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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 366267	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 05/14/2026
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Altercare of Mayfield Village, Inc		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 290 North Commons Blvd Mayfield Village, OH 44143	
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F 0678 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety Residents Affected - Few	Provide basic life support, including CPR, prior to the arrival of emergency medical personnel , subject to physician orders and the resident's advance directives. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on closed medical record review, review of 911 communications, review of the American Heart Association (AHA) guidance for adult Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), review of Ohio Revised Code related to pronouncement of death, facility policy review, and interview, the facility failed to ensure Resident #46, who had a Full Code status, received appropriate and timely emergency response (including CPR) consistent with the resident's advance directives, facility policy, professional standards of practice, and physician expectations. This resulted in Immediate Jeopardy and Actual Harm with subsequent death on [DATE] at 7:20 A.M. when Resident #46 was found unresponsive (without vital signs) and Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) #509 discontinued cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) without a physician order, without emergency medical services (EMS) present, and without the qualifications necessary to pronounce the resident deceased . Additionally, LPN #510 failed to ensure EMS response by canceling or miscommunicating with 911, resulting in EMS never arriving on the scene. This affected one resident (#46) of eight residents reviewed for change of condition. The facility census was 45. On [DATE] at 4:45 P.M. the Administrator, Director of Nursing (DON) and Corporate Regional Nurse (CRN) #603 were notified Immediate Jeopardy began on [DATE] at approximately 7:20 A.M., when Resident #46 was found unresponsive, and facility staff failed to follow the facility CPR policy requiring immediate initiation of CPR, activation of 911, and continuation of CPR until EMS arrival or physician instruction. Instead, CPR was stopped prematurely, EMS never entered the facility, and the physician did not authorize cessation of life-saving efforts. The resident was subsequently pronounced deceased at the facility. The Immediate Jeopardy was removed on [DATE] when the facility implemented the following corrective actions: On [DATE] at 7:53 A.M. the Administrator notified CRN #603 and requested assistance with an investigation into the death of Resident #46. On [DATE] at 11 :00 A.M. immediate education was initiated for licensed nurses in the facility by CRN #603, regarding the facility policy titled Change in Condition, facility policy titled CPR, staff emergency response expectations, education related to physician was required to determine time of death/discontinuation of resuscitation efforts and the facility notification procedure. Education was completed on [DATE] at 6:00 P.M. when five of seven (5/7) Registered Nurses (RN) (one RN was out on leave and one RN was considered as needed (PRN) and would receive education upon return) and eight of eight (8/8) Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) were educated. The facility also implemented a plan that upon hire, all new licensed nurses would be educated by the Director of Nursing (DON)/designee regarding the above information. Agency nurses and any PRN licensed nurse who were not actively working in the facility at that time would be educated by the DON on the information prior to their next working shift. On [DATE] at 12:00 P.M. CRN #603 audited 47/47 in-house resident charts to verify signed Advanced Directives were in place. The facility then implemented a plan for the Administrator/designee to audit code status for incoming admissions daily for two weeks and PRN thereafter. On [DATE] at 2:00 P.M. CRN #603 audited crash carts located on each unit (Timberline and Wildwood) to ensure all necessary supplies were available and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) was centrally located. On [DATE] (continued on next page)		

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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