

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 295063	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 01/11/2024
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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>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 43311</p> <p>Based on interview, clinical record review, and document review, the facility failed to 1) ensure misappropriation of property was thoroughly investigated, 2) provide documentation of the investigation, and 3) provide a completed investigation for 1 of 2 residents investigated for FRI's (Resident #11).</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>Resident #11</p> <p>Resident #11 was admitted to the facility on [DATE], with diagnoses including pseudobulbar affect, hemiplegia and hemiparesis following cerebral infarction affecting left dominant side, and unspecified dementia, unspecified severity, without behavioral disturbance, psychotic disturbance, mood disturbance, and anxiety.</p> <p>An initial FRI #NV00068139 with an allegation of a resident missing money from their personal bank account was submitted to the State Survey Agency on 03/10/23.</p> <p>A final FRI report dated 03/15/23, was submitted to the State Agency, however lacked the conclusion of the investigation and documented the facility was not sure if the incident was substantiated at that time.</p> <p>On 01/10/24 at 10:26 AM, the DON explained the DON did not have all of the investigative notes because the former LTC Coordinator kept the documents. The DON confirmed the LTC Coordinator's last day of employment was 10/31/23. The DON produced a timeline note from the LTC Coordinator as the only documentation of the investigation. The DON confirmed the DON should have followed up with documentation to a complete investigation.</p> <p>On 01/10/24 at 10:42 AM, the Chief Nursing Officer/Director of Nursing (DON) explained the Long Term Care (LTC) Coordinator had found multiple charges on Resident #11's debit card that the resident could not have withdrawn as the resident was confined to a bed and was considered to have severe cognitive impairment. The DON confirmed the resident's son had possession of Resident #11's debit card since the resident had admitted to the facility and had only given the facility a copy of the debit card to use for the resident's liability portion. The total amount of money withdrawn by the resident's son from the months of May 2022 through March 2023 was \$1285.50.</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 0610</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>The DON communicated the facility had accepted a Durable Power of Attorney (DPOA) for Healthcare Decisions the resident's son had produced upon admission and the facility notarized the document on 11/08/19. The facility later learned through another State Agency's investigation the DPOA was invalid as it was not signed by Resident #11 and had only contained the son's signature.</p> <p>On 01/10/24 at 10:54 AM, the DON confirmed the DON was responsible for the investigation. The DON confirmed it was the facility's responsibility to protect the resident and the only follow up to the investigation was to request the District Attorney to grant guardianship of the resident. The DON confirmed the DON was responsible for follow up to the investigation and had not provided a report to local law enforcement, investigation follow up, or a completed investigation.</p> <p>On 01/11/24 at 9:47 AM, the DON explained a Social Worker or LTC Coordinator would normally review the validity of the DPOA but the facility did not have either position filled when the resident admitted . The DON confirmed the DON was responsible to review the DPOA for validity and did not check the document or signatures that would authorize Resident #11's son to make decisions for the resident.</p> <p>The facility policy titled Freedom from Abuse/Abuse Prohibition, last reviewed 10/11/23, documented residents would be free from abuse, neglect, and exploitation by staff, volunteers, consultants, family members, and legal guardians. Misappropriation of resident property was defined as the deliberate misplacement, exploitation, or wrongful or permanent use of a resident's belongings or money without the resident's consent. Residents with communication disorders and those that require heavy nursing care and/or are totally dependent on staff could be at greater risk for abuse, neglect, or misappropriation. Identified trends that constituted abuse, neglect, or misappropriation and would determine the direction for the investigation to follow.</p> <p>If assault or theft was alleged or suspected, the local Sheriff's Office would be contacted for appropriate investigation. A Quality Review Report was used to communicate real or suspected abuse, neglect, or misappropriation by anyone to the LTC Supervisor, CNO, Chief Risk Officer, and Administrator. The facility would maintain a record of all incidents and reportable events.</p> <p>Cross referenced with F656</p> <p>NV00068139</p>		

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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for 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>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 31739</p> <p>Based on observation, clinical record review, interview and document review, the facility failed to 1) prevent falls with injury for 1 of 2 residents investigated for Facility Reported Incident (FRI) (Resident #2), 2) assess for entrapment and restraint for residents' beds against the wall for 2 of 12 sampled residents (Resident #3 and #9) and 3) maintain a call light device for safety for 1 of 12 sampled residents (Resident #17).</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>Resident #2</p> <p>Resident #2 was admitted to the facility on [DATE], with diagnoses including muscle weakness, other specified disorders of bone density and structure, unspecified site, and history of falling.</p> <p>On 01/11/24 at 8:36 AM, Resident #2 was in bed. The bed was in the low position. All four quarter bed rails were in the up position. No fall mattresses were located in the resident's room. A walker was at the foot of the resident's bed. The bed lacked a pressure alarm device.</p> <p>An Incident Note dated 04/19/23, documented a nurse heard a resident yelling and found Resident #2 laying on the resident's left side on the floor by the resident's bed. X-ray orders were provided, and X-rays were taken. The X-rays determined the resident had a fracture of the left elbow.</p> <p>A Morse Fall Scale assessment dated [DATE], documented Resident #2 as high risk for falls.</p> <p>Resident #2's care plan dated 02/25/22, documented the resident as a high risk for falls related to generalized weakness. Bed in low position. Use of bed rails for sense of security.</p> <p>A Nurse Progress Note dated 04/21/23, documented a nurse heard screaming for help and found Resident #2 on the floor with the resident's back against the nightstand. The resident was assessed and noted a new reddish-purple bruise and skin tear approximately two centimeters by one centimeter on the resident's upper left arm. The resident also had two small skin tears below the resident's left elbow.</p> <p>A Nurse Progress Note dated 04/21/23, documented the resident had an X-ray taken and the resident had a fracture of the pubis.</p> <p>Resident #2's clinical record lacked documented evidence a physician's order was obtained for the use of or discontinuation of fall mattresses.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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