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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 245153	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 06/04/2026
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Madonna Towers of Rochester		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 4001 19th Avenue Northwest Rochester, MN 55901	
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 0689 Level of Harm - Actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Ensure that a nursing home area is free from accident hazards and provides adequate supervision to prevent accidents. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on observation, interview, and record review the facility failed to ensure safety during van transport by ensuring safety straps were appropriately applied for 1 of 1 resident (R1). The failure resulted in actual harm when the van came to a sudden stop throwing R1 from the wheelchair causing fractures to her right and left femurs. The facility had completed corrective measures by 5/26/26 and prior to the start of the survey so citation was issued at past non-compliance (PNC). Findings include: R1's face sheet dated 6/4/26, identified diagnoses of unspecified fracture of shaft of right femur (long bone), unspecified fracture of shaft of left femur, displaced supracondylar fracture without intercondylar extension of lower end of left femur (break just above the knee joint), Alzheimer disease, anemia, unilateral primary osteoarthritis of left knee, muscle wasting and atrophy, and muscle weakness. R1's quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS) dated [DATE], identified R1 had severe cognitive impairment, had clear speech, sometimes understands, and no behaviors. R1 had no impairment to upper or lower extremities, required substantial assistance with dressing, rolling, sitting; staff propelled wheelchair. R1's care plan dated 4/4/25, identified R1 transferred with one assist and mechanical standing lift. R1 did not ambulate. During an interview on 6/4/26 at 10:14 a.m., nursing assistant (NA)-A stated prior to 5/22/26, R1 used a standing mechanical lift with one person assist. R1 had a really big fancy wheelchair that was easy to tilt back and forward. R1 did not slide in the wheelchair once positioned. R1's Nursing Home Incident Report (NHIR) dated 5/22/26, identified around 1:00 p.m. on 5/22/26, R1 slid out of her wheelchair while being transported back to the facility. R1 was assessed by nursing staff and around 3:00 p.m. was transferred to the emergency department due to increased pain. R1's Emergency Department provider notes dated 5/22/26, identified R1 had went to an appointment accompanied by family member (FM)-A via wheelchair van. Upon return from the appointment, FM-A stated R1 was improperly fastened in her wheelchair during transport. When the vehicle came to an abrupt stop from approximately 15 miles per hour at a stoplight, R1's wheelchair moved one to two feet forward causing her to slide out the wheelchair onto the floor of the vehicle landing with right lower extremity flexed with right foot positioned beneath buttocks. R1 was lifted by bilateral axillae (armpits) and placed back in wheelchair before returning to facility. On physical exam R1 had left lower extremity pain with no obvious deformity or other areas of tenderness. R1 was diagnosed with fracture femur shaft closed initial right and fracture femur shaft closed initial left. Facility email from van driver (VD)-A to campus wellness director (CW)-A dated 5/23/26 at 2:32 p.m., identified VD-A had resigned due to the driver position being too challenging for him. Facility investigation included a signed letter dated 5/25/26 from FM-A. The letter identified on 5/22/26 around 12:30 p.m., VD-A transported FM-A and R1 from a medical appointment. FM-A identified VD-A appeared to be struggling with securing the wheelchair tie downs. FM-A's letter identified VD-A asked FM-A if it was okay to not attach the upper shoulder strap/seat belt piece and FM-A agreed as the trip to facility was less than a mile. When VD-A braked at a stoplight, R1's wheelchair lurched forward six inches to one foot. The front tie downs were still secured but FM-A thought the back ones were not secured and were loose. FM-A watched R1 slide out of the wheelchair (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.

LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER
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