

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 345260	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 03/05/2026
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<p>F 0607</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Develop and implement policies and procedures to prevent abuse, neglect, and theft.</p> <p>Based on observation, record review, and interviews with staff, the facility failed to implement their abuse policy when the facility failed 1) to report to the local law enforcement within 24 hours that Resident # 1 and Resident # 2 were involved in an altercation where staff members reportedly witnessed bodily hits of residents and 2) complete a thorough investigation by ensuring that all witnesses were interviewed. The facility also failed to ensure its Abuse and Neglect Prohibition policy, specified that the Administrator was to be notified immediately of allegations of abuse as required by federal regulations and failed to ensure that immediately following the altercation between Resident # 1 and Resident # 2 that it was clearly communicated to the Administrator that there had been witnessed bodily hits between the residents. This was for 1 of 2 alleged abuse cases reviewed involving Resident # 1 and Resident # 2. The findings included: Review of the facility's Abuse and Neglect Prohibition policy, dated 10/24/22 and revised on 8/2023, revealed the following policy and procedures. The center will investigate any alleged abuse/neglect or misappropriation of resident property in accordance with state or federal law. Under Reporting and Response, the abuse policy listed 6 items which read, 1) The center will report all allegations and substantiated occurrences of abuse, neglect, and misappropriation of property to the state/federal agency and law enforcement officials as designated by state/federal law. 2) The center will assure that reporters are free from retaliation 3) The center will post a conspicuous notice of employees rights, including the right to file a complaint with the State Survey Agency if they believe the center has retaliated against an employee or individual who reported a suspected crime and how to file such a complaint. 4) The center will report to the corporate office in accordance with reporting procedures via Risk Guide. 5) The center will report any occurrences of abuse by registered or certified staff to the State Board as required by state law. 6) Policies and procedures will be analyzed and modified as necessary by the QA & A/QAPI Committee (Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement) to meet the full intent of the law. There was no specific policy or procedure referenced in the 8/20/23 revised Abuse and Neglect Prohibition policy which noted what Risk Guide to the Corporate Office entailed, and the Abuse and Neglect Prohibition policy did not specify that the Administrator was to be notified immediately of alleged abuse. On 2/17/26 the facility submitted to the state agency an Initial Allegation Report of alleged abuse which according to the facility's report to the state agency occurred on 2/17/26 and of which they became aware on 2/17/26. In the facility's initial report to the state agency, the facility submitted that Resident # 1 alleged that Resident # 2 swung at her on 2/17/26. Review of the facility's investigative file revealed statements which indicated alleged abuse occurred on 2/14/26 and not on 2/17/26. On 2/22/26, the Administrator signed she completed a five-day Investigation Report which included corrected information and which was submitted to the state agency. The Administrator indicated the following on the five-day investigation report. There had been an altercation between Resident # 1 and Resident # 2 which had occurred on 2/14/26 and the facility became aware of the incident on 2/17/26. The facility's investigation showed that Resident # 2 made contact with Resident # 1's shoulder/chest. Resident # 1 had a bruise on her cheek. There had been no witness that Resident # 1's face had been contacted, but it was thought that the altercation had led to Resident # 1's eye being bruised. Review of statements obtained by the (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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On 3/4/26 there was an update on the statement by Nurse Aide # 1 which read before [Resident # 1] went to bed she told [Resident # 2] hit her in her eye. NA # 1 was interviewed on 3/4/26 at 5:15 PM and reported the following information. On the evening of 2/14/26 she had been sitting at the nursing desk and had a direct view into the activity room. Resident # 1 entered the activity room first. Resident # 3 then entered the activity room and sat close to Resident # 1. Resident # 2 then entered and sat close to both Resident # 1 and # 3. They were all watching television. Then she heard Resident # 1 yelling, Stop. Leave me alone. She heard Resident # 3 yell, Hit her again. As she (NA # 1) was entering the activity room, she saw Resident # 2 hit Resident # 1 with his fist. He hit her in the face. Resident # 1 was backing away from him. Resident # 2 swung to hit Resident # 1 again but Resident # 1 put her arm up to block his hit. Nurse Aide # 2 was right behind her and entered also. She (NA # 1) never saw Resident # 1 provoke Resident # 2 or hit Resident # 2. She (NA # 1) tried to take Resident # 1 out of the room but Resident # 1 did not want to leave. Resident # 2 was taken and put at a different table. After a few minutes, Resident # 1 wheeled in her wheelchair out of the activity room and left. At the time, Resident # 1 did not have any marks on her face or outward signs of injury. Before Resident # 1 went to