

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 255136	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 02/18/2025
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<p>F 0600</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Protect each resident from all types of abuse such as physical, mental, sexual abuse, physical punishment, and neglect by anybody.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 21029</p> <p>Based on record reviews, resident and staff interviews, facility policy review, the facility failed to ensure a resident's right to be free from abuse and reprisal by staff. Resident #1 was verbally abused and confronted by Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN #1) for reporting that she had not received pain medications in a time when Resident #1 asked for them. Resident #1 was one (1) of three (3) residents reviewed for abuse and neglect.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>The facility undated policy titled Abuse Prevention revealed, The facility is committed to protecting the residents from abuse by anyone including, but not necessarily limited to: facility staff . a) Abuse: Willful infliction of injury, unreasonable confinement, intimidation, or punishment with resulting physical harm, pain, or mental anguish. This includes the deprivation by an individual, including a care taker of goods or services are necessary to attain or maintain physical, mental and psychosocial well-being. b) Verbal abuse: The use of oral, written, or gestured communication or sounds that willfully includes disparaging and derogatory terms to residents or their families, or within their hearing distance, regardless of their age, ability to comprehend, or disability .</p> <p>Interview on 02/18/25 at 12:25 PM with the facility Administrator (ADM)/ Executive Director (ED) revealed that the facility had conducted a full investigation of the alleged verbal abuse reported by Resident #1 and the facility did not substantiate any abuse, but they did substantiate poor customer service. The facility found that Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) #1 delivered poor customer service when Resident #1 asked for her pain medications. The facility suspended the nurse from work while the investigation was conducted. The facility issued a written class one reprimand to LPN #1 for poor customer service. The ADM presented supporting investigation materials and written statements that the facility had gathered during their facility investigation dated 01/03/2025 and signed by the ADM/ED and the Director of Nursing (DON).</p> <p>(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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<p>F 0600</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Interview on 02/18/25 at 12:45 PM with the Director of Nursing (DON) revealed that she and the ADM had investigated the incident and that they had suspended LPN #1 until the investigation was completed. The facility issued written discipline to LPN #1 for poor customer service. The facility also pulled LPN #1 from working the rehabilitation unit and she was not allowed to work on that unit any longer. DON stated that Resident #1 was a short-term rehab resident and was admitted to the facility for rehab from a tibia fracture. DON stated that Resident #1 was cognitive and was a good historian and had a Brief Interview of Mental Status (BIMS) score of 15 which indicated that she was intact cognitively.</p> <p>Record review of the facility investigation dated 1/03/25 revealed: Conclusion: After a thorough investigation, (name of facility) was unable to substantiate abuse or neglect. This was based on interviews with residents and staff members. It was determined that the nurse exhibited poor customer service in explaining how the medications are given and asking her about anything that was reported.</p> <p>Record review of the Admission Record of Resident #1 revealed that she had admitted s of 2/01/24 and a second admitted [DATE] with diagnoses of Unspecified fracture of upper end of left tibia, subsequent encounter for closed fracture with routine healing; Type 2 Diabetes; Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease; and Repeated Falls.</p> <p>Record review of Resident #1's Minimum Data Set (MDS) with an Assessment Reference Date of 12/31/24 revealed a BIMS score of 15, indicating that Resident #1 was cognitively intact.</p> <p>Interview on 02/18/25 at 1:20 PM with the Director of the Rehabilitation (DOR) Department revealed that she had two (2) rehab therapy staff members that had reported to her that LPN #1 had spoken harshly and in a demeaning tone to Resident #1. The DOR stated that she stood behind her staff and supported them, and she had full confidence in the statements that the rehab therapy staff had made in the incident involving Resident #1 and LPN #1 and she believed the statements were true and accurate. She stated that the Speech Therapist (ST) had been a witness to the harsh tone and confrontational manner in which LPN #1 had used toward Resident #1. She also stated that the Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA) had gone in to assist Resident #1 when he found her crying and upset due to the confronting manner of LPN #1 towards her. The DOR stated that both staff had provided the facility with written statements about their account of the incident. The DOR confirmed that the rehab department had a policy that they would not deliver services to residents complaining of pain and that they would request pain medications prior to rehab services with residents. She stated that the ST had delivered the message to LPN #1 that Resident #1 was requesting pain medications prior to the physical therapy sessions and that LPN #1 denied that the ST had made the pain medication request.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0600</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Record review revealed that there were two (2) Trauma Screening Assessments completed on Resident #1 dated 12/25/24 and dated 1/2/25 that were completed by the LSW. The 12/25/24 Trauma Screening Assessment (prior to the incident with LPN #1 on 12/31/24) did not contain information that was conducive to trauma experienced by Resident #1. The Trauma Screening Assessment conducted on 01/2/25 (after the incident with LPN #1 on 12/31/24) completed by the LSW, revealed that Resident #1 had experienced excessive trauma. The second Trauma Assessment for Resident #1 dated 1/2/25 was positive for trauma and confirmed that the resident had Upset thoughts; feeling upset by reminders of events; jumpy; and heightened awareness.</p>