

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  14E579	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  10/03/2025
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER  LA Bella of Sterling		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE  3601 Sixteenth Avenue Sterling, IL 61081	

For information on the nursing home's plan to correct this deficiency, please contact the nursing home or the state survey agency.

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F 0689  Level of Harm - Actual harm  Residents Affected - Few	Ensure that a nursing home area is free from accident hazards and provides adequate supervision to prevent accidents.  (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.

LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER  
REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE

TITLE

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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to provide supervision to a resident (R1) while attending an outdoor activity. This failure resulted in R1 sustaining second degree burns from an outdoor fire. The findings include: R1's electronic face sheet printed on 10/3/25 showed R1 has diagnoses including but not limited to major depressive disorder, anxiety disorder, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, schizoaffective disorder, and tremor. R1's facility assessment dated [DATE] showed R1 has no cognitive impairment. R1's nursing progress notes dated 9/23/25 showed, During afternoon activities today resident was attending an activity and was roasting marshmallows with her peers and staff. Each staff member had assigned areas to supervise and assist with for the activity. Dietary and business office manager assigned to area with marshmallows and candy. Dietary manager assisted and supervised residents with covered fire pit for entirety of activity. Dietary manager completed assistance with (R1) and (R1) was walking back to join her peers. Dietary then proceeded to assist other residents with activities, then (R1) turned around to walk back to fire pit with her marshmallow in her left hand wrapped in a paper napkin. When she got to the fire pit, she attempted to throw napkin into what appeared to be an already extinguished fire (activity was complete) the napkin stuck to her hand and ignited. Resident then started waving her hand around causing the fire to get bigger, burning her left hand and forearm. Staff immediately intervened and assisted resident to safety. Resident taken to nurse's office for assessment. First aide was provided, and physician notified. Order to send resident to emergency room for evaluation and treatment at (local hospital). On 10/2/25 at 9:02AM, R1 stated, I was standing over by the fire and I had just roasted a marshmallow and I went to throw my napkin in the fire and the napkin got stuck on my hand from the marshmallow and went up in flames. My whole hand was on fire, and I was really scared so I started screaming. The staff came right over and took care of me. R1 had a dressing to her left hand that she removed, and surveyor observed burns to R1's left hand and a blister about the size of a quarter on her left thumb. R1 stated its very painful and she's never roasting marshmallows again. R1's local emergency room notes dated 9/23/25 showed, Skin: warm, dry, erythema extending up the majority of the left palm and palmar fingers with areas of blistering/second-degree burn noted to the distal phalanx of the left thumb anteriorly, middle phalanx of the left thumb anteriorly, distal and middle phalanx of left index finger anteriorly. R1's nursing progress notes dated 9/25/25 showed, Dressing change to left hand per orders. Blister noted to left thumb measures 1.5x1.2 inches and is fluid filled. Palm is slightly red with no blistering noted. On 10/2/25 at 8:41AM, V3 (Dietary Manager) stated, We were out there with about 15-20 residents around the fire and after we were pretty much done with the fire, (R1) came out late and wanted a s'more. Her and I walked over to the fire pit and the fire was low, so I leaned down &amp; roasted the marshmallow for her. We walked over to the table &amp; put the s'more together and then she walked off towards the fire and sat down. All the residents thought we were going to do seconds and when I turned around to see if we were doing seconds, I heard (R1) yell, and she was holding her arm and crying. (V4-Certified Nursing Assistant Coordinator) and (V5-Business office manager) were both out there with me at the time this happened but they were setting up a pinata so they weren't by the fire. On 10/2/25 at 8:51AM, V4 stated, I was outside doing a pinata, so I really didn't see much. I had my back towards the crowd of residents because I wasn't the one supervising them. I heard a resident ask for another marshmallow and (V3) said she would help them. I didn't hear much after that and then someone yelled someone burned themselves and I just yelled, Go to the nurse right away. On 10/3/25 at 9:18AM, V1 (Administrator) stated, I was out doing fire duty when I was out with the residents during our bonfire and s'mores. I went inside because the smoke was bothering my breathing and within 5-10 minutes of being inside, staff were bringing (R1) in and telling me she burned her hand. I'm not sure who was watching the residents around the fire after I went in but there were 4 managers outside. I didn't assign anyone for fire duty because I thought all the residents were done making s'mores. On 10/3/25 at 9:44AM, V5 stated, I was standing out by the tree, my back was facing the basketball hoop, and we were trying to get the pinata up. I didn't really see anything happen. (V3) asked if we were doing seconds and I said sure and when I turned around, I didn't see anyone by the fire. A few minutes later I heard a yell and (R1) was walking up to me and holding her hand and she had marshmallow stuck on her hand. I saw her s'more on the ground. We were all supposed to be supervising after (V1) went inside but I didn't see anyone by the fire when I looked. I was busy doing the pinata. The facility was unable to provide a policy regarding supervision of residents during</p>		