

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  345268	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  01/24/2025
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<p>F 0684</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide appropriate treatment and care according to orders, resident's preferences and goals.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 27111</b></p> <p>Based on record review and staff and physician interviews, the facility failed to complete and document ongoing comprehensive assessments for a resident after an unwitnessed fall and to have effective systems in place for communicating changes in condition. Resident #1 was severely cognitively impaired and had an unwitnessed fall from bed on 1/5/2025. Resident #1 was assessed by a nurse immediately after the fall, with no pain or injury noted at that time. This was the only documented nursing assessment. During the 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM shift on 11/6/2025, a nurse aide observed Resident #1 wince when she was turned on her left side during care, and this was not reported to a nurse. On 1/6/2025, between 2:20 PM and 3:00 PM, the Physical Therapist (PT) and Occupational Therapist (OT) went to work with Resident #1, and she did not want to get out of bed and complained of pain in her lower right extremity after sustaining a fall over the weekend. OT #1 pulled back the covers and noted Resident #1's right lower extremity was externally rotated and flexed. OT #1 indicated this observation was reported to a nursing staff member who reported it to the Assistant Director of Nursing. No physical assessment was completed. On 1/6/2025, at approximately 6:00 PM, a family member reported to the nurse that Resident #1 was hurting badly and that Resident #1 would not allow the nurse to touch her leg. The physician was contacted and ordered an x-ray. The family member declined this and asked for Resident #1 to be sent to the hospital. Resident #1 was diagnosed with a closed right hip fracture, which required TFN surgery (trochanteric fixation nail, an orthopedic nail to stabilize the hip joint), and a right closed clavicle fracture that was non-operable. The failure occurred for 1 of 3 residents reviewed for professional standards (Resident #1).</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>Resident #1 was readmitted to the facility on [DATE] and discharged on [DATE] with diagnoses of atrial fibrillation, severe dementia, and emphysema with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.</p> <p>The physician's order dated 11/20/2024 stated to administer Acetaminophen Extra Strength 500-milligram tablets by mouth. Give 2 tablets at 8:00 AM, 12:00 PM, and 8:00 PM for pain.</p> <p>Review of the care plan dated 12/4/2024 revealed Resident #1 was at risk for falls due to muscle weakness. Interventions were to anticipate her needs.</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 - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Review of the quarterly Minimum Data Set, dated dated [DATE] revealed Resident #1's cognition was severely impaired. She required partial assistance to transfer from the chair to the bed and supervision to walk ten feet. She was incontinent with both bowel and bladder. She had the ability to understand and speak clearly and was understood by others. She received speech therapy, occupational therapy, and physical therapy during the review period.</p> <p>Review of the Event Fall Report dated 1/5/2025 completed by Nurse #1 revealed that Resident #1 had an unwitnessed fall on the floor with no injury in her room. She had no pain after the fall. Range of motion was without pain. No rotation, deformity, or shortening of extremity was observed. Right and left upper extremities had a strong grasp, and right and left lower extremities had strong movement. Resident #1's monitoring was continued; there were no complaints of pain or discomfort.</p> <p>Record review of the post-fall huddle dated 1/5/2025 indicated the fall was at 10:11 AM per Nurse #1 and the last time toileting was at 9:00 AM, and she was clean and dry at the time of the fall. Blood pressure was 122/60 with a pulse of 99 lying down, 124/63 with a pulse of 87 sitting up, and 124/64 with a pulse of 88 standing. The physician and responsible party were contacted.</p> <p>During a telephone interview on 1/23/25 at 8:07 PM, Nurse #1 stated she was standing in the hall administering medications and at about 10:00 AM, NA #1 reported that Resident #1 was on the floor lying on her back. Nurse #1 asked Resident #1 what she was doing, and she said she wanted to go to bed. She indicated she was not in pain, and each extremity was moved without discomfort. Nurse #1 assisted Resident #1 to bed with the gait belt. The physician and the responsible party were notified by telephone. Resident #1 was monitored for pain, and each time she denied experiencing any pain. Her responsible party came and sat with her.</p> <p>A telephone interview with Nursing Assistant (NA) 1 on 1/24/2025 at 10:08 AM revealed that on 1/5/2025 at 9:30 AM, she went into the room to remove Resident #1's breakfast tray. She was sitting in her wheelchair with her blanket on her lap watching television. NA #1 stated she continued her rounds, and when she returned at about 10:00 AM, Resident #1 was lying on the floor on top of her blanket. NA #1 asked Resident #1 how she got to the floor, and she said she wanted to lie down. She stated Nurse #1 was notified of the fall. Resident #1's blood pressure and pulse were taken, and all values were at Resident #1's baseline. Nurse #1 came into the room and asked Resident #1 if she was in pain, and she denied pain. Nurse #1 assessed the upper and lower extremities for movement, and then together they used the gait belt and contact assistance to help Resident #1 off the floor. Resident #1 was assisted to bed. NA #1 indicated she checked on Resident #1 often. She continued to deny any pain or injury.</p> <p>During a telephone interview on 1/24/2025 at 8:15 AM, Nurse #2 revealed she had worked on 1/5/2025 during the 3:00 PM - 11:00 PM shift with Resident #1. She revealed she made her rounds, and Resident #1 had no complaints of pain. Resident #1's family was visiting and stayed with her into the evening. There were no complaints of pain during this shift.</p> <p>A telephone interview on 1/24/2025 at 8:14 AM revealed that Nurse #3 indicated she worked on 1/5/2025 from 11:00 PM to 7:00 AM. Nurse #3 stated she did not remember Resident #1 and continued that she worked in various buildings. She stated that if she had a resident who had pain, she would assess and medicate as ordered. For some people, acetaminophen worked; if they were still in pain, she would call the doctor and report the excessive pain. She documented medications on the medication administration record, and if there was an event, she documented it in the notes.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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