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NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER The Greens at Viewmont		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 220 13th Avenue Place NW Hickory, NC 28601	
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F 0689 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety Residents Affected - Few	Ensure that a nursing home area is free from accident hazards and provides adequate supervision to prevent accidents. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on observations, record reviews, and staff, Resident Representative, emergency responders, Nurse Practitioner (NP), Medical Director, hospital staff, Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) staff interviews, the facility failed to supervise a moderately cognitively impaired resident (Resident #1) who obtained a cigarette lighter and ignited herself and her bedding on fire. On 4/09/26 at 4:39 PM the fire alarm at the facility sounded. Staff responded to Resident #1's room and noted smoke coming from under the closed door. When Nurse #1 opened the door, he found Resident #1 in flames on the top portion of her body. Nurse #1 and Nurse #2 grabbed bedding from the foot of the bed and began patting out the flames. Other staff responded to the room and began wetting washcloths and towels to fully extinguish the existing embers that were on Resident #1 and her bedding. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) arrived on scene and transported Resident #1 to a helicopter pad where she was flown to a trauma center. Resident #1 remained in the Burn Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at the time of the survey with second degree (damage to the top two layers of skin resulting in intense pain, swelling, blisters, and a wet, red appearance) and third degree (destroyed all skin layers, often damaging underlying fat, muscle, or bone, affected skin appears leathery, dry, and white, charred, or brown with little to no pain due to destroyed nerves) burns over 16% of her total body surface area (considered a major burn which required immediate emergency care). On 4/10/2026 Resident #1 had a nasogastric tube (NG) (flexible, temporary tube passed through the nose, esophagus and into the stomach for feeding) inserted to receive nutrition due to low intake by mouth. On 4/11/26 Resident #1 underwent excision (surgical removal of dead or dying tissue with no blood supply) of burned skin and application of allograft (transplantation of cells and tissues or organs from a donor a recipient) to abdomen and bilateral lower extremities and the hospital records indicated Resident #1 would have another surgery scheduled for skin grafting in approximately one week. The NG tube was discontinued on 4/16/25. The facility was a non-smoking facility but allowed staff members to smoke at the back of the facility. There was also a high likelihood for serious injury or harm to Resident #1's roommate, Resident #2, who was in the same room and had an oxygen concentrator that was not in use at the time. The deficient practice affected 1 of 3 residents reviewed for accidents (Resident #1). The findings included: Review of the Facility's Skilled Nursing Center Resident admission Agreement dated 11/15/2021 revealed: Section V. Rights and Responsibilities of Resident: C. 5. Tobacco-Free Environment Policy. The Center is committed to providing a healthy and safe environment for our employees, residents and all others. This facility is smoke free campus. Resident #1 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses that included epilepsy (a chronic neurological disorder characterized by recurrent, unprovoked seizures caused by sudden, abnormal electrical activity in the brain), chronic kidney disease, hemiplegia (severe or complete paralysis on one side of the body) and hemiparesis (mild or moderate weakness on one side of the body) following cerebral infarction (or a ischemic stroke- occurs when blood flow to the brain is blocked, starving brain tissue of oxygen and causing cell death) affecting left non-dominant side, major depressive disorder, anxiety disorder, and amputation of left lower extremity above the knee. Resident #1's (continued on next page)		

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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