bed that night, NA # 1 heard Resident # 1 say, he hit me. She was not assigned to care for Resident # 1 or Resident # 2 on the evening of the incident. NA # 2 had been the assigned Nurse Aide on the residents' hall and therefore NA # 2 had spoken to the Nurse. She did not know what NA # 2 told the nurse regarding what had happened. She (NA # 1) had not spoken to a nurse. She had been asked to write a statement that night and put it under the Administrator's door. She had done so. A couple days later she noticed that Resident # 1 had a black eye. No one had asked her about the incident after the incident occurred until the current day when she was talking to the surveyor. The surveyor was the first person to talk with her about the incident. Resident # 3, who she heard tell Resident # 2 to hit Resident # 1 again during the incident, had always started things. Resident # 3 would tell other residents that Resident # 1 was crazy and other negative remarks about the resident. She had reported Resident # 3's remarks to nurses but had not reported them to the Administrator. The Administrator had not talked to her about the 2/14/26 incident. Review of NA # 2's statement in the facility's investigative file revealed NA # 2 wrote the following information. She (NA # 2) was sitting at the nursing station charting when she heard a loud commotion in the Activity Room. When she got in there to find out what was going on, NA # 1 had separated Resident # 1 and Resident # 2 who were in the middle of a physical altercation. NA # 1 pulled Resident # 1 away and she (NA # 2) asked Resident # 2 to go to another table and he did. She (NA # 2) did not see who passed the first lick but they were both hitting each other. NA # 2 was interviewed on 3/4/26 at 4:45 PM and reported the following information which included differing details of the incident regarding what she heard to prompt her to go into the activity room on 2/14/26 and what she saw. NA # 2 reported the following specific details. She and NA # 1 were at the nursing desk together on the evening of 2/14/26. Resident # 1, # 2, and # 3 were all in the activity room watching television. She did not recall that there were any other residents with them. She heard Resident # 3 yell, They are fighting. They are fighting. She entered with NA # 1 and saw that both Resident # 1 and Resident # 2 were hitting each other but she did not recall where the blows were on each of the resident's bodies. She did not know who had struck the first blow. Neither resident reported how it had started. NA # 1 took Resident # 1 back to her room. Resident # 2 stayed in the activity room. She had not known (continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0842</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Safeguard resident-identifiable information and/or maintain medical records on each resident that are in accordance with accepted professional standards.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on record review and interviews with staff and Physician Assistant, the facility failed to ensure the medical record was complete regarding altercations that had occurred and a Physician Assistant's assessment following an altercation. This was for 2 of 2 sampled residents whose records were reviewed related to an altercation (Residents # 1 and # 2). The findings included:1a. Resident # 1's was admitted to the facility on [DATE] and Resident # 2 was admitted on [DATE].Review of a facility investigative file into alleged abuse which occurred during an altercation on 2/14/26 between Resident # 1 and Resident # 2 revealed written statements from witnesses regarding details of what transpired in the altercation. A review of Nurse Aide (NA #1's) statement revealed she witnessed Resident # 2 hit Resident # 1. A review of NA # 2's statement revealed Resident # 1 and Resident # 2 were both hitting each other.Nurse # 1 had been assigned to care for Resident # 1 and Resident # 2 on 2/14/26. During an interview with Nurse # 1 on 3/5/26 at 9:50, Nurse # 1 reported she did not recall which Nurse Aide had informed her about an altercation, but she had been told that Resident # 1 hit Resident # 2 and then Resident # 2 hit Resident # 1 back. Nurse # 1 further reported she had been very busy, checked the residents, saw no injuries or marks, but did not document in the medical record the altercation or her assessment of the residents.During an interview with the Administrator on 3/5/26 at 3:45 PM, the Administrator reported Nurse # 1 should have made a notation in each resident's record that the residents had been involved in an altercation.1b. On 2/17/26 Resident # 1 was documented on a skin audit report as having bruising to the cheek area below her left eye. Physician Assistant # 1 was interviewed on 3/5/26 at 1:10 PM and reported the following information. She recalled assessing Resident # 1 after Resident # 1 had been involved in an altercation on 2/14/26 and after Resident # 1 was identified to have a bruise below her eye. She did not recall for sure which day this had been but knew it had been after the bruise and altercation had been reported to her from staff. Resident # 1's eye was not painful or shut. Resident # 1 did not have vision problems. Resident # 1 had reported she had been hit in another room and did not give details. She (PA # 1) reported she did not make a notation about her assessment of Resident # 1 in Resident # 1's medical record.During an interview with the Administrator on 3/5/26 at 3:45 PM, the Administrator reported PA # 1 should have made a notation in Resident # 1's record about her assessment of Resident # 1 when she evaluated her for the bruised eye following the altercation.</p>		