

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  175522	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  04/21/2025
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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</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><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 43204</b></p> <p>The facility identified a census of 38 residents, with four residents reviewed for elopements (when a resident leaves the premises or a specific safe area without authorization and/or necessary supervision). Based on record review, observation, and interview, the facility failed to provide adequate supervision to prevent an elopement for cognitively impaired Resident (R) 1, who the facility identified as a high risk for elopement. On 04/05/24 at approximately 04:18 PM, R1 exited the facility's 200 hall through an unlocked door, which did not alarm. R1 walked approximately the length of a football field over cracked sidewalks, uneven grassy areas, a parking lot full of large potholes, and over several curbs before falling, between two apartment buildings, behind the facility. A community member living in the apartment building called 911 and reported R1 lying on the apartment complex lawn. At 04:45 PM, Certified Medication Aide (CMA) R saw an ambulance behind the facility and identified R1 on the ambulance stretcher. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) transported R1 to the local hospital for evaluation. The facility's failure to ensure R1 received adequate supervision to prevent an elopement which resulted in a fall outside of the facility, and the failure to ensure functioning door alarms and locks placed R1 in immediate jeopardy.</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>- R1's Electronic Medical Record (EMR) documented R1 had diagnoses of Alzheimer's disease (progressive mental deterioration characterized by confusion and memory failure), dementia (progressive mental disorder characterized by failing memory, confusion), anxiety (mental or emotional reaction characterized by apprehension, uncertainty and irrational fear), unsteadiness on her feet, abnormalities of gait (manner or style of walk), and muscle weakness.</p> <p>The Significant Change Minimum Data Set (MDS), dated [DATE], documented R1 had a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) score of zero, which indicated severely impaired cognition. The MDS documented R1 had physical and verbal behaviors directed towards others during the look-back period. The MDS documented R1 had episodes of wandering during the look-back period, and the wandering episodes placed R1 at significant risk of getting to a potentially dangerous place. The MDS documented R1 was dependent on staff for toileting, bathing, and personal hygiene; and required substantial staff assistance with dressing and donning and doffing footwear. The MDS documented R1 required supervision or touching assistance with transfers, ambulation, and bed mobility. The MDS documented R1 had one non-injury fall and one minor injury fall during the look-back period.</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 - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>The Cognitive Loss/Dementia Care Area Assessment (CAA), dated 01/31/25, documented R1 had diagnoses of Alzheimer's disease, dementia, irritability, anger, and altered mental status. The CAA documented R1 displayed physical and verbal outbursts and wandering, and staff would redirect R1 as needed.</p> <p>The Falls CAA, dated 01/31/25, documented R1 had poor safety awareness and had fallen during the look-back period. The CAA directed staff to monitor R1 closely.</p> <p>R1's Care Plan documented R1 was independent most of the time with transfers, ambulation, and locomotion, but needed assistance at times when her gait was unsteady. The care plan documented R1 was at risk for falls and needed appropriate footwear. The plan directed staff to have R1's call light within reach. The plan directed staff to keep pathways in R1's room clear and unobstructed and when R1 had increased wandering, offer her activities to redirect her (12/13/22). The care plan documented R1 had cognitive deficits that affected her memory (02/15/24). The care plan directed staff to consider R1's physical needs when R1 was wandering (09/22/23).</p> <p>The Facility Incident Report, dated 04/07/25, documented on 04/05/25 at approximately 04:00 PM, CMA R reported she saw R1 at the front nurse's station. At 04:15 PM, video camera footage showed R1 pushing on the far-left side of the exit door on 200 hall. R1 pushed on the right side of the 200 hall exit door, and the door opened. R1 quickly exited the building and turned to shut the door. CMA R passed medication on the 400 hall at the back of the facility when she observed an ambulance behind the facility with someone on the stretcher with a purple jacket on. CMA R asked another CNA what color R1's jacket was, and the aide said purple. At that point, EMS turned the stretcher, and staff saw it was R1. CMA R ran down the hall, alerted LN G, ran back to the parking lot, and spoke to EMS personnel. At 04:47 PM, the ambulance pulled up in front of the facility to get a copy of R1's face sheet and told staff they were transporting R1 to the local hospital for testing and possible treatment.</p> <p>The emergency room Dismissal Instructions, dated 04/05/25, documented R1 had a urinary tract infection (UTI - an infection in any part of the urinary system) requiring antibiotics, and abrasions to her face due to a fall. The dismissal instructions directed R1 to take all of her antibiotics and to monitor the wounds on her face; keep the wound clean and dry, and if the wound started to have increased redness, purulent (producing or containing pus) drainage, or swelling, the wounds would need to be re-evaluated for infection. The dismissal instruction directed the facility that if R1 developed a fever, worsening altered mental state, or any other new, concerning symptoms, R1 should return to the emergency room for evaluation.</p> <p>CMA R's Notarized Witness Statement, dated 04/05/25, documented CMA R last saw R1 physically in the facility at 04:00 PM at the front nurse's station. CMA R stated she started her medication pass on the back hall at about 04:15 PM when CMA R started looking on the 400 hall to see if R1 was in one of the rooms. CMA R went into a room and saw an ambulance in the back parking lot, when she looked out the window. CMA R noted she saw EMS placing someone wearing a purple jacket on a stretcher. The statement documented CMA R asked another Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) what color jacket R1 had on, and she said Purple. EMS then turned the stretcher towards the window, and CMA R saw R1 lying on the stretcher. CMA R ran out to the parking lot and spoke with EMS personnel who told CMA R that R1 fell on the sidewalk. R1 was able to tell them her name. The statement recorded the ambulance came around to the front of the facility to get R1's face sheet around 04:47 PM.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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