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NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Cura of Melrose		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 101 5th Avenue NW Melrose, MN 56352	
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F 0600 Level of Harm - Actual harm 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 interview and document review the facility failed to protect 2 of 2 residents (R2 and R1) from abuse. Staff used a personal cell phone to take a picture of R2's soiled brief, buttocks, and large bowel movement and the picture was sent to several other facility staff. This resulted in actual harm to R2 as she verbalized not trusting facility staff and was fearful to have a bowel movement. R1 was abused when staff used their personal cell phone to record R1's voice as she was repeatedly stating, help me, help me. The video was sent to several facility staff phones with the caption, I want to kill myself. The facility implemented corrective action, and the deficient practice was corrected on 5/08/26, prior to the survey, and was issued at past non-compliance. Findings include: R2 R2's quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS) dated [DATE], indicated R2 had hemiplegia (muscular weakness) or hemiparesis (involving severe or total paralysis), anxiety disorder and depression. R2's MDS further indicated C2 was cognitively intact and usually understood by others. The MDS indicated she was dependent on staff for toileting and was always incontinent with bowel and bladder. R2's care plan (CP) dated 7/10/25, indicated R2 had alteration in elimination related to impaired mobility and incontinence of bowel and bladder, was cognitively intact and independent in decision making. R2 was difficult to understand at times, may become upset and had trouble rationalizing out a situation. In addition, R2 was identified as having trauma related to her adoptive family, R2 did not want to talk about it. A Facility Reported Incident (FRI), dated 5/08/26, indicated nursing assistant (NA)-A notified the DON she received a snapchat from NA-F but had not yet opened it yet. NA-A opened the snapchat to the DON on her phone with the administrator present. The message indicated it was sent by NA-F. The message included a picture of a resident's brief open, uncovered buttocks partially in the picture, and a bowel movement in the brief. Resident was not identified at that time. Immediate VA action plan implemented. HIPPA violation and exploitation of resident image occurred per report was indicated that occurred on 5/08/26 at 1:45 p.m. The Investigative Report Summary dated 5/13/26, indicated the social services designee (SSD) informed R2 that an image had been taken of her brief with a bowel movement (BM). The report indicated R2 was unaware this occurred while cares were occurring on 5/07/26 and did not appear distressed and had no concerns. Family member (FM)-A was informed of the incident and had no further concerns. The report also indicated a written statement was received by NA-C that stated she received a picture of R2 who was naked lying in bed with a brief covered in bowel on snapchat. I left the group chat and spoke with another coworker, NA-A, who also seen the picture and we both agreed to report it. Written statement from NA-I stated she was aware that a picture was sent, and it made someone uncomfortable. She stated she doesn't remember when the picture was taken, but she was in the room cleaning with the resident and the alleged perpetrator (AP) when it was taken. Written statement from NA-F stated she was pulled into the room to look at a big BM and was in a group chat and a picture was sent to the chat but did not see it, I was clicking through the snap chats really quick. The conclusion of the investigation indicated the incident was verified NA-F admitted in taking the photo 5/07/26 of R2's BM during brief changing, unaware of buttocks showing and was visible, and sending the image in a snapchat group (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 REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE	TITLE	(X6) DATE
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F 0600 Level of Harm - Actual harm Residents Affected - Few	facility's policies. ^ The Vulnerable Adult Policy effective 11/2025 indicated the organization values the dignity of each resident. ^ It is our desire to provide care with the regard to the mission and values of the organization. ^ The Policy further indicated under abuse any emotional or psychological abuse that includes but is not limited to humiliation, harassment, threats of punishment or derivation and unauthorized photographs and/or recordings of a resident, a resident's personal belongings and/or their personal space. ^ The noncompliance started on 5/7/26, when staff took a picture, using their personal phone of a resident's buttocks then shared the picture via a social media platform with other staff at the facility. The noncompliance was corrected on 5/8/26, when the facility implemented training which included: What should I do if you see someone take a picture or video of a resident's incidents. ^ Best rule of thumb don't even keep your phone on with you!		