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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 265571	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 03/07/2024
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Ash Grove Healthcare Facility		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 401 North Medical Drive Ash Grove, MO 65604	
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F 0600 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for 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** 40769 Based on record review and interview, the facility failed to protect one resident's (Resident #1) right to be free from verbal/emotional abuse by staff when one staff (Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) A) yelled and cursed at the resident. The facility census was 80. The Administrator and Director of Nursing (DON) were notified on the evening of 03/02/24 of the Past Non-Compliance which occurred earlier on 03/02/24. On 03/02/24, The CNA left for the night and the staff monitored the residents. On 03/03/24, in-services of all staff was started. Staff began the full investigation on 03/04/24 and completed resident interviews on 03/05/24. The facility implemented monitoring including weekly interviews with residents. The noncompliance was corrected on 03/05/24. Review of the facility policy titled, Abuse Appendices, SS0S-09, revised 05/2021, showed the following: -Abuse is willful infliction of injury, unreasonable confinement, intimidation, or punishment with resulting physical harm, pain, or mental anguish, including deprivation by an individual, including a caretaker, of goods or services that are necessary to attain or maintain physician, mental and psychosocial well-being. This presumes that instances of abuse of all residents, even those in a coma, cause physical harm, pain or mental anguish; -Verbal abuse is defined as the use of oral, written, or gestured language that willfully includes disparaging and derogatory terms to residents, patients, and/or their families, or within their hearing distance, regardless of their age, ability to comprehend, or disability; -Examples of verbal abuse include, but are not limited to, threat of harm, saying things to frighten the person, threats of involuntary seclusion and harsh criticism. Review of the facility policy, titled Patient Abuse/Neglect, Elder Abuse and Persons with Disability Abuse, revised 08/2021, showed the following: -The purpose is to guide staff and any mandated reporters within the system in identifying victims of abuse and provide a reporting mechanism in accordance with all local, state, federal laws. To provide safe and efficient care for the residents, To keep residents free from abuse mistreatment and neglect. (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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F 0600 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	1. Review of Resident #1's face sheet (a snapshot of resident information) showed the following: -admitted [DATE]; -Diagnoses included sepsis (a serious condition in which the body responds improperly to an infection), other chronic pain, difficulty in walking, Type 2 diabetes (is a condition that happens because of a problem in the way the body regulates and uses sugar), need for assistance with personal care, and metabolic encephalopathy (a group of conditions that cause brain dysfunction). Review of the resident's care plan, dated 01/09/23, showed the following: -The resident made the facility their permanent home and is adjusting to the new environment; -The resident wants to live at the facility with pride, dignity, and independence to their fullest potential; -The resident wants to be treated with the same dignity that they would be treated in their own home; -The resident has some cognitive decline and may need extra help at times. Review of the resident's quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS - a federally mandated assessment instrument completed by facility staff), dated 02/20/2024, showed the following: -Resident has moderate cognitive impairment; -Resident had exhibited no behaviors in the assessment period; -Resident requires maximal/substantial assistance for sit to stand transfers. Review of the resident's nurses' note dated 03/02/24, at 7:49 P.M., showed the following: -Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) E said CNA A came out the resident's room crying and said he/she was not going to be treated that way by a resident just for trying to help them. CNA A said the resident called him/her a bitch. He/she told CNA A to take a break and a breather. LPN E went in to talk to the resident who said that he/she did not call him/her a bitch and he/she is tired of being treated bad. The resident said CNA A was saying they know he/she can walk and do things on his/her own, but that changes from day to day that some days he/she just cannot do as much and he/she is not happy about it. The resident and LPN E came to an understanding that if he/she has a problem with a CNA he/she will ask for the charge nurse. During an interview on 03/07/24, at 11:00 A.M., the resident said the following: -He/she reported what happened to the nurse; -CNA A yelled at him that he/she, wished he/she was dead while pointing a finger in his/her face; -He/she believed it happened on the night of 03/02/24; (continued on next page)		

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