

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  225040	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  01/09/2025
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER  Julian J Levitt Family Nursing Home		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE  770 Converse Street Longmeadow, MA 01106	

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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>44129</p> <p>Based on records reviewed and interviews, for one of three sampled residents (Resident #1), who required the use of a Hoyer lift (mechanical mobility aid that supports a person's body weight to allow movement from one surface to another), the Facility failed to ensure his/her environment was as free of incidents/accidents as possible, when on 11/19/24, Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) #3 and CNA #4, who had set up and prepared him/her for transfer out of bed, did not properly set up (position of the legs/base) the Hoyer lift, as they transferred Resident #1 the lift started to tip over sideways, Resident #1 was lowered to the floor by staff during the incident, and the Hoyer lift completely tipped over landing on the floor next to the resident.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>Review of the Battery Operated Patient Lift Owners manual (specific to the Hoyer lifts the Facility utilized), provided to the surveyor by the Facility, indicated the following instructions to transfer a person from bed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Open the base (legs) and move the lift slowly towards the patient and position the spreader bar (the area where the Hoyer sling, that holds a patient, attaches to the lift), over the patient's chest.</li> <li>- Lower the cradle to a point where the sling's loops can reach the cradle's hooks and attach the sling to the cradle hooks.</li> <li>- Lift the patient above the bed by using the hand control.</li> <li>- Pull lift away from the bed and rotate the patient so they are facing the back of the lift.</li> <li>- Close the base (legs) and slowly move patient over the wheelchair (wheelchair wheels must be locked) or commode, opening the base for stability.</li> <li>- Then lower the patient onto the surface by pressing the down button.</li> </ul> <p>Review of the Facility's Competency titled, Skill Performance - Mechanical Lift indicated the following step:</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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