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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 265585	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 05/14/2026
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Hillside Health Care Center		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 1265 McLaran Avenue Saint Louis, MO 63147	
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F 0689 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Ensure that a nursing home area is free from accident hazards and provides adequate supervision to prevent accidents. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on observation, interview and record review, the facility did not follow their policy when Resident #161 signed out of the facility, did not return, and the facility failed to initiate a Code Purple (missing person) per policy. The resident's guardian did not give permission for the resident to sign him/herself out. Per facility policy, when the resident failed to return to the facility for dinner and evening medications and did not return all night, staff should have initiated a Code Purple. The resident signed out at 3:55 P.M. on 05/08/26 to go outside, with no expected return time listed. Staff found the resident's wheelchair outside and could not locate the resident. Staff did not document attempts to locate the resident from 05/08/26 through 05/11/26 and did not document their communication with law enforcement. Per the resident's hospital records, the resident arrived in the emergency room (ER) on 05/11/26 at 8:20 P.M. and said he/she had been assaulted and was experiencing right ring finger pain and a broken nail. The resident tested positive for marijuana and cocaine. The sample was seven and the census was 145. Review of the facility's Elopement and Wandering Residents policy, revised 06/12/24, showed: -Purpose: The facility ensured residents who exhibited wandering behavior and/or were at risk for elopement received adequate supervision to prevent accidents, and received care in accordance with their person-centered plan of care;- Elopement occurred when a resident left the premises or a safe area without authorization (i.e., an order for discharge or leave of absence) and/or any necessary supervision to do so;- The facility was equipped with door locks/alarms to help avoid elopements;-Alarms were not a replacement for necessary supervision. Staff were to be vigilant in responding to alarms in a timely manner;-The facility shall establish and utilize a systematic approach to monitoring and managing residents at risk for elopement or unsafe wandering, including identification and assessment of risk, evaluation and analysis of hazards and risks, implementing interventions to reduce hazards and risks, and monitoring for effectiveness and modifying interventions when necessary;- Residents were assessed for risk of elopement and unsafe wandering upon admission and throughout their stay by the interdisciplinary care plan team;-The interdisciplinary team evaluated the unique factors contributed to risk and developed a person-centered care plan;-Interventions to increase staff awareness of the resident's risk, modify the resident's behavior, or to minimize risks associated with hazards were added to the resident's care plan and communicated to appropriate staff;-Any staff member becoming aware of a missing resident alerted personnel using facility approved protocol;- Code purple meant elopement outside of facility;-The designated facility staff looked for the resident;-If the resident was not located in the building or on the grounds, the Administrator or designee notified the police department and served as the designated liaison between the facility and the police department.- The Director of Nursing (DON) or designee notified the physician and family member or legal representative;-The police were given a description and information about the resident;-All parties were notified of the outcome when the resident was located;-Appropriate reporting requirements to the state agency would be conducted. Review of the facility's Resident Transfer/Discharge, Immediate Discharge, and Therapeutic Leave Policy, dated 06/12/25, showed:-Therapeutic leave meant absences for purposes other than required (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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