

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  345520	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  03/06/2025
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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>20670</p> <p>Based on record review and resident and staff interviews, the facility failed to ensure staff implemented their abuse policy and procedure in the area of reporting when facility staff had knowledge of an allegation of sexual abuse. This failure resulted in a delay in the facility initiating a thorough investigation of the allegation, implementing protective measures, and reporting the allegation to the State Agency, Law Enforcement and Adult Protective Services. This deficient practice was found for 1 of 3 residents reviewed for abuse (Resident #1).</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>The facility's Compliance with Reporting Allegations of Abuse/Neglect/Exploitation reviewed/revised 1/1/25, read in part: It is the policy of this facility to report all allegations of abuse/neglect/exploitation or mistreatment, including injuries of unknown sources and misappropriation of resident property are reported immediately to the Administrator of the facility and to other appropriate agencies in accordance with current state and federal regulations within prescribed timeframes.</p> <p>During an interview on 3/4/25 at 2:04 p.m., Nursing Assistant (NA) #1 revealed Resident #1 reported to her on Sunday (2/16/25) that she was touched inappropriately by a male staff member, but did not know his name and did not provide a description of the male or date of the incident. She recalled there were two male nursing assistants working on that unit. NA #1 stated she reported the allegation to the Staff Nurse #1 but was unsure if Staff Nurse #1 interviewed Resident #1.</p> <p>An interview was conducted with Staff Nurse #1 on 3/4/25 at 2:37 p.m. Staff Nurse #1 stated no one had reported abuse to her since she began working at the facility (approximately three months ago). She recalled three to four days prior to Resident #1's recent hospitalization (2/20/25), she and the Director of Nursing (DON) were standing at the nurse's station when they overheard NA #1 repeatedly, advising NA #2 to not enter Resident#1's room unless he had someone with him. Staff Nurse #1 stated she overheard NA #1 tell NA #2 that Resident#1 was saying that somebody was messing with her. Staff Nurse #1 revealed she did not interview Resident #1 and did not know if the DON interviewed the resident.</p> <p>An interview was conducted on 3/5/25 at 2:51 p.m. with the Director of Nursing (DON). The DON stated she first learned of the sexual abuse allegation on the morning of Friday, 2/21/25. The DON stated she did not recall overhearing any conversation at the nursing station between a female NA and male NA about not providing care to Resident #1.</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 0607</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>During an interview on 3/5/25 at 1:36 p.m., the Occupational Therapist (OT) recalled on 2/17/25, as she was escorting Resident #1 from the 200-hall unit's common area to start the resident's therapy session, the resident was agitated and insisted that she needed to talk with the Administrator. The OT revealed the resident informed her she was being molested at the facility since her admission. The OT stated that she calmed the resident and immediately escorted Resident #1 to the Admission's Coordinator's office where the resident repeated the allegation. The OT stated at that time she was unaware who was the Abuse Coordinator. The Admission's Coordinator later explained to her that the Administrator was the Abuse Coordinator, but she (Admissions Coordinator) did write the report and submitted it to the Administrator.</p> <p>On 3/5/25 at 2:19 p.m., the Admission's Coordinator stated on the morning of 2/17/25, the OT escorted Resident #1 to her office. She revealed Resident #1 told her she had been molested at the facility. The Admission's Coordinator stated she excused herself and went to the Administrator's office and informed him of the resident's allegation. She was instructed by the Administrator to take Resident #1's statement, which she did. She stated Resident #1 informed her that a tall, skinny black guy (no name provided) had been molesting her. She stated the resident reported every morning the male staff would remove all of her clothes, rub her private area, then bathe and dress her before transferring her to her wheelchair and escort her to the dining table in the common area. The resident reported this happened the previous Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The Admission's Coordinator revealed when asked if there was anything else she needed to report about the incident, the resident replied, No, that was it, but he's a nice guy. The Admission's Coordinator stated she submitted the statement to the Administrator. She further revealed she had not heard any more about the allegation.</p> <p>During an interview on 3/6/25 at 5:54 p.m., the Administrator revealed on 2/17/25, the Admission's Coordinator reported to him there was a potential allegation of abuse (she did not specify the type of abuse) which he directed her to document the witness statement. He stated the Admission's Coordinator handed him the statement later, which he placed on his desk to review after completion of what he was working on. However, he did not remember the statement. He stated that when the police arrived at the facility on 2/21/25 at 8:30 a.m. to investigate a report of employee to resident sexual abuse, he recalled receiving a written statement of abuse earlier that week. The Administrator indicated he did not read the statement of abuse when it was placed on his desk on 2/17/25. He stated after locating and reading the witness statement on his desk on 2/21/25, he contacted the Regional Chief Nursing Officer and together they began working on the investigation on 2/21/25. The alleged perpetrator (NA#2) was immediately suspended on 2/21/25. The Administrator sent an initial report to the Division of Health Service Regulation and notified Adult Protective Services on 2/21/25.</p> <p>During an interview on 3/6/25 at 11:26 a.m., NA #2 stated the first time he was made aware Resident #1 alleged that he inappropriately touched her was the morning of 2/21/25. The Administrator also informed him he was suspended until the investigation of the alleged abuse was complete. NA #2 stated he had not worked at the facility since 2/21/25. He further revealed that he was informed via phone today (3/6/25) that he was cleared to return to work at the facility.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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