

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 155118	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 03/30/2026
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Waters of Lagrange Skilled Nursing Facility, The		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 787 N Detroit St Lagrange, IN 46761	
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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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for 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 assess and evaluate smoking safety for 2 of 3 residents reviewed for accidents (Resident F and Resident H). The facility also failed to ensure the environment was free of accident hazards by not correcting bunched up and uneven carpet in a resident hallway creating a tripping hazard for residents. Findings include: 1.a. A report, dated 3/25/26, indicated Resident F had a fall while smoking in the facility parking lot. The fall resulted in nose fractures and hematoma to the right knee. On 3/27/26 at 1:12 P.M., Resident F's record was reviewed. Diagnoses included Alzheimer's disease and nicotine dependence. A quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment, dated 12/31/25, indicated Resident F had moderately impaired cognition. Quarterly Smoking Evaluations, dated 9/30/25 and 12/29/25, indicated the resident was not using smoking, nicotine, or tobacco products. Current care plans indicated she was at risk for falls, had impaired cognition due to dementia, at risk for abnormal bleeding due to use of anticoagulant medication, and was at risk for injury related to impaired vision. Interventions included: staff were to anticipate and meet her needs; assess the environment; make modifications as necessary to make the environment conducive to safety & on-going interaction; and keep area free from hazards. A care plan, dated 1/9/26 and revised on 3/29/26, indicated Resident F had a history of nicotine dependence but did not smoke while residing at the facility. She would occasionally smoke when going out with her family. The goal was for her to not smoke at the facility daily. Interventions included to ensure if resident brought in a lighter or cigarettes back from an outing, she would return them to the nurse; and she would be reminded periodically of the smoking policies. The revised care plan, dated 3/29/26, hadn't indicated Resident F was an everyday smoker, was safe to ambulate off the property to smoke, had staff interventions to ensure her safety off site, or observations to be made for continued physically and cognitively safe smoking. A change in condition form, dated 3/14/26 at 10:32 a.m., indicated Resident F had a fall with injuries. The resident indicated she had stood up, felt dizzy, lost her balance, and fell forwards. She was sent to the ER for evaluation and treatment and returned to the facility on 3/14/26 at 1:30 p.m. At the hospital she was diagnosed with facial fractures, traumatic hematoma to her right knee and bruises to her face, scalp, and neck. On 3/27/26 at 1:15 P.M., Resident F was interviewed. She indicated she had gone outside the entrance to the facility to smoke and had been sitting on her rolling walker. She went to stand up, and the pocket of her coat caught on the handle of her walker and she fell forwards, face down. She usually went to smoke across the parking lot to a nearby church, but it had been so windy that day, she had smoked outside the entrance of the building instead. She indicated it was a good thing she was near the entrance and another resident out smoking with her because she didn't know what she would've done without the other resident going in the facility to find someone to help her. She indicated she had smoked for many years and knew the facility was non-smoking. She had no issue with going across the parking lot to smoke off the property. A pack of cigarettes was observed sitting on the end table beside the resident. 1.b. On 3/30/26 at 2:05 P.M., Resident H's record was reviewed. Diagnoses included paralysis of lower extremities. An admission MDS assessment, dated 3/13/26, indicated Resident H (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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