

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 315355	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 03/06/2026
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<p>F 0600</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p> <p>Note: The nursing home is disputing this citation.</p>	<p>Protect each resident from all types of abuse such as physical, mental, sexual abuse, physical punishment, and neglect by anybody.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Complaint #2800328 Based on interviews, record review, and review of pertinent documents, it was determined that the facility failed to ensure staff did not neglect to carry out a physician's order to send a resident (Resident #1) immediately to the hospital, who had low blood pressure and a change in condition. The resident was sent later that day to the hospital by the physician and the resident expired at the hospital the same day. This deficient practice was identified for 1 of 3 residents reviewed for neglect (Resident #1). On [DATE] at 9:00 AM, the Assistant Director of Nursing (ADON #1) informed the surveyor that on [DATE], Resident #1 had a change in condition and the resident's Medical Doctor (MD #1) ordered the resident to be transferred to the hospital for evaluation and ADON #2 did not carry out the order. ADON #1 stated that later that day, MD #1 was at the facility conducting rounds, when she was alerted Resident #1 was still in the facility and she was upset and immediately sent the resident to the hospital. ADON #1 stated Resident #1 later expired that day in the hospital. ADON #1 stated that ADON #2 resigned from the facility on [DATE], for unrelated reasons. During an interview on [DATE], MD #1 stated that on [DATE], she ordered Resident #1 be sent to the hospital via 911 emergency services for low blood pressure. MD #1 continued that she had arrived at the facility on [DATE] at 10:00 AM, for scheduled rounds of her residents, and the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN #2) informed her at 10:10 AM, that Resident #1 was still in the facility and 911 was not called. MD #1 stated that she spoke to ADON #2, who she had given the orders to, and ADON #2 told MD #1 that they were waiting on laboratory (lab) results prior to calling 911. MD #1 stated that she informed ADON #2 that Resident #1 needed to be immediately sent to the emergency room (ER), and that waiting on labs to be drawn was not appropriate for the resident's condition. The facility's failure to implement their abuse and neglect policy to ensure all residents were protected from neglect when staff neglected a physician's order to send Resident #1 immediately to the ER for evaluation, placed Resident #1 as well as all residents at risk for neglect. This posed the likelihood for serious harm, impairment, or death which resulted in an Immediate Jeopardy (IJ) situation. The IJ began on [DATE] at 9:20 AM, when MD #1 ordered Resident #1 to be sent to the ER and the order was not immediately carried out. The facility's Administration was notified of the IJ situation on [DATE] at 2:30 PM. The facility submitted an acceptable Removal Plan (RP) on [DATE] at 10:38 AM. The survey team verified the implementation of the RP during the continuation of the on-site survey on [DATE], and determined the immediacy was removed as of [DATE] at 10:38 AM. The evidence is as follows: A review of the facility's Abuse Investigation and Reporting policy dated [DATE], included all reports of resident abuse, neglect, exploitation, misappropriation of resident property, mistreatment and/or injuries of unknown source (abuse) shall be promptly reported to local, state and federal agencies (as defined by current regulations) and thoroughly investigated by facility management. Findings of abuse investigations will also be reported. Procedure: Role of the Administrator 1. If an incident or suspected incident of resident abuse, mistreatment, neglect or injury of unknown source is reported, the Administrator will assign the investigation to an appropriate individual; 2. The Administrator will provide any supporting documents relative to the alleged incident (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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A review of the facility's Reportable Events Policy dated [DATE], included it is the policy of the facility to ensure that all reportable events, incidents, allegations, and operational disruptions that may impact the health, safety, or welfare of residents are promptly identified, investigated, documented, and reported to the appropriate regulatory authorities. Purpose: to establish a standardized process to protect resident safety and welfare.Types of Reportable Events: resident safety events; allegations or suspicions of abuse, neglect, or exploitation. A review of the facility's Physician's Orders and Notifications policy dated [DATE], included; the facility will notify the resident's physician promptly for specified events and whenever there is a change in condition that may require medical assessment or treatment change.A. Events Requiring Prompt Notification (minimum): Notify the resident's attending physician promptly for the following (not exhaustive): acute change in mental status, new or worsened confusion, or sudden behavior changes.significant change in vital signs (blood pressure, heart rate, respiration rate) from baseline or defined thresholds.any event that may require [ER] transfer or hospital admission.B. timing Expectations: Immediate (within minutes - same shift): life-threatening or potentially life-threatening changes (respiratory compromise, hemodynamic instability, seizure). A review of the facility's Change in Condition Policy dated [DATE], included the purpose of this policy is to ensure the facility promptly informs the resident, consults the resident's physician; and notify, consistent with his or her authority, resident's representative when there is a significant change requiring notification. Situations requiring notification include: a significant change in the resident's physical, mental, or psychosocial status that is, a deterioration in health, mental, or psychosocial status in either life-threatening conditions or clinical complications: This includes: a. life-threatening conditions, or b. clinical complications. On [DATE] at 9:00 AM, the surveyor was informed by ADON #1, that ADON #2 did not carry out a physician's order (PO) to send Resident #1 to the hospital immediately on [DATE], for low blood pressure and the resident