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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 245332	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 11/26/2025
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER The Estates at Excelsior LLC		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 515 Division Street Excelsior, MN 55331	
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F 0600 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety Residents Affected - Few	Protect each resident from all types of abuse such as physical, mental, sexual abuse, physical punishment, and neglect by anybody. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on interviews and documentation review the facility failed to protect 1 of 1 resident (R1) from abuse, when R1 bit the director of nursing (DON). DON responded by pushing R1 on the bed, struggling with her until physically separated by nursing assistant (NA)-A and licensed practical nurse (LPN)-A. Then the DON rushed back in the room and pushed R1 down a second time and yelled out profanity and threatened to make R1's life a living hell. R1 suffered a bruise and pain to her left chest and shoulder. In addition, R1 had increased anxiety and fear of the DON returning to the facility. The immediate jeopardy began on 11/14/25, when the DON responded to a resident biting her with physical and verbal abuse, the facility did not recognize this as abuse until 11/16/25, when the witness called the administrator to recant her original statement regarding the DON's actions towards R1. The administrator and regional clinical nurse (RNC)-A were notified of the immediate jeopardy at 4:04 p.m. on 11/26/25. The immediate jeopardy was removed and the deficient practice was corrected on 11/17/25, prior to the survey and was therefore issued at Past Noncompliance (PNC). Findings include: R1's care plan dated 4/10/24, indicated she had altered mood and behaviors related to major depression and anxiety. She could be resistant to cares and argumentative. She made verbally aggressive comments to staff. Targeted behavior monitoring included verbal outbursts and crying. Interventions dated 8/15/25, included providing support, validation and comfort measures. R1's quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS) dated [DATE], indicated she had normal cognition, mild depression and no behaviors during the seven days look back. She received anxiety and depression medication. She had diabetes, high blood pressure, abnormal weight loss with protein malnutrition, weakness, major depression, anxiety disorder, bipolar disease, and cognitive impairment. DON's written statement dated 11/14/25, indicated R1 lunged at DON's chest and would not let go. DON attempted to get R1 off, but R1 bit DON's right elbow. DON asked for R1 to stop biting but R1 only bit harder. DON pushed R1 on the bed, but R1 got up again and lunged at her. R1 would not let DON go. DON asked R1, are you fighting me? and pushed R1 again on to the bed. Staff arrived at the room to quell the situation. DON cleaned her wound and called the police. R1's written statement dated 11/14/25, indicated the DON entered her room and moved her table. R1 felt constricted and did not know what to do. R1 was not proud of biting the nurse. The police entered R1's room, and R1 gave her statement. R1 also apologized to the DON. NA-A's written statement dated 11/14/25, indicated she saw R1 attacking the DON and biting her. NA-A separated them and notified the administrator. The administrator's written statement dated 11/14/25, indicated he went to R1's room, she was alone in her room. He asked R1 what happened. R1 told the administrator she felt constricted in her room and when the DON moved her table, R1 did not know what to do. R1 bit the DON and was not proud of it and felt sorry. The administrator left the room to check on the DON. LPN-A's written statement dated 11/14/25, indicated when she entered R1's room, LPN-A saw the DON and R1 in a tussle. The DON showed her where R1 bit her. The DON walked back towards R1 and pushed her on the bed. R1 and DON started to struggle with each other. The DON told R1 she was going to get her a roommate that she could not bully. NA-A's second written statement dated 11/14/25, indicated when she first (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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