

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 365859	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 01/27/2026
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER The Merriman		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 209 Merriman Rd Akron, OH 44303	
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<p>F 0810</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Provide special eating equipment and utensils for residents who need them and appropriate assistance.</p> <p>Based on observation, interviews and policy review, the facility failed to ensure adequate and appropriate utensils were provided for resident meals. This affected seven residents (#1, #3, #13, #14, #19, #43, and #44) of seven residents reviewed for appropriate eating utensils being provided with meals. This had the potential to affect all 45 residents who received meals from the kitchen. The facility census was 45. Findings include: Observation on 01/22/26 at 8:14 A.M. revealed two Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) passing resident meal trays. Observation of the resident breakfast trays being passed by the CNA staff revealed only a metal spoon was present on each tray and there were no additional silverware or utensils present on the tray or offered to the residents. Observation on 01/22/26 at 8:23 A.M. revealed Dietary Aide (DA) #277 pushing an open cart containing approximately 15-20 meal trays that only had a plastic spoon sitting on top of a folded brown paper towel next to the covered plate. Interview on 01/22/26 at 8:25 A.M. with DA #277 revealed they did not have enough metal silverware for all the residents, so they sent plastic silverware to the remaining residents. Interview on 01/22/26 at 8:30 A.M. with DA #263 confirmed there was not enough silverware for all resident meal trays, so plastic silverware was used for at least half of the residents' trays for each meal. DA #263 additionally stated the kitchen had been out of napkins since 01/20/26 and had been using folded brown paper towels from the hand towel dispenser. DA #263 mentioned the facility sometimes ran out of juice cups for the residents and but there had been a shortage of silverware/utensils for at least six months. Review of the facility lunch menu for 01/22/26 revealed the lunch menu consisted of a chicken enchilada, Spanish rice, corn and black beans, a banana, and juice or milk. 1. Review of the medical record for Resident #1 revealed an admission date of 10/02/25. Diagnoses included but were not limited to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, chronic congestive heart failure, and type II diabetes mellitus. Resident #1 was noted to be cognitively intact, received a no concentrated sweets diet, and required set up for meals. Interview on 01/22/26 at 12:19 P.M. with Resident #1 revealed frequently he only receives a spoon, had previously received only a fork to eat soup with, and frequently received plastic silverware with meals. Observation at the time of the interview revealed Resident #1 had only a metal spoon on the lunch tray. 2. Review of the medical record for Resident #3 revealed an admission date of 02/17/25. Diagnoses included but were not limited to dementia, peripheral vascular disease, and atrial fibrillation. Resident #3 was noted to be cognitively intact, received a regular diet, and required set up for meals. Interview on 01/22/26 at 12:25 P.M. with Resident #3 revealed the resident sometimes only a spoon, and sometimes it was a plastic utensil. Observation at the time of the interview revealed Resident #3 only had a metal spoon on the lunch tray. 3. Review of the medical record for Resident #13 revealed an admission ate of 11/10/25. Diagnoses included but were not limited radiculopathy of the lumbar region, alcohol abuse and chronic post-traumatic stress disorder. Resident #13 was noted to be cognitively intact, received a regular diet, and was independent for eating. Interview on 01/22/26 at 12:43 P.M. with Resident #13 revealed he</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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