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<p>F 0600</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Protect each resident from all types of abuse such as physical, mental, sexual abuse, physical punishment, and neglect by anybody.</p> <p>13699</p> <p>Based on observations, record review, and interviews during the abbreviated survey (NY00364719), the facility failed to protect the resident's right to be free from physical abuse for 1 of 5 residents (Resident #1) reviewed. Specifically, Resident #1 was pushed by a staff member into a wall, causing a nosebleed and fractured nose. This resulted in harm, past noncompliance, to Resident #1 that was not Immediate Jeopardy.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>The facility policy, Abuse, dated 6/1/2024, documented the facility prohibited abuse of residents and exploitation of the mentally and physically disabled resident in the facility. Abuse included willful infliction of injury, and intimidation resulting in physical harm, pain, or mental anguish. Physical abuse included hitting, slapping, pinching, scratching, spitting, holding roughly, kicking, etcetera. It also included controlling behavior through corporal punishment.</p> <p>Resident #1 had diagnoses including Parkinson's Disease (a progressive neurological disorder), osteopenia (bone loss), and anxiety. The 9/10/2024 Minimum Data Set assessment documented the Brief Interview for Mental Status (a cognitive function assessment, scored 0-15, with 15 indicating no impairment) was 12 (showing moderate cognitive impairment). The resident had behavioral symptoms including physical behaviors directed toward others, rejection of care, wandering which occurred one to three days, and other behavioral symptoms not directed towards others such as pacing, hitting or scratching self and/or verbal symptoms. The resident required supervision or was independent with activities of daily living including transfers and walking, had no falls, wore a wander alert device, and took antianxiety and antipsychotic medications.</p> <p>The Comprehensive Care Plan initiated 1/5/2024 documented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the resident exhibited behavior symptoms (related to anxiety, dependent personality disorder, bipolar disorder, and major depressive disorder) such as mood swings, frequent verbalization of feeling anxious, verbal and physical outbursts, frequently asking when medications were due, frequently requesting something for anxiety, difficulty sleeping, intrusive wandering, restlessness, anxiety, inability to remain still, attempting to take medications from the medication cart and from the nurses' hands when they prepared medications, and going into trash containers. <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 - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>- Interventions included: medications as ordered, distract with preferred activities, psychiatric evaluation as needed, notify physician for new or escalating behavior, reapproach for care or other needs when more agreeable, redirect to a less stimulating environment or room, reapproach in a calm manner.</p> <p>- The care plan was reviewed and updated on 6/19/2024 with additional interventions including: acknowledge/encourage expression of feelings, and offer decaffeinated coffee when behaviors escalate.</p> <p>The Comprehensive Care Plan initiated 7/8/2024 documented:</p> <p>- the resident was at risk for misappropriation, neglect, abuse and/or exploitation related to intrusive wandering, agitation when redirected, repetitive approaching of staff, and physical and verbal aggression.</p> <p>- Interventions included: monitor for signs of abuse and report, separate from aggressor, intervene, and attempt to calm the resident when they began to display escalating behaviors.</p> <p>The 11/18/2024 at 7:27 PM Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner #10 progress note documented the resident was seen for a follow-up, medication management, and reported worsening anxiety symptoms. The resident reported worsening anxiety the past two weeks, affecting sleep and quality of life. Recommendations included: begin Atarax (antihistamine also used to treat anxiety and tension) 10 milligrams every 12 hours, continue melatonin (sleep aid), buspirone (anti-anxiety), olanzapine (anti-psychotic), and lithium (mood stabilizer), monitor for mood dysregulation, open blinds during the day for natural light, minimize nighttime interruptions, and follow up in one to two months or as needed.</p> <p>The 12/12/2024 at 10:46 AM Interdisciplinary Team high risk meeting progress note entered by Social Worker #5, documented the resident's anxiety had increased with increased aggression toward staff when the resident requested medication. The resident was to be seen by psychiatry regularly.