

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  245119	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  03/19/2025
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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> 35569</p> <p>Based on observation, interview and document review the facility failed to reduce the risk of falls for 1 of 3 residents (R3) reviewed for accidents and supervisor. R3 had a high risk for falls and was observed attempting to self-transfer from a wheelchair to bed.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>During continuous observation on 3/19/25, R3 was seated in the dining room with his eyes closed at 6:45 a. m., where he remained until 7:47 a.m., when he propelled himself down the hall toward his room. Staff spoke with R3 on his way down the hall. At 7:51 a.m. R3 was observed propelling from his room. At 7:47 a.m. R3 told NA-B, I want to go to sleep but they keep kicking me out. NA-B said, they kicked you out, huh. then walked away. At 8:02 a.m. a staff member moved R3 to a table in the common area where he sat with a book. At 8:25 a.m. R3 remained seated in his wheelchair with his eyes closed. At 9:12 a.m. R3 again propelled himself toward his room. At 9:18 a.m., R3 got the door to his room open, and a housekeeper moved him back into the hallway. At 9:30 a.m., the housekeeper told R3 he had to wait for the NA's and said they could not take him to the bathroom because they were a little busy. At 9:32 a.m., R3 again entered his room. Surveyor alerted trained medication aide (TMA)-A that R3 was attempting to self-transfer to his bed. TMA-A intervened and told R3 he needed to wait for a NA to come off break and one to finish charting before they could help him into bed. At 9:40 a.m. NA-B was observed in the common area. TMA-A did not report that R3 had requested help. At 9:49 a.m. NA-A returned to the unit. At 9:51 a.m. R3 was talking to TMA-A who did not acknowledge him. R3 propelled himself toward his room. TMA-A then asked NA-A and NA-B to assist R3 to lay down. NA-B stated, We aren't supposed to, are we? and NA-A said, they want him up until after dinner. At 9:56 a.m., NA-A and NA-B assisted R3 to his room. NA-A said R3 had been up since she arrived at 6:00 a.m. NA-A and NA-B assisted R3 in the mechanical stand and transferred him to his bed and covered him with blankets. When asked about toileting, NA-A said R3 would tell them if he needed to go and said, sometimes they offer. NA-A and NA-B checked R3's brief and changed it after they determined he was wet. While charting R3's brief, NA-A stated R3 did not like to roll and said, believe it or not, he is terrified of falling out of bed. NA-B stated R3's wife wanted staff to keep him up during the day because of falls. NA-B said if laid down, R3 would try to crawl out of bed.</p> <p>R3's Admission Record indicated he admitted to the facility on [DATE]. Diagnosis included hemiplegia (severe or complete unilateral loss of strength or paralysis) and hemiparesis (weakness in one leg, arm, or side of the face) and vascular dementia.</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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