expired in the hospital that day. ADON #1 continued that ADON #2 was made aware by nursing of the resident's low blood pressure (BP), and ADON #2 called MD #1, who ordered the resident to be sent to the ER immediately. ADON #1 stated ADON #2 ignored the order and kept the resident in the facility because of the census numbers and administration pressure to keep residents in-house. ADON #1 stated that ADON #2 did not make herself or the Director of Nursing (DON) aware of the situation, and she had a history of going rogue and that ADON #2 felt she could provide the resident better treatment than in the hospital. ADON #1 stated that MD #1 came into the facility at 10:00 AM, for her scheduled rounds and at 10:10 AM, LPN #2 informed MD #1 that Resident #1 was still in the facility. MD #1 was upset and MD #1 immediately sent Resident #1 to the hospital who expired there that day. On [DATE] at 9:10 AM, the surveyor reviewed the Electronic Medical Record (EMR) for Resident #1. A review of the Face Sheet (an admission summary) revealed the resident was admitted to the facility with diagnoses that included but were not limited to; systolic (congestive) heart failure (a condition in which the left ventricle of your heart is weak), atrial fibrillation (an irregular and often very rapid heart rhythm), and hypertension (high blood pressure). A review of the most recent Minimum Data Set (MDS), an assessment tool dated [DATE], indicated that the resident had a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) score of 11 out of 15, indicating the resident had moderate cognitive impairment. A review of Resident #1's Vital Signs revealed on [DATE] at 8:54 AM, the resident's BP was 73/47 millimeters of mercury (mm Hg). (Normal range for adults 120/80 mm Hg and low blood pressure is lower than 90/60 mm Hg.) A review of the Progress (continued on next page)</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>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on interview, record review, and review of pertinent documents, it was determined that the facility failed to thoroughly investigate an unexpected death of a resident who was transferred to the emergency room and expired the same day to rule out neglect. This deficient practice was identified for 1 of 3 residents reviewed for neglect (Resident #1), and was evidenced by the following: On [DATE] at 9:00 AM, the surveyor was informed by ADON #1, that ADON #2 did not carry out a physician's order (PO) to send Resident #1 to the hospital immediately on [DATE], for low blood pressure and the resident expired in the hospital that day. ADON #1 continued that ADON #2 was made aware by nursing of the resident's low blood pressure (BP), and ADON #2 called MD #1, who ordered the resident to be sent to the ER immediately. ADON #1 stated ADON #2 ignored the order and kept the resident in the facility because of the census numbers and administration pressure to keep residents in-house. ADON #1 stated that ADON #2 did not make herself or the Director of Nursing (DON) aware of the situation, and she had a history of going rogue and that ADON #2 felt she could provide the resident better treatment than in the hospital. ADON #1 stated that MD #1 came into the facility at 10:00 AM, for her scheduled rounds and at 10:10 AM, LPN #2 informed MD #1 that Resident #1 was still in the facility. MD #1 was upset and MD #1 immediately sent Resident #1 to the hospital who expired there that day. On [DATE] at 9:10 AM, the surveyor reviewed the Electronic Medical Record (EMR) for Resident #1. A review of the Face Sheet (an admission summary), revealed the resident was admitted to the facility with diagnoses that included but were not limited to; systolic (congestive) heart failure (a condition in which the left ventricle of your heart is weak), atrial fibrillation (an irregular and often very rapid heart rhythm), and hypertension (high blood pressure). A review of the most recent Minimum Data Set (MDS), an assessment tool dated [DATE], indicated that the resident had a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) score of 11 out of 15, indicating the resident had moderate cognitive impairment. A review of Resident #1's Vital Signs revealed on [DATE] at 8:54 AM, the resident's BP was 73/47 millimeters of mercury (mm Hg). (Normal range for adults 120/80 mm Hg and low blood pressure is lower than 90/60 mm Hg.) A review of the Progress Notes included the following notes: A Nursing Progress Note dated [DATE] at 7:26 AM, documented by the Registered Nurse (RN #1), included the resident was observed with loose stools accompanied by very foul-smelling, dark fluid. The resident was encouraged to increase oral hydration and tolerated fluids. Oxygen saturation (SpO2, level of oxygen in the blood) remains at 95% on two liters per minute (2 lpm) of oxygen via nasal cannula (NC). Will continue to monitor bowel output, hydration status, and overall condition. A Physician Progress Note dated [DATE] at 9:40 AM, documented Late Entry by MD #1, included VERBAL ORDER at 9:33 AM GIVEN TO NURSING [ADON #2] TO SEND PATIENT OUT TO emergency room DUE TO LOW BLOOD PRESSURE. A Nursing Note dated [DATE] at 10:51 AM, documented by LPN #1, included during morning rounds, the resident was observed for changes in condition and vital signs. The resident was awake and responsive, but the resident appeared disoriented. Vital signs were taken; BP 71/47 mm Hg, heart rate (HR) 64 beats per minute (bpm), temperature (temp) 97.7 degrees Fahrenheit (F), respiration rate (RR) 18 breaths per minute (bpm), and SpO2 95% with oxygen being administered at 2 lpm via NC. [ADON #2] was made aware and received orders for STAT (immediate) labs, X-ray, and urine analysis. All orders were placed and [ADON #2] was waiting for a response from [MD #1]. A Provider Progress Note dated [DATE] at 10:54 AM, documented Late Entry by ADON #2 and created on [DATE] at 10:05 AM, included that the writer (ADON #2) was notified by the float nurse regarding the resident's condition. ADON #2 entered the resident's room together with the float nurse to see the resident. Vital signs were obtained, and the resident was responsive with no signs of labored breathing noted. The resident was repositioned for comfort, and [MD #1] was contacted unsuccessfully initially. The Director of Nursing (DON) was immediately notified for assessment, and MD #1 gave order to send out at 9:59 AM. Emergency services (911) was activated, and the resident (continued on next page)</p>		

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