

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 215043	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 02/09/2026
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F 0689 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety Residents Affected - Many	<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 review of facility incident 2735892, documentation review, medical record review, interview, and observation, it was determined the facility failed to have an effective system in place to prevent residents from smoking in their room. The failure to monitor residents with recent behaviors of smoking in their rooms resulted in a fire in a resident's room that placed other residents at risk and caused other residents to be relocated in the facility. This deficient practice was evident for 3 (Residents #1, #2, #3) of 35 smokers in the facility and had the potential to affect all residents that resided at the facility. As a result of these findings an Immediate Jeopardy was called on 2/6/26 at 1:59 PM. The facility submitted a plan to remove the Immediacy on 2/6/26 at 5:23 PM. The survey team verified that the facility obtained compliance with the removal plan, and the Immediate Jeopardy was abated on 2/8/26. The findings include: On 2/6/26 at 8:15 AM a review of facility reported incident 2735892 revealed on 2/4/26 at 11:30 PM there was thick smoke that was coming out of room [ROOM NUMBER] where Resident #1 resided. On 2/6/26 a review of Resident #1's medical record revealed Resident #1 had diagnoses that included but were not limited to unspecified psychosis, not due to a substance and non-compliance with medication regimen. Review of a 2/2/26 at 14:00 (2 PM) change in condition note documented, resident [#1] was observed continuously smoking in the room and hallway, resident was redirected multiple times but refused to yield to correction, continued smoking with the resident in room [ROOM NUMBER]A (Resident #2). The recommendation was, notify social worker and continue to monitor behavior. Review of a 2/5/26 at 8:42 AM behavior note for Resident #1 documented, resident refused head to toe assessment x 3 after fire marshal noted smoke coming from [his/her] mattress. On 2/6/26 a review of Resident #2's medical record revealed Resident #2 was admitted to the facility in August 2025 with diagnoses that included but were not limited to tobacco use. Review of a 1/27/26 at 15:28 (3:28 PM) change in condition note for Resident #2 documented, nursing observations, evaluation, and recommendations are: resident picking up cigarette buds from trash in smoke porch. Review of a 1/31/26 at 14:29 (2:29 PM) change in condition note for Resident #2 documented, resident was observed smoking multiple times in the room, bathroom, room [ROOM NUMBER] (Resident #1) and hallway. Resident was redirected to stop smoking multiple times, resident refused to yield to teaching but responded to nurse that [he/she] has the right to smoke anywhere [he/she] wants, nobody can stop [him/her] and [he/she] does not care about the adverse effects of [his/her] smoke on the non-smokers. Review of a 2/1/26 at 14:47 (2:47 PM) note for Resident #2 documented, resident continues to smoke in the room, will not yield to any teaching but instead curses the writer each time caught smoking in the room. Review of Resident #3's medical record revealed Resident #3 was admitted in May 2019 with diagnoses that included but were not limited to tobacco use, intermittent explosive disorder, opioid abuse, bipolar disorder, and generalized anxiety disorder. Review of a 1/31/26 at 00:13 (12:13 AM) nursing note for Resident #3 documented, the resident was observed smoking in the room. Education</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 - Many</p>	<p>whether violations of the smoking policy have been discovered. Results of the audits will be submitted to the Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement Committee for review and approval.</p>

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<p>F 0944</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Conduct mandatory training, for all staff, on the facility's Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement Program.</p> <p>Based on review of facility documentation of employee education records and interview, it was determined that the facility failed to ensure all staff received mandatory Quality Assessment and Performance (QAPI) training (Staff #20). This was evident for 1 of 5 employees reviewed during a complaint survey. The findings include: On 2/9/26 a review of 5 random employees' education records provided by the facility was conducted for QAPI training. Review of Staff #20's education records with a hire date of 7/31/24 revealed no QAPI training has been completed. Interview with the Administrator on 2/9/26 at 2:13 PM confirmed there is no evidence Staff #20 has received QAPI training.</p>		

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<p>F 0946</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide training in compliance and ethics.</p> <p>Based on review of facility documentation of employee education records and interview, it was determined that the facility failed to ensure all staff received mandatory Compliance and Ethics training annually (Staff #20). This was evident for 1 of 5 employees reviewed during a complaint survey. The findings include: On 2/9/26 a review of 5 random employees' education records provided by the facility was conducted for annual Compliance and Ethics training. Review of Staff #20's education records with a hire date of 7/31/24 from January 2025 until February 2026 revealed no Compliance and Ethics training has been completed. Interview with the Administrator on 2/9/26 at 2:13 PM confirmed there is no evidence Staff #20 has received annual Compliance and Ethics training.</p>

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<p>F 0947</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Ensure nurse aides have the skills they need to care for residents, and give nurse aides education in dementia care and abuse prevention.</p> <p>Based on review of facility documentation of employee education records and interview, it was determined the facility failed to ensure all nurse aides received 12 hours of training annually that included dementia management and abuse prevention (Staff #20). This was evident for 1 of 5 nurse aides reviewed during a complaint survey. The findings include: On 2/9/26 a review of 5 random nurse aides' education records provided by the facility was conducted for annual training. Review of Staff #20's education records with a hire date of 7/31/24 from January 2025 until February 2026 revealed no evidence Staff #20 received 12 hours of training that included dementia management and abuse prevention. Interview with the Administrator on 2/9/26 at 2:13 PM confirmed there is no evidence Staff #20 received 12 hours of training from January 2025 until February 2026 that included dementia management and abuse prevention.</p>		