

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 365250	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 06/10/2024
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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p> <p>Note: The nursing home is disputing this citation.</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** 42728</p> <p>Based on observation, clinical record review, review of hospital progress notes, staff interview, resident interview, resident representative interview, and review of facility policy, the facility failed to maintain a safe outdoor smoking area for residents assessed to be independent with smoking, failed to ensure Resident #100 was accurately assessed for the ability to safely smoke without supervision, failed to ensure Resident #100 was appropriately assessed for the ability to extinguish herself in the event of a fire (she had hemiplegia and hemiparalysis of the left arm and leg and required assistance from two staff members for transfers), failed to ensure the resident had reasonable access to a fire blankets and/or fire extinguisher, and failed to ensure the resident had the means to obtain assistance in the event of a fire. This resulted in Immediate Jeopardy and serious physical harm on 05/12/24 when Resident #100, who was smoking in the facility designated smoking area caught on fire from an ash of her cigarette sustaining severe third degree burns to her upper body/face requiring hospitalization and surgical intervention. A visitor observed the resident to be on fire and utilized the sleeve of her shirt to extinguish the fire when the visitor was unable to locate a fire blanket in the designated smoking area. The resident was subsequently transferred to the hospital where she received treatment for the third degree burns to her upper body which required skin graft surgery. This affected one resident (#100) of three residents reviewed for safe smoking. The facility identified six additional residents (#2, #25, #26, #34, #47, and #78) who were assessed to be able to smoke independently. The facility census was 90.</p> <p>On 06/04/24 at 10:48 A.M., the Administrator and the Director of Nursing (DON) were notified Immediate Jeopardy began on 05/12/24 when the facility failed to maintain a safe smoking area for Resident #100 when the resident caught on fire while smoking. A visitor who responded after seeing the resident on fire had to utilize the sleeve of her sweatshirt to extinguish the resident because there was no fire blanket readily accessible in the designated smoking area.</p> <p>The Immediate Jeopardy was removed on 06/04/24 when the facility implemented the following corrective actions:</p> <p>On 05/12/24 Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) #242 responded to Resident #100 after being notified the resident had caught fire. LPN #242 assessed Resident #100 for pain which the resident initially denied and refused a transfer to the emergency room . Later Resident #100 agreed to the hospital transfer, the transfer was facilitated, and the resident's representative was notified of the incident.</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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