

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 265784	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 04/23/2025
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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - 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>Based on interview and record review, the facility failed ensure one of 6 sampled residents (Resident #1) received adequate assistance and supervision to prevent accidents when the facility staff transferred the resident to a standing position without a gait belt. The resident ambulated to the restroom, notified staff that he/she felt dizzy, the staff member left the resident alone to go obtain a gait belt and the resident fell. The resident fractured his/her left hip and required surgery. The facility census was 77.</p> <p>Review of the facility policy titled, Integrated Fall Management Policy, dated 8/24/17, showed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Fall Risk assessments are to be completed quarterly and upon significant change of condition; -Identify other risk factors in the Minimum Data Set (MDS) to identify additional risk factors and interventions; -Residents at risk for falls have an individualized resident centered care plan developed based upon the fall risk assessment; -Include other professionals to assess or intervene regarding fall risk prevention; -Residents are provided education, regarding her/his fall risk and interventions to reduce falls based on the fall risk assessment; -Completed fall risk assessments are maintained in the resident's medical record. <p>Review of the facility policy titled, Transfer Belt (Gait Belt) Placement Education Document, dated 2009, showed when transferring a resident, staff should always apply belt over clothing around waist with buckle in front.</p> <p>Review of CNA A's orientation training packet, showed CNA A was trained on 2/08/25 for safe transfers and gait belt use by the facility for competency and facility policy.</p> <p>1. Review of Resident #1's Face Sheet, dated 3/31/25., showed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -New admission to the facility; <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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