

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 275159	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 02/10/2026
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<p>F 0600</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Protect each resident from all types of abuse such as physical, mental, sexual abuse, physical punishment, and neglect by anybody.</p> <p>Based on observation, interview, and record review, the facility failed to protect residents from inappropriate physical contact between residents for 3 (#s 17, 28, and 37), failed to ensure a resident was free from verbal abuse by a staff member for 1 (#42) and failed to ensure a resident was free from neglect related to elopements for 1 (#46) of 7 residents sampled for abuse. With each elopement, the facility neglected to address it thoroughly for future prevention, thus continuing the risk of elopement and harm. Findings include: 1. Review of a facility-reported incident submitted to the State Survey Agency on 1/3/26 showed documentation of inappropriate physical contact between resident #17 and resident #28.</p> <p>During an observation and interview on 2/7/26 at 1:15 p.m., resident #17 was in a wheelchair in his room and called out, Hey! On approach, he reached out and cupped the surveyor's hand with both his hands. Resident #17 was able to say Hey, Yeah, and No, throughout the interview. When asked about the incident on 1/3/26, resident #17 said, Yeah, and showed his fists to demonstrate punching, and then demonstrated pushing away of hands. When asked if he had any further contact with the individual involved in that event, and he said, No!</p> <p>During an interview on 2/7/26 at 2:22 p.m., resident #28 stated, Yeah, that guy groped at me. I pushed him away. He isn't right, but I am not going to let him get away with that! . I haven't seen him since.</p> <p>During an interview on 2/8/26 at 3:25 p.m., staff member A stated resident #17 has some history with (personal space and body) boundaries and stated, I told him he can't touch people and taught him to fist-bump because he especially likes to touch the ladies. Once he starts touching, that is when things escalate for him. None of the residents (involved in the events) could recall any incident, so we did not substantiate the abuse. I have told the staff not to write sexual behaviors in the (resident's) chart and just call them behaviors.</p> <p>Review of resident #17's SBAR note dated 1/3/26 showed, Notified by a resident that (Resident #17) inappropriately touched her bottom . Resident continually seeks out females attempting to touch or kiss. Has been seen groping (him)self while looking into female residents' rooms . [sic]</p> <p>Review of resident #17's care plan failed to show documentation specific to sexual behaviors or lack of physical boundaries with females, and there were no interventions addressing the risk for ongoing inappropriate physical contact with females before or after the 1/3/26 incident. The lack of interventions to address the sexual behaviors did not allow staff the opportunity to intervene appropriately when the resident was exhibiting the sexual behaviors.</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 - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Review of the facility's investigation of the 1/3/26 incident showed, Attempted interview on 1/05/2026. [Resident #28] could not recall the incident on Saturday attempted interview on 1/05/2026 [Resident #17] could not remember what happened Saturday . Staff spoke with [Resident #17] about keeping his hands to himself and to not touch . [Resident #17's last name] has a BIMS of 3 & [Resident #28's last name] has a BIMS of 0 Neither resident could recall an incident unable to substantiate . [sic] A BIMS score of 0 or 3 reflects severe cognitive impairment. The facility failed to identify potential abusive behaviors and anticipate resident #17's behavior or needs, and failed to implement appropriate interventions to protect other residents or resident #17.</p> <p>2. Review of a facility-reported incident submitted to the State Survey Agency on 1/25/26 showed documentation of inappropriate physical contact between resident #17 and resident #37.</p> <p>During an interview on 2/7/26 at 4:04 p.m., resident #37 could not recall any conflicts or incidents with another resident.</p> <p>During an interview on 2/9/26 at 3:12 p.m., staff member B stated, He (#17) bumped her (#37) thigh, and she got mad; that's all.</p> <p>Review of resident #17's SBAR note dated 1/25/26 showed, Resident has had increased sexual behaviors. Is there anything we could give him? .</p> <p>Review of resident #17's primary care physician progress note, dated 1/27/26, showed, Staff does note that he seems to be a little disruptive with his behaviors, some of them being somewhat sexual.</p> <p>Review of resident #17's care plan failed to show documentation specific to sexual behaviors toward resident #37 or protective measures implemented, before or after the 1/25/26 incident.</p> <p>Review of the facility's investigation of the 1/25/26 incident showed, Interview attempted on 1/25/2026 when admin got to facility [Resident #37] when asked can you tell me what happened in the dining room she said nothing happened [Resident #17's last name] interviewed and could not recall . Residents where separated, [Resident #17] was talked to by admin to keep his hands to himself. SBAR sent to the provider for medication review. Referral made to [mental health provider] . unable to substantiate. [sic] The facility did not show how the resident's cognitive impairments hindered his ability to understand discussions or any education related to the sexual behaviors.