in dementia care and abuse prevention.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to ensure that 1 of 3 residents (R1) received care from staff with documented competency and training. Specifically, the facility assigned an agency CNA to provide direct care for R1 without first validating that the staff member possessed the necessary clinical skills or had been oriented to R1's specific safety needs, including fall risk status and required levels of assistance. As a result, the facility failed to ensure that R1 was provided care by a staff member with verified qualifications to perform the assigned duties. R1 is an alert and oriented predominantly Polish-speaking [AGE] year old with diagnoses listed in part but not limited to type II Diabetes, Fracture of the upper end of Right Humerus, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Atrial Fibrillation, Hypertension, Anxiety Disorder and History of Falls. A facility incident report dated 9/12/2025 reads in part, On 9/12/25 while CNA (V3) was providing ADL (activities of daily living) care to the resident when the fall occurred the CNA had (R1) laying on her left side, the CNA had one hand on her rib cage area to stabilize the resident while she was washing her with the other hand when the resident started to roll out of the bed the CNA attempted to stop the fall but was unsuccessful. The CNA notified the nurse on duty. (R1) complained of pain to the right shoulder area and the nurse noted a laceration above the right eye. A cold compress was applied to the right eye. (R1) was sent 911 to hospital ED. (R1) returned from hospital ED with diagnosis of a fracture of the right humerus without any surgical interventions and a laceration above the right eyes and Steri-strips applied. On 1/2/26 at 1:10 PM, V3 Agency CNA, said, I haven't been back there awhile (referring to facility). My agency hasn't put me back there but I remember that incident. I was taking care of this lady (R1) and had her on her side. I had one hand on her shoulder and my other hand was cleaning her up because she had a massive BM (bowel movement). She (referring to R1) just reached for her bedside table or something on it. I don't know what she was reaching for to be honest. I think she just wanted some security or something but she just rolled over and fell off the bed. Surveyor asked about any bed rails, V3 said, No there were no rails on the bed for her to hold on to so I'm not sure why. I didn't understand her she didn't speak English. It was the first time I took care of her so I don't know if she ever fell before. Surveyor asked if anyone endorsed any information about R1's care needs to her, V3 said, No, no one told me anything about her. Like I said it was the first time I took care of her and no one told me anything about her and I didn't know if she was a fall risk. Surveyor asked if she had any training on fall prevention, V3 stated, No. I don't remember getting any. On 1/2/26 at 2:00 PM, V5 (Agency LPN) said, I'm her nurse today (Referring to R1) but I'm with Agency. All I can tell you is that she is alert oriented x 3 and she can make her needs known. I think family is involved too. Surveyor asked if R1 was at risk for falls, V5 said, No she's not a fall risk but yes I did hear about her falling awhile ago but I wasn't here when she fell. Surveyor asked about any facility in-service training, V5 said, I don't get any in-service training from here, my Agency does all that. A review of the facility-provided orientation documentation for the agency CNA V3 involved in R1's fall (dated 10/2024) revealed a perfunctory approach to training. Over two dozen training topics, including fall prevention and safety protocols, were marked only with a single continuous vertical strike-through line followed by the CNA's signature. The document lacked instructor initials for individual tasks, dates of specific competency completion, or any evidence that the CNA's skills were actually observed or validated by facility leadership. This failure to effectively verify the CNA's competency in safety protocols resulted in the staff member being assigned to care for a high-risk resident without confirmed knowledge of the facility's</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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