

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 245228	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 03/24/2026
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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - 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>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on observation, interview, and document review, the facility failed to ensure adequate supervision was provided to prevent falls for 1 of 3 residents (R2) reviewed for falls. R2 needed increased monitoring for safety due to her fall risk with one-to-one (1:1) supervision which was not provided when the nursing assistant (NA) left R2 alone to go wash their hands. R2 then fell causing harm when R2 obtained a left olecranon (elbow) fracture which needed surgery. Findings include: R2's progress note, dated 1/2/26, identified R2 admitted to the nursing home from the hospital. R2 was an assistance of two staff with an EZ Stand for transfers and was non-weight bearing (NWB) to her right upper extremity with a sling on at all times. R2 was recorded as not verbally responding and having poor memory due to dementia. R2's Fall Risk Assessment, dated 1/2/26, identified R2 had sustained a fall within the last three months, had altered mental status, impaired mobility, and consumed at-risk medications. The assessment scored R2 as, 5: Higher fall risk precautions, and directed interventions which included non-skid footwear and PT/OT. R2's 5-Day Minimum Data Set (MDS), dated [DATE], identified R2 had severe cognitive impairment and had sustained falls prior to admission with a fracture. R2's corresponding Falls Care Area Assessment (CAA), dated 1/10/26, identified R2 had advanced dementia with severe aphasia (communication disorder) and was rarely understood. The CAA recorded R2 had sustained a fall prior to her admission with fracture obtained (right elbow) and listed her being not behavioral but just busy which placed her at continued high risk for falls. The CAA identified R2's assessed risks as falls, pain, injury, and decline. R2's progress note, dated 1/11/26, identified R2 had a fall on 1/10/26 at 9:12 a.m. with dictation, . [R2] had been one on one with staff in the evening due to restlessness for her safety. Staff were with [R2] in the open area dining room giving her a snack and getting her settled after her HS [bedtime] medications had been given. Staff were needed to help a two-assist resident, so were called away. It is estimated that about two minutes lapsed from the time they had to leave her to the time this writer came around the corner in the dining room area where she was found in the middle of the room on the floor with her wheelchair behind her. The fall resulted in two lacerations above her left eye, a small bleed on her left elbow, a skin tear, and a hematoma. The provider was updated and ordered R2 to be seen in the emergency department (ED). Registered nurse (RN)-D authored the note. R2's FSI - Fall Scene Investigation Report, dated 1/10/26, identified a section to record the fall details. This identified a hand-drawn photo of how R2 was found on the floor with injuries listed as head laceration and left elbow skin tear. Just prior to the fall, R2 was recorded as sitting by kitchen self-propelling in the wheelchair facing the staff. The staff was called away for a two person assist, then staff came back and gave her a snack, then left again to help another resident when R2 was then found on the floor. R2 hit her head due to the unwitnessed fall. The report included a section to be completed by the primary NA working with R2 who recorded, The patient has been one on one with the writer, offered snacks and drinks and has been moving with the wheelchair all around the unit all under watch. The NA then pushed R2 next to a patient room where the other NA needed help. The NA then left R2 to assist the other NA, returned and spoke with R2, and then left again to dispose of the trash. NA-C authored this section of (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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