</p> <p>Review of a facility policy titled Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation, dated 4/11/25, showed, . 'Sexual Abuse' is non-consensual sexual contact of any type with a resident.</p> <p>The facility failed to substantiate sexual abuse for the residents involved, while simultaneously documenting #17's sexual behaviors and telling the resident to keep his hands to himself, without consideration of his cognitive impairments hindering his decisions, and staff failed to anticipate his needs.</p> <p>3. Review of a facility-reported incident, dated 10/30/25 at approximately 6:30 a.m., documented an allegation during shift change wherein a staff member told resident #42, I wish you would shut the f k (profanity) up.</p> <p>Review of the facility's investigative report for the event on 10/30/25 showed the allegation was substantiated. Documentation further reflected that the facility conducted interviews with staff and</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0609</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Timely report suspected abuse, neglect, or theft and report the results of the investigation to proper authorities.</p> <p>Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to report investigative findings for reportable events within the required timeframe for 4 (#s 27, 28, 37, and 46) of 8 residents sampled for event reporting. The failure placed the residents at elevated risk for delayed protective interventions, emotional distress, and injuries. Findings include: A review of facility reported incidents showed concerns related to late reporting, which included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Resident #27 <p>Review of a facility-reported incident submitted to the State Survey Agency on 10/2/25 showed resident #27 was mistreated by other residents in the dining room through verbal comments. The facility's investigative findings were not reported to the State Survey Agency until 10/10/25, one day after the submission deadline.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Resident #28 <p>Review of a facility-reported incident submitted to the State Survey Agency on 1/3/26 showed resident #28 reported inappropriate touching by another resident. The facility's investigative findings were not reported to the State Survey Agency until 1/11/26, two days after the submission deadline.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Resident #37 <p>Review of a facility-reported incident submitted to the State Survey Agency on 1/25/26 showed that resident #37 reported inappropriate and unwanted touching by another resident. The facility's investigative findings were not reported to the State Survey Agency until 1/31/26, one day after the submission deadline.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Resident #46 <p>Review of a facility-reported incident submitted to the State Survey Agency on 11/1/25 showed an allegation of resident neglect when resident #46 eloped from the facility on 11/1/25 at 10:20 a.m. The facility's final investigation was submitted on 11/10/25, three days after the submission deadline.</p> <p>Review of a facility-reported incident submitted to the State Survey Agency on 11/1/25 showed an allegation of resident neglect when resident #46 eloped from the facility on 11/1/25 at 5:40 p.m. The facility's final investigation was submitted on 11/10/25, three days after the submission deadline.</p> <p>Review of a facility-reported incident submitted to the State Survey Agency on 12/3/25 showed an allegation of resident neglect when resident #46 eloped from the facility on 12/3/25. The facility's final investigation was submitted on 12/11/25, one day after the submission deadline.</p> <p>During an interview on 2/8/26 at 2:12 p.m., staff member A stated she was responsible for submitting reportable incidents, including the investigative findings. Staff member A stated she did not recall why the reports regarding residents #s 28 and 37 were submitted late.</p> <p>During an interview on 2/8/26 at 3:45 p.m., staff member B stated the three final investigation reports related to resident #46's elopements were submitted late.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0609</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>During an interview on 2/10/26 at 11:08 a.m., staff member A stated she did not submit the results of the investigation findings for the incident involving resident #27 within the five-day deadline because she had to work as the cook in the kitchen to cover the position when a staff member left abruptly.</p> <p>Review of a facility policy titled Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation, dated 4/11/25, showed, VII B. The administrator will follow up with the government agencies during business hours, to confirm the initial report was received, and to report the results of the investigation when final within five working days of the incident, as required by state agencies.</p> <p>Review of a facility policy, titled Compliance with Reporting Allegations of Abuse/Neglect/Exploitation, revised 7/10/25, showed:</p> <p>.Procedure for Response and Reporting Allegations of Abuse/Neglect/Exploitation:</p> <p>2. The Administrator or designee will:</p> <p>a. Notify the appropriate agencies immediately: as soon as possible, but no later than 2 hours after discovery of the incident or forming the suspicion.</p> <p>b. Obtain statements from direct care staff.</p> <p>. d. Follow up with appropriate agencies, during business hours, to confirm the report was received.</p> <p>. f. Within 5 working days of the incident, report sufficient information to describe the results of the investigation, and indicate any corrective actions taken, if the allegation was verified. [sic]</p>		

