

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 345337	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 04/24/2024
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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** 13030</p> <p>Based on record review and staff interview the facility failed to prevent a fall from a mechanical lift for one (Resident #1) of three residents reviewed for supervision to prevent accidents. Findings included:</p> <p>Resident #1 was admitted on [DATE] with multiple diagnoses some of which included a birth defect resulting in a cognitive and developmental disability and spinal stenosis.</p> <p>Documentation in a nutrition note dated 2/20/2024 revealed Resident #1 was 5 feet tall and weighed 193 pounds.</p> <p>Documentation in a nursing progress note for Resident #1 dated 2/20/2024 at 3:20 PM revealed, Writer notified by [Medication Aide] that resident was on floor. The Writer immediately assessed resident for injury. Resident denies pain. No [signs or symptoms] of pain. PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) notified, and order received by the Doctor. Transferred to [emergency room]. Resident was not moved until EMS (emergency medical services) arrived and EMS transferred resident via [mechanical lift] from floor to stretcher.</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>An interview was conducted simultaneously with the Nurse Aides (NA) #1 and NA #2 on 4/19/2024 at 11:19 AM. NA #1 explained she was the assigned nurse aide to Resident #1 on 2/20/2024 for the 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM shift. NA #1 further explained she gave Resident #1 a bath and then put a lift pad underneath her so she could be put into her wheelchair via the mechanical lift. NA #1 relayed she then asked NA #2 to come into the room to assist her in moving Resident #1 via the lift into the wheelchair. NA #2 confirmed she came into the room and assisted NA #1 to attach the straps of the lift pad to the wheelchair. NA #2 and NA #1 confirmed they put the same-colored straps on the hooks of the mechanical lift crossing the straps between the legs of Resident #1 to keep her secure. NA #1 recalled that the lift pad underneath Resident #1 was a blue pad, but she could not specifically recall the size pad she used. NA #1 stated she used the lift controls to lift Resident #1 off the bed and into the air. NA #2 stated she was holding onto the hand holds on the lift pad at the side of Resident #1 as she was being lifted into the air. NA #1 stated her hands were on the lift machine as Resident #1 was suspended in the air and kept the mechanical lift stationary. NA #2 explained she removed her hands from the hand holds on the lift pad and turned to move the wheelchair into position. NA #1 stated that Resident #1 slid to her side very quickly and slipped out of the top of the lift pad while suspended in the air. NA #1 relayed that she thought Resident #1 slid out of the top of the lift pad because she had a slippery shirt and Resident #1 was top heavy, with most of her weight on the top portion of her body. Both NA #1 and NA #2 confirmed they were retrained on all the steps in using a mechanical lift and specifically that a nurse aide needed to always be holding onto the hand holds while a resident was suspended in the air.</p> <p>Documentation in an emergency room discharge summary dated 2/20/2024 revealed, [Resident #1] here with pain after being dropped from lift chair. No apparent major trauma on exam. She is at her mental baseline and moving all extremities. CT (computed tomography) head/[cervical] spine reviewed and are negative. Hip (x-ray) negative. Discussed with [patient's] provider at PACE, will [discharge] with return precautions including any weakness, grip strength changes or signs of occult cord injury despite normal CT. No apparent pain on exam. Resident #1 was diagnosed with a scalp soft tissue injury or a hematoma of the scalp without any underlying skull fracture on the discharge summary.</p> <p>Documentation in a primary care provider assessment for an emergency room visit dated 2/20/2024 revealed Resident #1 was assessed by her physician in the emergency room after her fall from the mechanical lift. An addendum to the assessment was added by her physician on 2/22/2024 revealing Resident #1 was found to have no evident new arm motor weakness or functional change out of concern for a neck injury.</p> <p>Documentation in the Resident #1's care plan, dated as last reviewed on 2/22/2024 revealed the focus area for a risk for falling relative to poor balance, decreased mobility, and weakness. One of the interventions was to ensure proper position of the lift pad prior to transfer.