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NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Kalkaska Memorial Health Center		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 419 South Coral Street Kalkaska, MI 49646	
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F 0689 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety Residents Affected - Few	Ensure that a nursing home area is free from accident hazards and provides adequate supervision to prevent accidents. This deficient practice pertains to Intake 3005509. Based on observation, interview, and record review, the facility failed to prevent, detect, and respond to an elopement resulting in the likelihood of serious harm, injury, impairment, or death for one Resident (#1) of three residents reviewed for elopement. Findings include: Resident #1 (R1) Review of the FRI submitted to the State Agency (SA) on 4/30/26 at 9:44 PM, included an investigation report which read, in part: On Thursday 4/30/26 at approximately 8:23 PM LPN (Licensed Practical Nurse) A was alerted by [Hospital Name] reception desk who was notified by the [City Name] Police Department that they had picked up (R1) kneeling alongside the road near the (local restaurant/grocery store). Time the resident was last seen by facility staff members 4/30/26 at 6:40 PM by Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) B. (R1) was observed via camera footage to have exited the facility on 4/30/26 at 7:09 PM. He walked from his chair located near the nurses' station facing the doors on [unit name] that exit into the lobby area. He then proceeded through the next 2 sets of double doors onto the sidewalk of the [unit name] (R1) wearing a (name brand elopement alert device) bracelet on his left wrist. He exited out of the door furthest from the (name brand elopement alert device) sensor with his left arm on the other side of his body from the sensor. The alarm did not sound and was not activated. Once outside (R1) proceeded to walk to the left of the exit/building. When resident (R1) approached the stop sign, he cut across the grass area in front and continued walking down the street passing the stone house and [Hospital Name] entrance of the hospital. He was then lost from camera view. The investigation indicated R1 was located in a compromised position near a roadside that has constant road traffic and the speed limit increases to 55 miles per hour. This road also serves as the main road in and out of the city the facility is located. The Immediate Jeopardy began on 4/30/26 at 7:09 PM when R1 eloped from the facility undetected and was found kneeling alongside a busy street and had been missing for approximately one hour and fourteen minutes. R1 was discovered by an external entity emergency personnel after a phone call was placed by a community member around 7:45 PM. The Nursing Home Administrator (NHA) was notified of the Immediate Jeopardy on 5/13/26 at 3:14 PM. This surveyor confirmed by observation, interview, and record review that the Immediate Jeopardy was removed on 4/30/26 and the deficient practice was corrected and monitored since 5/1/26, prior to the start of the survey and was determined to be past noncompliance. Review of R1's electronic medical record (EMR) revealed admission to the facility on 9/10/25 with diagnoses including Alzheimer's disease, schizophrenia, and dementia with agitation. Review of R1's Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment revealed a score of 3/15 for the Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS), indicating severe cognitive impairment. Review of R1's Elopement Evaluation, dated 3/16/26, revealed a score of 2, indicating R1 was, at risk of elopement. Review of R1's Physician Orders for April 2026, revealed the following orders: Elopement Evaluation one time a day q (every) 3 months on 15th (active 3/15/26) Resident is at risk for elopement, verify placement of (name brand elopement alert device) q shift. If (name brand elopement alert device) is missing replace if you are unable to replace initiate a 1:1 (one to one) until one is obtained (start date 11/19/25; discontinued 5/2/26). Review of the April Medication Administration Record (MAR) and Treatment Administration Record (TAR) revealed ten missed (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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F 0689 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety Residents Affected - Few	(name brand elopement alert device). The DON and NHA also confirmed R1's(name brand elopement alert device) did not properly sound on 4/30/26 when R1 eloped from the facility.Review of the facility's Alarm Use policy dated 5/23/25 read, in part, It is the policy of this facility to utilize resident alarms in limited circumstances, in accordance with the resident's needs, goals, and preferences, so the resident will be able to attain or maintain his or her highest practicable level of physical, mental, and psychosocial well-being.The use of alarms does not eliminate the need for adequate supervision of the resident. Types of alarms include:.Wander/elopement alarms - includes devices such as bracelets, pins/buttons worn on the resident's clothing, sensors in shoes, or building/unit exit sensors worn/attached to the resident that alert the staff when the resident nears or exits an area or building.Each resident shall be assessed for fall and elopement risk upon admission and periodically thereafter as part of the comprehensive assessment process.Resident directed approaches shall be implemented in accordance with the resident's needs, goals, and preferences.Supervision shall be provided to the resident in accordance with the resident's plan of care. When alarms are utilized, additional monitoring shall be provided, including but not limited to: Verifying alarms are used in accordance with the resident's care plan, verifying alarms are working properly.The (name brand elopement alert device) battery will be checked daily and this will be documented. The Immediate Jeopardy that began on 4/30/26 was removed on 4/30/26 when the facility:1) The front door which does not alarm if exit is attempted unless the (name brand elopement alert device) is functioning was immediately placed on 1:1 staff supervision for any resident attempting to exit. 2) Head count was conducted and confirmed by DON upon notification of the incident. 3) R1 was moved to secure units with delayed exit doors which alarm upon return from ED.The deficient practice was corrected on 5/1/26 after the facility: 1) Residents assessed to be an elopement risk and able to exit without staff assistance moved to a secured unit with alarming doors and delayed exit. 2) Resident care plans updated to reflect elopement risk and need for secured unit. 3) Education to all staff on new elopement risk policy and procedure.		