

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 366394	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 01/10/2025
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<p>F 0609</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Timely report suspected abuse, neglect, or theft and report the results of the investigation to proper authorities.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 38523</p> <p>Based on closed record review, facility policy review and interview, the facility failed to report an incident of neglect involving Resident #95 to the State Agency as required. This affected one resident (#95) of four residents reviewed for neglect. The facility census was 91.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>Review of Resident #95's closed medical record revealed an admitted [DATE] with diagnoses including adult failure to thrive, malnutrition and metabolic encephalopathy.</p> <p>Review of a social service progress note, dated 12/19/24, revealed Resident #95 admitted to the facility for short term rehabilitation services after a recent hospitalization . She was a full code status (advance directives) and her discharge plan was to return to her private residence where she lived alone. The note indicated Resident #95 received support from her brother. Resident #95 used a cane and a walker at home. The note indicated Resident #95 was a questionable historian who seemed confused.</p> <p>Review of Resident #95's care plan, initiated on 12/23/24 revealed the resident was identified to be a falls/safety/risk/elopement risk. A listed goal included Resident #95 would remain free from injuries and falls. Care planned interventions included to encourage use of the call light, if unable to utilize call light nursing assistants would assess the resident every 30-60 minutes, instruct the resident on safety measures, and keep call light in reach.</p> <p>Review of Resident #95's Minimum Data Set (MDS) 5-day assessment, dated 12/24/24, revealed the resident had a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) score of two, indicating severely impaired cognition. Resident #95 required partial/moderate (staff) assistance for activities of daily living (ADLs). Resident #95's mood interview could not be conducted as the resident was rarely/never understood. The assessment indicated Resident #95 had no behaviors.</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 0609</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Interview on 12/31/24 at 9:20 A.M. with the Administrator, Corporate Regional Nurse #505, and Corporate Director of Clinical Services #508 revealed Resident #95 eloped from the facility and was found unresponsive on the morning of 12/24/24 outside the facility doors on a back patio. Corporate Regional Nurse #505 confirmed the staff working that night had not performed their routine, every 2-hour checks on Resident #95. The facility investigated the incident and implemented corrective action related to the incident of elopement following the incident; however, the facility did not report the incident to the State Agency (SA) as an incident of neglect that resulted in the resident's death. This was verified by administrative staff at the time of the interview.</p> <p>Attempts to reach Former Administrator #504 on 01/02/24 at 9:50 A.M. and 12:59 P.M. were unsuccessful.</p> <p>Review of the undated facility policy titled Abuse Prohibition revealed each resident has the right to be free from abuse and neglect. The policy defined neglect as the failure of the facility, its employees, or service providers to provide goods and services to a resident that are necessary to avoid physical harm, pain, mental anguish, or emotional distress. All allegations of abuse, neglect, and misappropriation of property are immediately reported, thoroughly investigated and appropriate actions taken.</p> <p>This deficiency represents noncompliance investigated under Complaint Number OH00161082 and Complaint Number OH00161073.</p>		

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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>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** 38523</p> <p>THE FOLLOWING DEFICIENCY REPRESENTS AN INCIDENT OF PAST NONCOMPLIANCE THAT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY CORRECTED PRIOR TO THIS SURVEY.</p> <p>Based on observation, closed medical record review, review of the local police report, staff interviews, review of the National Weather Service forecast, review of the facility Elopement Policy and Procedure, review of Abuse, Neglect and Misappropriation Policy and Procedure, and review of camera footage, the facility failed to provide adequate supervision to prevent Resident #95, who had diagnoses of metabolic encephalopathy, malnutrition, and adult failure to thrive and severe cognitive impairment, from leaving the facility without staff knowledge. This resulted in Immediate Jeopardy and actual harm leading to death beginning on [DATE] at approximately 8:40 P.M. when Resident #95 was last seen inside the facility. On [DATE] at 9:30 P.M., [DATE] at 12:36 A.M. and [DATE] at approximately 4:00 A.M. staff identified Resident #95 was not in the facility but failed to take sufficient action to determine her whereabouts. On [DATE] at 6:09 A.M., Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) #500 began