

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 245399	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 04/20/2026
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Little Falls Care Center		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 1200 First Avenue Northeast Little Falls, MN 56345	
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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>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on interview and document review the facility failed to complete comprehensively assess level of supervision and failed to complete root cause analysis (RCA) following falls for 1 of 3 residents (R1) reviewed for falls. Findings include R1's psychiatric mental health evaluation summary note dated 2/25/26, indicated R1's diagnoses included major neurocognitive disorder due to vascular disease, with behavioral disturbance, severe, abnormalities of gait and mobility, repeated falls, cerebral vascular disease (CVA) with left hemiparesis, acute encephalopathy, and chronic pain. R1's comprehensive quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS) dated [DATE], indicated R1 had severe cognitive impairment and required substantial/maximal assistance for toileting, transfers, lying to sitting on bed side, and put on/take off footwear. R1's activities of daily living (ADLs) care plan dated 2/19/25 revised on 3/1/26, indicated R1 required assistance of two with stand assist utilize full mechanical lift as needed for weakness or fatigue for transfers. R1's ADLs care plan dated 2/19/25 revised 8/28/25, directed staff to turn and reposition R1 in bed every 2-3 hours and as necessary. R1's ADLs care plan dated 8/22/25, directed staff to analyze time of day, places, circumstances, triggers, and what de-escalates behavior and document these findings. Additionally, R1's ADLs care plan dated 8/22/25 directed staff to assess and anticipate R1's toileting needs, comfort level, body positioning, pain etc. Despite these directives, the care plan did not include enhanced supervision or incorporate the psychiatric evaluation's recommendation for 24-hour supervision, completed on 2/25/26. R1's psychiatric mental health evaluation dated 2/25/26, recommended R1 required 24-hour supervision to ensure safety. The evaluation further indicated simple ADLs needed to be initiated by caregiver and continual supervision may be needed to correct R1's behaviors. R1's medical record review from February and March 2026 showed no adequate documented analysis of root causes, no evidence that the interdisciplinary team revised the care plan, and no documentation that R1's supervision needs were reassessed according to the psychiatric evaluation. R1's progress note dated 2/18/26 at 8:25 p.m., indicated R1 had an unwitnessed fall in the lounge area next to brick wall when her wheelchair (WC) had stuck in a curve of the wall. The note further indicated R1 slipped out of WC landing on pedals with her knees bent under her. Staff assisted R1 straighten legs out and then used a full mechanical lift to transfer R1 back into her WC. The root cause analysis was not identified but the corresponding interventions identified as staff were to ensure R1 had been toileted every two hours, change and reposition, bed in lower position, and call light within reach. R1's progress note dated 2/25/26 at 9:14 p.m., indicated R1 experienced an unwitnessed fall in the hallway. Staff reported R1 had been pushing herself around the pod in an attempt to leave the building and was found sitting on the pedals of her WC. No injuries were noted. The root cause analysis identified R1 had slipped out of her WC due to the right foot pedal being in the down position. R1 used only one foot pedal because she propelled herself with her other foot, which increased the likelihood of sliding forward when the unused pedal remained attached. The corresponding intervention was to remove the right foot pedal, label it, and store it in the closet for use only during medical appointments. R1's progress note dated 3/4/26 at 10:59 p.m., indicated R1 had unwitnessed fall in her room with no injuries. The note lacked (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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