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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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>An interview was conducted with the Director of Nursing (DON) on 4/19/2024 at 12:00 PM. The DON stated on 2/20/2024 she was not the DON at the time, but she participated in the investigation and determination of the root cause analysis of how Resident #1 fell out of the mechanical lift. The DON stated the nurse aides did a recreation of what happened after Resident #1 was assessed and sent to the emergency room . The DON revealed NA #1 and NA #2 recreated their actions using herself in the place of Resident #1. The DON stated NA #1 and NA #2 used the proper size lift pad and used appropriate techniques in using the mechanical lift except for not always keeping hold of the lift pad with the hand holds. The DON revealed NA #1 and NA #2 were reeducated on the entire process of how to transfer a resident using a mechanical lift. The DON further revealed the education was provided to not only NA #1 and NA #2 but to the entire nursing staff to include agency on the use of a mechanical lift. The DON explained the focus of the training was on how to access the resident profile for choosing the correct lift pad, making sure wheelchairs are in position before starting the process of moving the resident, obtaining a third nurse aide if needed, and always making sure at least one nurse aide was holding on to the hand holds at all times while the resident was in the air. The DON explained that a return demonstration of the use of a mechanical lift was performed by all the nursing staff after the training. The DON indicated that all the mechanical lifts and the lift pads were checked for functionality by the Maintenance Director on 2/20/2024 in addition to the training and skill demonstrations by the nursing staff by the DON. The DON revealed the staff development coordinator had been doing audits on all the units to confirm the nurse aides were using proper technique in using the mechanical lifts.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with the Administrator on 4/19/2024 at 12:26 PM. The Administrator stated after the fall of Resident #1 from the mechanical lift she was very concerned for Resident #1 and she spoke with the physician for Resident #1, who called her from the emergency roiaignom on [DATE]. The Administrator stated Resident #1 had a hematoma on her head but was otherwise not injured or in any pain.</p> <p>The facility provided the following corrective action plan with a completion date of 2/21/2024.</p> <p>A Plan of Correction was instituted on 2/20/2024. A root cause analysis was completed by the leadership team at Peak Resources, Alamance. The root cause analysis revealed the lift pad was positioned incorrectly during the transfer and a nurse aide let go of the hand holds on the lift pad while the resident was in the air. Resident was assessed for injury by the nursing staff, and EMS (emergency medical services) was notified, and resident was sent to the hospital for further intervention, but no significant injuries were noted. Nursing Unit Managers and SDC (Staff Development Coordinator) performed additional lift training and competency checks with CNAs (Certified Nursing Assistants) involved, signed copy of their competency check was provided by SDC. Nursing Staff Education regarding use of mechanical lift was initiated on 2/20/2024 and SDC and unit managers provided one on one training with lectures and demonstration to all nursing staff regarding proper use of the mechanical lift technique. The Maintenance staff inspected all mechanical lifts. No defects were identified.</p> <p>All residents that use a mechanical lift are at risk. Unit managers and SDC reviewed those resident's care profile in the electronic medical record to reassure each transfer status and correct sling color were listed. Those resident care plans were reviewed on 2/20/24 to ensure transfer status and sling colors (indicating the size) were listed correctly.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0867</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Set up an ongoing quality assessment and assurance group to review quality deficiencies and develop corrective plans of action.</p> <p>13030</p> <p>Based on record review and staff interview the facility's Quality Assessment Performance Improvement committee failed to maintain implemented procedures and monitor the interventions that the committee put into place following the complaint investigation completed 9/19/2023. This was a repeat deficiency in the area of supervision to prevent accidents that was originally cited on 9/19/2023. The continued failure of the facility with a repeat deficiency showed a pattern of the facility's inability to sustain an effective Quality Assessment Performance Improvement program.</p> <p>The findings included:</p> <p>This citation is cross referred to:</p> <p>F689: During the complaint investigation of 4/24/2024 the facility failed to prevent a fall from a mechanical lift for one of three residents reviewed for supervision to prevent accidents.</p> <p>During the complaint investigation of 09/19/2023 the facility failed to provide incontinent care safely for one of three residents reviewed for accidents.</p> <p>The Administrator was interviewed on 4/24/2024 at 11:07 AM. The Administrator stated the Quality Assessment Performance Improvement (QAPI) committee members were made up of the Administrator, Director of Nursing, Medical Director, Dietary Manager, Maintenance Director, Social Workers, Activities Director, Housekeeping Manager, Nursing Unit Managers, Infection Preventionist, Staff Development Coordinator, and the Medical Records Manager. The Administrator stated it was mandatory for all department heads to attend the QAPI meetings. The Administrator revealed she was reeducated by the Corporate Compliance Officer on the QAPI process after the fall of Resident #1 from the mechanical lift during care because the corporate office identified non-compliance with the QAPI process for accidents.</p>