phoning nursing management regarding Resident #95 missing from the facility. At 6:22 A.M., LPN #500 reached Registered Nurse (RN) #484, who was off-duty and off-site, via phone and informed her Resident #95 was missing. A code purple (facility code for an elopement) was called and a search of the facility and property began. RN #484 arrived at the facility at approximately 7:30 A.M. and assisted with search efforts. The local police department was then called, responded to the facility and assisted in search efforts. On [DATE] at approximately 8:10 A.M., RN #484 was informed a wheelchair was observed in the stairwell of the lower level. RN #484 observed the chair, continued up the stairs near where the wheelchair was found and opened the door which exited to the outside, where she met resistance. RN #484 observed Resident #95 lying on the patio outside the exit door to the facility. Resident #95 was observed cold to touch, wet, and without respirations or a heart rate. RN #484 screamed for help and initiated cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Additional staff responded to the area. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) was contacted, and Resident #95 was transported to a local hospital where she was unable to be resuscitated and was pronounced deceased on [DATE] at 8:57 A.M.</p> <p>On [DATE] at 11:14 A.M., the Administrator, Corporate Regional Director of Operations #507, and Corporate Director of Clinical Services #508 were notified Immediate Jeopardy began on [DATE] at 8:40 P.M. when the facility failed to provide adequate supervision to prevent Resident #95 from eloping. Between [DATE] at 8:40 P.M. and [DATE] at 8:10 A.M. the facility failed to have adequate and effective systems in place to ensure the resident's safety and supervisory needs were met. During this time period, facility staff failed to recognize the resident had exited the facility unsupervised and was missing from the facility. On [DATE] at 8:10 A.M. Resident #95 was found lying on the patio outside the exit door to the facility. Resident #95 was observed cold to touch, wet, and without respirations or a heart rate. RN #484 screamed for help and initiated cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Additional staff responded to the area. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) was contacted, and Resident #95 was transported to a local hospital where she was unable to be resuscitated and was pronounced deceased on [DATE] at 8:57 A.M. due to environmental exposure.</p> <p>The Immediate Jeopardy was removed on [DATE] and the deficiency corrected on [DATE] when the facility implemented the following corrective actions:</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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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>Review of a police report dated [DATE] revealed a call was placed at 7:27 A.M. in regard to a resident of the facility that had not been seen since [DATE] at 8:40 P.M. Officer #506 arrived on site at the facility at 7:32 A.M. and met with facility staff. The report noted RN #423 began her assigned nursing shift on [DATE] at 7:00 P.M. and completed her assigned check on Resident #95 at approximately 8:40 P.M. At approximately 9:00 P.M., RN #423 was re-assigned to another unit, and LPN #500 assumed care (for this resident). LPN #500 was noted in the report as having completed her first check on Resident #95 at approximately 9:30 P.M. LPN #500 noted Resident #95 was not in her room and assumed the resident had left the facility with her brother, as she had previously left the facility on a prior date for a few hours. LPN #500 stated she checked the visitors log, but noted no visitors had come inside the facility to visit Resident #95. No further action was taken until [DATE] at approximately 12:36 A.M., LPN #500 attempted to call Resident #95's brother multiple times without success. The report noted LPN #500 stated multiple times that she was a new nurse and was unsure what to do after that. On [DATE] at approximately 6:30 A.M., LPN #500 contacted an off-duty nurse, RN #484 about Resident #95's disappearance. Following the phone call, a code purple was called, after which Resident #95 was still not found. LPN #500 was instructed by RN #484 to complete a thorough search both inside and of the perimeter outside of the building. While awaiting administration in the lobby, Resident #95's brother returned a phone call to LPN #500 and provided the phone to the officer. Resident #95's brother did not know where Resident #95 was and stated he had not picked her up. The brother reported to the officer he visited the resident on [DATE] at approximately 5:30 P.M. and the resident stated she wanted out of the facility. The brother provided a prior address where the resident could be, or stated there was a chance the resident remained on the property and was hiding from the nurses. The report indicated a short time later, multiple screams were heard, and the officer ran in the direction of the screams. Nurses escorted the officer outside to the north side patio of the building, outside the activity room exit, where Resident #95 was observed lying on her back in the corner of the patio. Resident #95 was unresponsive, her eyes and mouth wide open. Resident #95 was cold to the touch. The officer called for dispatch to send Emergency Medical Services (EMS). While waiting for EMS to arrive, nurses began to perform CPR on Resident #95. Resident #95 was placed on a stretcher and transported to a local hospital where she was pronounced deceased on [DATE] at 8:57 A.M.