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<p>F 0610</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Respond appropriately to all alleged violations.</p> <p>Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to ensure a thorough investigation of facility-reported events for 1 (#46) of 8 residents sampled for facility-reported events. The failure placed the resident at risk for inadequate protection from harm. Findings include: Review of a facility reported incidents, dated 10/24/25, 11/1/25 at 10:20 a.m., 11/1/25 at 5:40 p.m., 12/3/25, and 12/6/25, showed resident #46 had left the facility premises without the facility knowledge. The investigative files presented for review failed to include a thorough investigation of one resident who had multiple elopements. No staff interviews were included in the files. During an interview on 2/7/26 at 4:10 p.m., staff member J said resident #46 had lived in a homeless shelter and was potentially in a witness protection program. Staff member J said the resident would be outside smoking unattended because the facility did not have the manpower to watch and supervise residents who smoked. Staff member J said the facility changed resident #46's activity care plan, but staff member J said she cannot remember what the resident needed to prevent further elopements. During an interview on 2/10/26 at 11:20 a.m., staff member H said she had never been interviewed regarding resident #46's elopement. Staff member H said she had some ideas why and how the resident eloped and had ideas for prevention, but she was not asked about what might prevent resident #46 from leaving the property again. During an interview on 2/10/26 at 11:50 a.m., staff member A said she did the investigation of the elopement. Staff member A said she could not interview staff because she just could not get it done and admitted a comprehensive review was not done. Staff member A said the facility found the resident had gone under the fence during one of the elopements, rather than over the fence as originally thought. Review of the facility reported incident dated 10/24/25 showed there was no investigative information and only copies of portions of the chart. The final report showed to prevent further elopement, the staff would be re-educated on elopement prevention procedures. The facility failed to provide documentation to show staff education was completed on or near 10/24/25. The facility presented a signed education roster, without documentation of the date, content of education, or the person presenting the education. Resident #46 eloped five more times within the next 43 days, while living at the facility. The facility provided files for the five investigations for resident #46's elopements. The investigations were incomplete and showed that the root causes of the elopements were not identified. No resident or staff interviews were included in the files to show the precipitating factors or timeline for resident #46 being missing. During all five of resident #46's elopements, the missing resident was identified by non-facility community members, showing that preventative measures were not effective, if implemented. Record review of a facility performance improvement plan, dated 12/8/25, showed the facility initiated a plan to prevent resident #46 from eloping. Audits showing when vendors were at the facility started on 12/8/25. Review of resident #46's nursing progress notes showed that resident #46 was discharged on 12/7/25.</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>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** Based on observations, interviews, and record reviews, the facility failed to implement and operationalize a smoking policy when there were smokers residing at the facility, who were unsafe and kept their smoking materials. Residents smoked in a designated and unmonitored smoking area; one resident (#12) utilized oxygen and kept her nasal cannula and oxygen cannister in close proximity while smoking, to include using a lighter with an open flame; resident (#20) was often in proximity to resident #12 when smoking, which placed her at a higher risk of injury due to the unsafe smoking practices of resident #12. The facility did not identify and address individualized smoking safety risk factors, and care plans were not implemented with individualized safety interventions to mitigate smoking-related risks for 6 (#s 5, 12, 20, 23, 24, and 35); and failed to ensure a lighter was secured in accordance with the resident's smoking assessment and care plan for 1 (#5) of 6 residents sampled for smoking. These failures increased the risk of harm for residents who smoked, as well as others in the facility. The concerns related to unsafe smoking contributed to the Immediate Jeopardy situation announced during the survey (see below). Findings include: On 2/9/26 at 1:30 p.m., the facility Administrator and Director of Nursing were notified that an Immediate Jeopardy existed in the area of F689 - Accidents and Hazards, pertaining to resident #12, which was identified to be at the severity and scope of J. Upon removal of the immediacy, this was lowered to an E. The facility submitted an acceptable plan to remove the immediacy, and it was verified by the State Survey Agency that the facility removed the immediacy as of 2/9/26 at 6:15 p.m. Findings include: As part of the required entrance conference materials to be submitted to the State Survey Agency, it was found during the document review(s) that the facility failed to provide an accurate list of residents who smoked. The list provided only included five resident names, not six. It was found that the facility had six residents who smoked. The list provided did not include resident #35, although a smoking safety screen had been performed for resident #35 on 7/23/25, which was two days after his admission on [DATE].