

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 335462	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 04/16/2025
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER The Plaza Rehab and Nursing Center		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 100 West Kingsbridge Road Bronx, NY 10468	

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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** 49081</p> <p>Based on observation, record review, and interviews during an abbreviated survey (NY00356446), the facility did not ensure that each resident received adequate supervision to prevent an elopement. This was evident for one (1) out of four (4) residents (Resident #2) sampled for elopement. Specifically, the facility Elopement/Unauthorized Leave Incident Report dated 10/04/2024 documented that the surveillance video footage showed at 11:09 AM on 10/04/2024 Resident #2 exited the unit unsupervised. At 11:15 AM, the East COVID entrance door alarm was activated, and Security Officer #3 deactivated the alarm. The investigation documented that it was confirmed at 11:47 AM Resident #2 was missing. Resident #2 was located by the police and was taken to the emergency roiaognom on [DATE] without injury.</p> <p>The findings include:</p> <p>A Policy and Procedure titled Elopement and Unsafe Wandering Policy reviewed 10/04/2024 documented an elopement occurs when a resident leaves the premises or a safe area without authorization (i.e. an order for discharge or leave of absence) and/or any necessary supervision to do so.</p> <p>A Policy and Procedure titled Resident Safety and Security desk Operations reviewed date of 04/2024 documented monitor resident exits and ensure Out on Pass documentation is complete and residents are properly escorted. Prevent unauthorized resident undetected exit of building or unescorted departures. Monitor resident movement through entrances and exits. Prevent unauthorized exits, especially for residents with cognitive impairments. Immediately report any high-risk exit seeking residents to the director of security. Surveillance and Monitoring documented regularly check Closed Circuit Television to secure high-risk or sensitive areas throughout the facility.</p> <p>Resident #2 admitted to the facility with diagnoses including Dementia, Schizophrenia Disorder, and Anxiety Disorder.</p> <p>The Minimum Data Set (an assessment tool) dated 10/04/2024 documented Resident #2 was moderately impaired (decisions poor; cues/supervision required). Resident #2 ambulated with supervision or touching assistance.</p> <p>An Elopement Risk assessment dated [DATE] documented Resident #2 was identified at risk for elopement. Resident #2 had exhibited exit seeking behavior, restlessness, agitation, and verbalized desire to leave the facility.</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 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>A Wandering/Elopement Risk Care Plan dated 10/02/2024 documented to provide visual monitoring of Resident #2's location every hour and alert staff regarding Resident #1's behavior.</p> <p>An Hourly Visual Check Monitoring form dated on 10/04/2024 documented other for Resident #2's location from 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM and from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM.</p> <p>An Accident/Incident Investigation Report dated 10/04/2024 at 11:49 AM, documented Resident #2 was observed by the elevator approaching the nursing station. At approximately at 11:15 AM, the East lobby alarm was activated with full search of security and staff conducted headcount. At 11:47 AM, Resident #2 was not visible on the unit. Security and the Assistant Director of Nursing were notified. Code Orange (elopement code) was activated at 11:49 AM.</p> <p>Review of the facility Elopement/Unauthorized Leave Incident Report dated 10/04/2024, documented Timeline of Events (from Security Department). At 11:09 AM, Resident #2 exited the unit without authorization. At 11:15 AM, Security Officer #3 deactivated the triggered Code Alert box at the East COVID doors. At 11:21 AM, Security Officer #4 notified the Director of Security of triggered alarm. At 11:24 AM, the Director of Security contacted Associate Director of Nursing to initiate a full facility count. At 11:47 AM, Associate Director of Nursing confirmed that Resident #2 was missing. At 11:49 AM, Code Orange was announced. At 11:51 AM, Incident Command Center was activated. At 11:55 AM, Director of Security contacted local law enforcement. At 1:43 PM, Code Orange remained in effect until local law enforcement located Resident #2. At 1:58 PM, a notification was received via WhatsApp group chat that Resident #2 was found walking on the highway and was taken to the emergency room at approximately 1:40 PM by the police.</p> <p>A nursing progress note dated 10/07/22024 at 9:48 AM (late entry for 10/04/2024) by Unit Manager #1 documented Resident #2 left the facility unauthorized on 10/04/2024. Resident #2 was picked up by an ambulance and was sent to hospital. Resident #2 was discharged home from hospital with their spouse.</p> <p>During an interview on 04/07/2024 at 12:00 PM, Resident #2's assigned Certified Nursing Assistant #3 who worked on 10/04/2024 on the 7:00 AM to 3:00PM shift, stated they were in the hallway documenting in sigma kiosk when Resident #2 returned from their appointment and was left at the nursing station (does not recall the time). Certified Nursing Assistant #3 stated they provided Resident #2 with a wheelchair and brought them back to their room. Certified Nursing Assistant #3 stated Resident #2 did not attempt to exit the facility and did not exhibit any behavior problem on 10/04/2024. Certified Nursing Assistant #3 stated that they monitored Resident #2, and prior to them leaving for their break at 11:00 AM, they notified Registered Nurse #1 and other Certified Nursing Assistants on the unit that they were leaving the unit. Certified Nursing Assistant #3 stated when they returned from their break, the staff were searching for Resident #2. Certified Nursing Assistant #3 stated everyone knew Resident #2 was on visual monitoring for wandering behavior.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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