

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  175328	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  01/06/2026
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER  Good Samaritan Society - Ellis		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE  1101 Spruce Street Ellis, KS 67637	

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F 0689  Level of Harm - Actual harm  Residents Affected - Few	<p>Ensure that a nursing home area is free from accident hazards and provides adequate supervision to prevent accidents.</p> <p>The facility identified a census of 37 residents, with three residents reviewed for accidents and hazards. Based on record review, observation, and interview, the facility failed to prevent a hot liquid burn to Resident (R) 1. The facility failed to evaluate the temperature of the liquid from the hot water/coffee machine, relying on a temperature regulator that had failed, and allowed the hot water dispensed from the machine to be too hot. Findings included: - R1's Electronic Medical Record (EMR) documented R1 had diagnoses of paraplegia (paralysis characterized by motor or sensory loss in the lower limbs and trunk), gastroparesis (a chronic digestive disorder where the stomach muscles weaken, slowing or stopping food from moving into the small intestine), epilepsy (brain disorder characterized by repeated seizures), and convulsions (involuntary series of contractions of a group of muscles). The Significant Change Minimum Data Set (MDS) dated 11/13/25 documented R1 had a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) score of 13, which indicated intact cognition. The MDS documented R1 had impairment of his bilateral upper and lower extremities. The MDS documented R1 required set-up or clean-up assistance with eating. The MDS documented R1 was dependent on staff for all other activities of daily living (ADL). The Functional Abilities Care Area Assessment (CAA) dated 11/13/25 documented R1, a paraplegia, required total assistance with ADL self-care. The CAA documented R1 was not safe to use his electric wheelchair anymore and was now dependent on a manual wheelchair and dependent on staff for locomotion. R1's Care Plan, initiated 12/05/13, documented R1 had impaired ability to manage hot beverages and soups related to paraplegia (03/10/22). The care plan directed staff to offer R1 foods that were at a liquid state at room temperature (06/15/21). The care plan documented R1 would be free from injury and would safely manage hot beverages, serve soup in a mug, provide cup with lid, and remind R1 about being cautious with hot beverages and soups (03/10/22). The care plan documented R1 was on a full liquid diet (06/15/21). The care plan documented R1 was dependent on two staff and a full lift for transfers (04/09/24). The Communication with Resident/Family Note dated 12/18/25 documented R1's responsible party was notified of the burn incident and wound care performed. The Communication /Visit with Physician Note dated 12/18/25 documented R1's primary care provider (PCP) was faxed regarding spilled chicken broth. The Weekly Skin Observation Assessment dated 12/18/25 documented R1 had a reddened area to his left elbow, which measured 22 centimeters (cm) by 7 cm, and a red area to his left lateral abdomen, which measured 9 cm by 5 cm and 4 cm by 1 cm. Staff applied sterile dressing to cover per facility policy and notified R1's PCP for additional orders. The Urgent Fax dated 12/18/25 documented R1 spilled hot tea on his left elbow and left abdomen. Reddened areas on the lateral abdomen measured 4 cm by 1 cm and 9 cm by 5.5 cm. Reddened area on the elbow measured 22 cm by 7 cm. The areas were flushed with cold water and applied a sterile dressing. Please advise on any additional treatment orders. R1's PCP responded to continue the current treatment for seven days. The Communication with Resident/Family Note dated 12/19/25 documented staff talked with R1 about accidentally dropping his hot beverage on his arm. R1 stated, Yep, I just did</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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