</p> <p>Concerns related to residents who smoke include:</p> <p>1. Resident #12 - identified to be involved in the immediate jeopardy situation:</p> <p>During an observation on 2/7/26 at 2:14 p.m., resident #12's door to her room was open, and she was sitting up on her bed. Resident #12 was holding crafting materials in her hands. Resident #12 was using a lighter, which had an open flame, to heat pieces of the craft materials together and there was an oxygen concentrator by the bed. Multiple storage boxes of crafting materials, fabric, and supplies were lined against a wall beside her bed. A faint smell of material burning was noticed directly outside the door to the resident's room. There was no visible sign on the door to her room to show the hazard related to oxygen equipment being present or in use in the room. The door did not have any signage displaying No smoking.</p> <p>During an observation on 2/8/26 at 3:15 p.m., resident #12 was seated in a wheelchair, wearing a nasal cannula, with a portable oxygen tank attached to the resident's wheelchair. Resident #12 was being pushed by resident #20 to go into the dining room. The doors to the dining room were closed because of a church group activity. Staff member J was standing near the dining room doors, and resident #20 asked her about going outside to smoke. Staff member J stated to residents #12 and #20 that they would have to go outside later, since the activity was going on. Resident #20 pushed resident #12 in her wheelchair down the hallway away from the dining room doors.</p> <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>During an observation and interview on 2/9/26 at 8:24 a.m., resident #12 was seated in the designated smoking area outside with resident #20. Resident #12 was sitting in a wheelchair, wearing a nasal cannula, and smoking a lit cigarette; there was an oxygen cannister on the back of the resident's wheelchair. Resident #20 was sitting near resident #12 in a chair, approximately six feet away, smoking a lit cigarette. Resident #12 stated her oxygen was not turned on. Resident #12 stated, I don't want to blow myself up, the oxygen is off, see, and reached to the back of her wheelchair to twist the oxygen wrench to turn the valve closed. Resident #12 removed the nasal cannula from below her nose and lowered it to her sternum, like she was wearing a necklace. Resident #12 stated, Here, I will do this just in case, and pulled the nasal cannula tubing from around her chest to lie behind the wheelchair near the portable oxygen tank. The portable oxygen tank was held in an oxygen cylinder holder attached to her wheelchair. The oxygen pressure regulator showed a pressure reading of 800 psi in the oxygen tank.</p> <p>During an interview on 2/9/26 at 8:46 a.m., staff member F stated it was not safe for resident #12 to go outside to the smoking area to smoke wearing a nasal cannula with a portable oxygen tank. Staff member F stated, I'm newer to this environment (long-term care), but I don't think it's safe to have lighters in rooms, especially residents with oxygen.</p> <p>During an observation and interview on 2/9/26 at 8:54 a.m., resident #12 entered the outside smoking area with resident #20. Resident #12 had her lighter and a cigarette in her hand, with a nasal cannula in place under her nose. Resident #12 sat in her wheelchair approximately four feet away from resident #20, who sat in a chair. Resident #12 stated she had turned her oxygen tank off, lifted the nasal cannula prongs up to her mouth, and sucked air in from it. Resident #12 stated she still had air left in her oxygen tank. Resident #12 stated she had been a paramedic, so she knew how important it was not to have oxygen on when she smoked.</p> <p>During an interview on 2/9/26 at 9:05 a.m., staff member A stated resident #12 had not been going outside to smoke until resident #20 started to invite resident #12 to join her to go outside to smoke. Staff member A stated that resident #12 knew not to wear her nasal cannula or use oxygen when she smoked. Staff member A stated she had started to make sure resident #12 did not go outside with oxygen on. Staff member A stated resident #12 was not to keep lighters in her room with her oxygen equipment.</p> <p>Review of resident #12's smoking safety screen assessment, dated 11/26/25, showed the facility determined resident #12 was safe to smoke without supervision. The assessment showed resident #12 did not use supplemental oxygen, so the resident was not assessed to safely remove and store oxygen prior to initiating the smoking activity.</p> <p>Review of a facility policy titled Resident Smoking, implemented 4/11/25, showed resident #12's written name and signature, with no date, to show when the smoking policy was explained to resident #12 by staff, or when resident #12 initially agreed to the smoking policy.</p> <p>2. Resident #5:</p> <p>During an observation and interview on 2/7/26 at 1:56 p.m., resident #5 stated she was a smoker and reported she kept her own smoking supplies. The resident showed the surveyor cigarettes and a lighter stored in a pouch inside her bedside dresser drawer. The lighter was accessible to the resident.</p> <p>During an interview on 2/9/26 at 8:10 a.m., staff member J stated resident #5 had previously been</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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