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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 225270	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 05/20/2026
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Care One at Essex Park		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 265 Essex Street Beverly, MA 01915	
For information on the nursing home's plan to correct this deficiency, please contact the nursing home or the state survey agency.			
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F 0684 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Provide appropriate treatment and care according to orders, resident's preferences and goals. Based on records reviewed and interviews, for one of three sampled residents (Resident #1) who was having difficulty moving his/her bowels, the Facility failed to ensure he/she was provided care and treatment in accordance with acceptable standards of practice, when a Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) used her fingers to digitally disimpact (remove hardened mass of feces from rectum) Resident #1, which was not within a CNA's scope of practice or job description and per the facility, was not a procedure that CNA's could perform. Findings include: Review of the Facility's Job Description titled, Certified Nursing Assistant, which was provided by the facility indicated it was last updated in 12/2006, identified that essential duties and responsibilities of a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) consisted of the following: -Perform all assigned tasks in accordance with the Facility's Policies and Procedures, and as instructed by your supervisors. -Report all resident changes in condition promptly to the Nurse Supervisor/Charge Nurse. -Assist in preparing the resident for a physical examination. -Report all complaints made by the resident to the Nurse Supervisor/Charge Nurse. -Assist resident with bowel and bladder functions (i.e., take to the bathroom, offer bedpan/urinal, portable commode, etc.) -Prepare and give enemas. -Check and report bowel movements and character of stools as instructed. -Record all entries on flow sheets, notes, charts, etc., in an informative and descriptive manner. Further Reviewed of the CNA Job Description indicated that digital disimpaction of a resident was not part of a CNA's job responsibilities. Review of Mass.gov article titled, Massachusetts Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) Curriculum Frameworks, dated released on April 2026, indicated the CNA Scope of Practice and Bowel Management, that CNAs play a vital collaborative role in patient care, but invasive procedures like manual disimpaction are prohibited. The article indicated CNAs provide critical frontline support by the following: -Observing and Documenting: Monitoring for abdominal distension, pain, and the frequency/consistency of bowel movements. -Encouraging Intake: Ensuring residents maintain adequate fluid and fiber intake to prevent hardened stools from forming in the first place. -Positioning and Comfort: Assisting residents to the toilet or commode and applying skin barrier creams if fecal incontinence or irritation occurs. The article indicated the Clinical Risks of Disimpaction Manual (digital) disimpaction requires careful clinical assessment due to the physiological stress it places on the elderly. The article indicated the procedure carries several high-risk complications that necessitate licensed nursing oversight such as the following: -Vagus Nerve Stimulation: Inserting a lubricated finger into the rectal vault can trigger a parasympathetic response, leading to a sudden drop-in heart rate (bradycardia) or dangerous cardiac arrhythmias. -Bowel Trauma: Debilitated elderly residents often have fragile, friable rectal tissue. Forceful removal risks tissue damage, mucosal tearing, or bowel perforation. The article indicated that nursing facilities must establish strict protocols for bowel management, indicating while CNAs may assist with toileting or perineal care, any invasive bowel intervention requires direct experiential training, a specific Physician or Nurse Practitioner Order, and execution by Licensed Staff. Review of the report submitted by the facility via Health Care Facility Reporting System (HCFRS), dated 03/04/26, indicated Resident #1 reported to his/her Health Care Proxy (HCP) that a CNA (exact name unknown) disimpacted him/her during the night over the weekend. The Report indicated Resident #1 was interviewed and Resident #1 said it was painful when the CNA disimpacted him/her. Resident #1 (continued on next page)		

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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