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| STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION | (X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 265160 | (X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing | (X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 04/24/2025 |
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| F 0689 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety Residents Affected - Few | <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** 42594</p> <p>Based on observation, interview and record review, the facility failed to ensure one resident (Resident #1) out of a sample of eight residents, received adequate supervision to prevent accidents. The facility failed to respond to a door alarm timely after the resident, who was assessed by the facility to be at risk for elopement, exited the facility through an alarmed exit door without staff knowledge. The door alarm volume was not loud enough for staff to hear until they were halfway down the resident's hall. The facility also failed to complete 15 minute checks for the resident who required 15 minute checks for aggressive behavior. The resident fell after he/she left the facility, sustaining multiple facial fractures and a subdural hemorrhage (bleeding in the brain that can put pressure on the brain, leading to a variety of symptoms and potentially life-threatening complications if not treated promptly). The facility census was 76.</p> <p>On 4/24/25 the administrator was notified of the Past Non-Compliance Immediate Jeopardy (IJ) which occurred on 4/17/25. Upon discovery, staff conducted an investigation and notified appropriate parties including the police. In-service education was provided for all facility staff including elopement policies, 15 minute check policies and door monitoring policies. Staff completed elopement risk assessments for all residents and the elopement risk and code white procedure books were updated with current risk assessments and code white procedures. The alarmed, fire, exit door alarms were adjusted to increase the volume of the alarm for staff to recognize the alarm promptly. Alarmed door audits and 15 minute check audits were performed and ongoing. The IJ was corrected on 4/18/25.</p> <p>Review of the undated facility policy, Code [NAME] Guidelines, showed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The purpose of the facility is to assure that resident safety and security are maintained. Identification of residents at risk for wandering or elopement is imperative; -Every resident will be assessed, using the wander and/or Elopement Assessment form, upon admission, readmission, annually and with significant change; -A nurse will complete the assessment and once completed and the determination has been made, the care plan coordinator will review and incorporate the information with the resident's care plan; -If the resident is determined to be at risk, the resident will be placed on the At Risk list and added to the Code [NAME] Program; <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 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p> | <p>-A listing of residents at risk with the resident identification record will be kept at each nursing station and in the front office.</p> <p>Review of Resident #1's Elopement/Wandering Assessment Form, dated 1/17/25, showed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The resident was ambulatory or self-mobile in a wheelchair; -The resident had a history of wandering, confusion, disorientation, and was cognitively impaired; -The resident had a wandering risk score of four which put him/her at risk; -Interventions were frequent monitoring; -The resident usually just wandered around the facility and made no attempts to exit and was not exit seeking. <p>Review of Resident #1's undated Face Sheet showed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The resident had a power of attorney for health care; -The resident had diagnoses that included schizophrenia (a serious mental illness that affects how a person thinks, feels, and behaves), bipolar disorder (a disorder associated with episodes of mood swings ranging from depressive lows to manic highs), Alzheimer's disease (a progressive disease that destroys memory and other important mental functions) and vascular dementia (a mental disorder in which a person has problems with reasoning, planning, judgment, memory and other thought processes caused by brain damage from impaired blood flow to the brain). <p>Review of the resident's Significant Change Minimum Data Set (MDS), a federally mandated assessment instrument required to be completed by facility staff, dated 1/19/25, showed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The resident's cognition was severely impaired; -The resident used a wheelchair for ambulation; -The resident could propel himself/herself in a wheelchair 150 feet independently; -The resident had no impairments to his/her upper or lower extremities; -Walking 10 feet was not attempted due to the resident's medical conditions; -The resident wandered less than daily; -The resident required partial to moderate assistance from staff to get from sitting to lying, lying to sitting, sitting to standing and from a chair to bed positionings; -The Significant Change MDS showed a decline in communication, increased behaviors, a decrease in cognition, and risk for psychosocial isolation compared to his/her previous MDS, dated [DATE]. <p>(continued on next page)</p> | | |

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| <p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p> | <p>-At 8:30 P.M., staff observed the resident in a wheelchair self-propelling in the hallway toward his/her room;</p> <p>-At 8:45 P.M., Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) C observed the resident lying in bed;</p> <p>-At 9:15 P.M., the resident's call light was on, and Nursing Assistant A went to the resident's room. The resident was not in his/her room;</p> <p>-(no time stated) Code [NAME] was activated; the inside and outside of the building was searched and the resident was not found;</p> <p>-At 9:38 P.M., the Director of Nursing (DON) was notified of the missing resident;</p> <p>-At 9:55 P.M., the DON arrived at the facility and the search for the resident continued.</p> <p>Review of Resident #1's Hospital Records, dated 4/17/25, showed the following:</p> <p>-Upon arrival to the emergency department the resident's injuries necessitated the activation of a level 2 trauma;</p> <p>-A Computed Tomography (CT, a diagnostic imaging procedure that uses a combination of x-rays and computer technology to produce detailed images of the inside of the body, including the bones, muscles, fat, organs, and blood vessels) showed a subdural hemorrhage, extensive facial trauma with right and left orbital fractures (eye socket), bilateral upper jaw bone fracture, lower jaw bone fracture, nose fracture, and right cheek bone fracture;</p> <p>-The resident was placed in the neurological intensive care unit.</p> <p>During an interview on 4/23/25 at 1:08 P.M. Resident #2 (residing on the same hall), said he/she did not hear an alarm sound on the night Resident #1 went out the alarmed fire exit door.</p> <p>During an interview on 4/23/25 at 1:11 P.M. Resident #3 (Resident #1's roommate), said he/she did not hear an alarm sound on the night Resident #1 went out the alarmed fire exit door.</p> <p>During an interview on 4/23/25 at 1:22 P.M., LPN C said the following:</p> <p>-On 4/17/25 at 8:45 P.M., he/she checked on Resident #1 and the resident was lying in bed;</p> <p>-Nursing Assistant (NA) A came and told LPN C that he/she went to answer Resident #1's call light, but the resident was not in his/her room;</p> <p>-LPN C went to the resident's hall and did not hear the alarm until he/she got halfway down the hall;</p> <p>-Resident #1's wheelchair was parked in front of the alarmed fire door;</p> <p>-LPN C went outside and walked the perimeter of the building and did not find the resident. LPN C also went to the building behind the facility and did not see the resident;</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p> | | |

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