</p> <p>Review of a progress note dated [DATE] at 6:45 A.M., authored by LPN #500, revealed upon the start of her shift she had checked on Resident #95, who was not in her room. The note indicated a thorough check of the nursing unit was completed. LPN #500 checked Resident #95's electronic medical record and LOA in notes verified. At 12:36 A.M., LPN #500 noted the resident had not returned to the facility and LPN #500 attempted to call Resident #95's brother at least 15 times with no answer. At 6:09 A.M., LPN #500 began to call an unnamed Unit Manager without success. At 6:22 A.M., LPN #500 phoned RN #484 and informed her Resident #95 had not returned to the facility.</p> <p>Review of the facility investigation into Resident #95's elopement revealed the following witness statements following the incident:</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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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>Review of a Root Cause Analysis (RCA) dated [DATE] revealed the incident involved a resident (Resident #95) being found unresponsive outside of the facility, on the patio outside the activity room door. A 5 Whys was reviewed and indicated the resident had gone up the stairs unattended and out the exterior door. Staff did not respond to alarm going off on the first floor into the stairwell appropriately, did not check the area and perform a headcount, nor did staff complete routine checks. The RCA listed LPN #500 assumed Resident #95 was on LOA, CNA #501 stated he did not see the resident on [DATE] at 4:00 A.M. and forgot to tell his nurse. CNA #501 additionally had stated he did not see the resident his whole shift. No staff admitted to turning off the alarm, and the facility cameras did not show this area. LPN #500 had received an order from the provider for Resident #95 to go on LOA visits with her brother, and assumed the resident was out on an LOA. The RCA concluded there was ineffective shift-to-shift report, a lack of urgency around code purple with a failure to identify a missing resident versus an assumed LOA, lack of validation of frequent checks and rounding, and a failure to respond appropriately to the door alarms with an immediate head count and checking of the surrounding area. The RCA action plan and monitoring referenced the facility's abatement plan.</p> <p>Interview on [DATE] at 9:20 A.M. with the Administrator, Corporate Regional Nurse #505, and Corporate Director of Clinical Services #508 revealed Resident #95 had not been identified as an elopement risk upon admission to the facility, but did elope from the facility and was found unresponsive on the morning of [DATE] outside the facility doors on a back patio. Corporate Regional Nurse #505 confirmed the staff working that night had not performed their routine, every 2-hour checks on Resident #95. The facility investigated the incident and implemented corrective action following the incident.</p> <p>Interview on [DATE] at 1:49 P.M. with Corporate Regional Nurse #505 confirmed the facility had an alarm to the lower-level stairwell door. Corporate Regional Nurse #505 confirmed the door had to have been alarming at the time Resident #95 exited; however, no staff members working recalled or admitted de-activating an alarm between [DATE] at 9:00 P.M. and [DATE] at 8:00 A.M. All staff in the building who worked between [DATE] at 7:00 P.M. and [DATE] at 7:00 A.M. were interviewed and none reported hearing any door alarm going off during their shift, nor had any staff reported turning off or deactivating any sounding alarm during their shift. The two staff members assigned to care for Resident #95 on the night of [DATE], LPN #500 and CNA #501, were terminated following this incident.</p> <p>Interview and observation on [DATE] at 1:54 P.M. of the facility with Corporate Regional Nurse #505 revealed Resident #95 resided on the lower level of the facility. The location Resident #95's wheelchair was found at the base of the stairs was not visible from the small window of the door to the stairwell. At the top of the stairs, a one-way swing gate was present, and two doors were noted on the second-floor landing. One door with a keypad alarm was locked and had a key code (to enter the main/second level) and one door exited to the outside back patio. Corporate Regional Nurse #505 stated the exit door to the back patio was unlocked for safety. The door alarm had the capability to alarm, but the key was stored in the alarm and turned to the off position on the date Resident #95 eloped from the facility. Corporate Regional Nurse #505 confirmed following the incident, the door alarm company added a louder-sounding alarm requiring a manual key to de-activate. The key was removed from the door alarm and was held by administrative and nursing staff. If the alarm was activated, administrative or nursing staff would respond with the key, deactivate the alarm, and would be responsible for ensuring all residents were accounted for.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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