

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  185242	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  03/06/2026
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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><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> Based on observation, interview, record review, review of the facility's job description, and review of the facility's policies, the facility failed to provide adequate supervision and an environment free of accident and hazards for 3 of 5 sampled residents, Resident (R) 10, R82, and R60. Review of R82's electronic medical record (EMR) revealed on 05/19/2025 R82 was left unsupervised in the bathroom and fell. Review of R10's EMR revealed on 09/15/2025 R10 was sitting in a chair in the television area and fell while attempting to self-transfer. The resident sustained a fractured nose, abrasion to the right eyebrow, and complained of pain in the right shoulder. Observation on 03/03/2026 of R60 revealed a medication cup containing crushed medication mixed in pudding, with a spoon inside, was left on the bedside table in front of R60, who was awake and sitting in her wheelchair. The findings include: Review of the facility's policy titled, Fall Prevention Program, undated, revealed each resident would be assessed for fall risk and would receive care and services in accordance with their individualized level of risks to minimize the likelihood of falls. The policy listed the definition of fall as an unintentional change of position. Further review revealed the facility utilized a standardized risk assessment to determine fall risk, and the nurse would refer to high, or low/moderate risk when determining primary interventions. Per the policy, if a resident was identified as high risk, the resident would be placed on the Fall Prevention Program, which identified the risk on the care plan, and an indicator of the high fall risk (a star or colored sticker) would be placed on the resident's name plate and wheelchair. Further review revealed when a resident fell, the facility would assess, complete the post fall assessment, and complete an incident report. Further review revealed the facility should notify the physician and family, review the care plan and update as indicated, document all assessments/actions, and obtain witness statements in case of injury. Review of the facility's policy titled, Conducting Internal Incident/Accident Investigations, undated, revealed the policy was to establish procedures to conduct investigations of internal incidents and accidents. Per the policy, the procedure was to include in the investigation, the root cause analysis, which included care plan interventions and corrective action. Further review revealed there would be a Quality Improvement Review with a review of the Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI) process to identify trends and opportunities for improvement. Review of the facility's policy titled, Safe Resident Handling/Transfers, undated, revealed all residents required safe handling when transferred to prevent or minimize the risk for injury to themselves and the employees that assist them. Furthermore, the policy stated staff would perform resident transfers, in accordance with the minimum degree of assistance indicated on the care plan. The provision of more assistance than specified is the only permissible deviation from the resident care plan pertaining to transfer practice. Review of the facility's undated policy titled, Accidents and Supervision, revealed the facility was responsible for maintaining an environment as free of accident hazards as possible and providing adequate supervision to prevent accidents. The policy further indicated staff was responsible for observing and identifying potential hazards. 1. Review of the admission Record, found in R82's electronic medical record (EMR), revealed the facility admitted the resident on 10/22/2024 with (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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