

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 325118	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 12/18/2024
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<p>F 0609</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Timely report suspected abuse, neglect, or theft and report the results of the investigation to proper authorities.</p> <p>40671</p> <p>Based on record review and interview, the facility failed to provide facility Initiated Reports (mandatory self-initiated facility report of an incident) to the State Survey Agency (SSA) for 1 (R #1) of 3 (R #'s 1, 2 and 3) residents reviewed for incidents when staff failed to report an unwitnessed fall with an injury for R #1. The findings are:</p> <p>A. Record review of R #1's nursing progress notes dated 09/13/24 revealed that R #1 was found on the floor in his room laying on his stomach at the foot of the bed about 1 foot from floor safety mat. Upon assessment, resident was noted to have a cut about 4 centimeters long over his right eye. The wound was cleansed with normal saline, antibacterial ointment (topical medication used to prevent infections) was applied, and the wound was covered with a bandage which was used to reinforce and keep the resident from touching it.</p> <p>B. Record review of R #1's nursing progress note, also dated 09/15/24, revealed that R #1 had a change in condition of altered mental status. This nursing note also revealed that R #1 was alert and oriented x1 (times one), began mumbling words, slowly responding to his name. Send to emergency room (ER) for CT scan (computed topography - medical imaging technique used to obtain detailed internal images of the body).</p> <p>C. Record review of facility's Incident Report Log, received on 12/16/24 from the Administrator (ADM), revealed that no incident for R #1 having an unwitnessed fall with an injury had been reported.</p> <p>D. Record review of facility Response to Falls policy revealed:</p> <p>Post-Fall Assessment and Monitoring -</p> <p>a. Following each resident fall, the Licensed Nurse will complete an incident report and perform a post-fall assessment and investigation.</p> <p>b. The Licensed Nurse will also complete the Neurological Flow Sheet for any un-witnessed fall, or witnessed fall with known head injury for 72 hours following the fall.</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 0684</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide appropriate treatment and care according to orders, resident's preferences and goals.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 40671</p> <p>Based on record review and interview, the facility failed to ensure residents received treatment and care in accordance with professional standards of practice for 1 (R #1) of 3 (R #'s 1, 2 and 3) residents when they failed to properly assess a resident following an unwitnessed fall that resulted in injury. If the facility fails to properly assess residents who have an unwitnessed fall with an injury, then the residents may experience unidentified life-threatening conditions such as a brain bleed. This deficient practice likely contributed to the hospitalization and passing of R #1. The findings are:</p> <p>A. Record review of Face Sheet for R #1 revealed an admitted [DATE] and a discharge date of [DATE] and included the following diagnoses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lack of Coordination - Muscle Wasting and Atrophy (wasting away) - Depression (mood disorder that causes a persistent feeling of sadness and loss of interest) - Generalized Muscle Weakness (muscle weakness that affects the whole body) - Dysphagia (difficulty swallowing) - Difficulty in Walking - Parkinson's Disease (a brain disorder that affects movement such as shaking, stiffness, and difficulty with balance and coordination) - Hypertension (high blood pressure) <p>B. Record review of R #1's nursing progress note, dated 07/14/24, revealed he was admitted to the facility for skilled nursing services related to frequent falls.</p> <p>C. Record review of R #1's care plan initiated on 07/15/24 revealed resident was at risk for falls related to history of multiple falls, poor safety awareness, poor vision, Parkinson's, hypotension, new environment, deficit to his left side, decline in condition and needs assistance with ADLs (activities of daily living).</p> <p>D. Record review of R #1's nursing progress note, also dated 07/14/24, revealed that R #1 was found laying on the floor between the two beds.</p> <p>E. Record review of R #1's nursing progress note, dated 07/15/24, revealed that R #1 is a very high fall risk, having had one fall. Daughter stated he has very poor safety awareness and had multiple falls in the community with injury. Staff to continue to monitor.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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