</p> <p>The 12/15/2024 at 3:17 PM Licensed Practical Nurse #1 progress note documented the resident was going into other residents' rooms and approaching a family member requesting something for anxiety.</p> <p>The 12/15/2024 at 7:41 PM Director of Nursing progress note documented nursing became aware of an incident that occurred on 12/15/2024 at 5:37 PM. It was reported to the Director of Nursing by Certified Nursing Assistant #2 that Licensed Practical Nurse #1 had pushed Resident #1 up against the wall with the resident's face on the wall. The Director of Nursing directed Registered Nurse Supervisor #4 to suspend Licensed Practical Nurse #1 pending investigation and notified the Administrator. Registered Nurse Supervisor #4 completed an assessment. The resident had dried blood on their nose, the on-call medical provider was notified and ordered an X-ray. The police were called, and the resident's family was notified of what happened. The care plan interventions were reviewed, and implementation verified.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0600</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>During an interview on 12/18/2024 at 10:50 AM, Resident #2 stated they saw Licensed Practical Nurse #1 abuse Resident #1 on 12/15/2024. The incident occurred at the end of the hallway by Resident #1's room, where the medication cart was. Resident #2 stated they went down that way to get a new oxygen tank before going to the dining room. Resident #1 asked for medications all the time but on that day, Licensed Practical Nurse #1 responded angrily and told the resident they did not have medication. Resident #2 got their oxygen and Resident #1 was still there asking for their medications. The nurse said, I told you it is not time, and I am sick of this [expletive]. The nurse then grabbed Resident #1 by the shirt and threw them to the wall. Resident #1 hit their head stating they were hurt. Certified Nurse Aide #2 started to cry. The Administrator was there to talk to the residents as well as the police.</p> <p>During an interview on 12/18/2024 at 11:31 AM, the Administrator stated Licensed Practical Nurse #1 had no prior disciplines and there were no reported resident or family complaints about care or abuse regarding Licensed Practical Nurse #1 prior to this incident. On 12/15/2024, they were notified by the Director of Nursing before 6:00 PM related to an allegation of abuse. They arrived at the facility within 15 minutes and Registered Nurse Supervisor #4 was walking Licensed Practical Nurse #1 around the corner. Licensed Practical Nurse #1 provided a written statement and then left the facility. Licensed Practical Nurse #1 denied the incident. Certified Nurse Aide #2 left the facility at 6:00 PM when their shift ended. Resident #1 and Resident #2 were interviewed first. Witnesses stated the resident went face first into the wall. The Police Department was called, and they arrived at the facility between 7:00 PM and 7:30 PM. They spent a couple of hours interviewing residents and staff. Education on abuse and neglect was started that night around 10:00 PM for 12 or 13 staff that were working. The Administrator stated they left the facility after midnight. On 12/16/2024, the Administrator completed a full house education on abuse and neglect (all staff were educated).</p> <p>During an interview on 12/17/2024 at 12:05 PM the Director of Nursing stated Certified Nurse Aide #2 called them on 12/15/2024 at 5:37 PM and reported Licensed Practical Nurse #1 pushed Resident #1 against the wall with the resident's nose to the wall and the resident said to that nurse you are going to break my nose. Certified Nurse Aide #2 said they immediately took the resident to the cafeteria and the resident had coffee and cookies. The Director of Nursing immediately called Registered Nurse Supervisor #4 to get a statement and then suspended Licensed Practical Nurse #1. They notified the Administrator who went into the facility to conduct the investigation at approximately 6:00 PM. The on-call physician was notified and ordered an x-ray of the nose and the resident was sent to the emergency room for evaluation on 12/16/2024.</p> <p>During an interview on 12/18/2024 at 1:21 PM Social Worker #5 stated they saw Resident #1 on 12/16/2024 and each day since the incident. The resident frequently and repeatedly asked for their medications as their baseline behavior. The social worker did not see any change in their psychosocial behaviors and the resident was seen by the psychiatric provider. The resident continued to participate in their daily routine with no noted changes. Following the incident, they interviewed 19 residents who were oriented, all felt safe at the facility and had no concerns related to abuse or mistreatment by staff.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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