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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** Based on observations, review of clinical records, facility policies, facility investigative documentation, video surveillance, and resident and staff interviews, it was determined the facility failed to ensure that the environment remained as free of accident hazards as possible and failed to provide adequate supervision and environmental safety to prevent an avoidable accident. This failure placed one of eight residents reviewed (Resident 1) in Immediate Jeopardy to their health and safety due to the high likelihood of serious injury or death from falls or self-harm. Findings include: A clinical record review revealed that Resident 1 was admitted to the facility on [DATE], with diagnoses to include anxiety (a mental health condition characterized by excessive worry or fear) and major depressive disorder (a mental health disorder characterized by persistent low mood, loss of interest in activities, low energy, poor concentration, appetite changes, sleep disturbances, and suicidal thoughts). A review of an admission Minimum Data Set assessment (MDS, a federally mandated standardized assessment process conducted periodically to plan resident care) dated November 24, 2025, revealed that Resident 1 was cognitively intact with a BIMS score of 15 (Brief Interview for Mental Status, a tool within the Cognitive Section of the MDS that is used to assess the resident's attention, orientation, and ability to register and recall new information; a score of 13 to 15 indicates cognition is intact). A review of an admission MDS assessment dated [DATE], revealed that Resident 2 (Resident 1's wife, who also resided in the same room) was cognitively intact with a BIMS score of 15. A review of Resident 1's care plan initiated on November 19, 2025, identified depression and anxiety with goals to reduce symptoms through medication and non-pharmacological interventions (such as one-to-one interaction, change in position or scenery, redirection, and diversional activities). The care plan did not include Resident 1's documented history of suicide attempts until after the incident on January 25, 2026. Resident 1's care plan revealed they had been identified by the state PASRR (Preadmission Screening and Resident Review) process as a level II PASRR (screening used to identify serious mental illness or intellectual disability requiring specialized services). A review of outside hospital documentation provided by the facility of a discharge summary with instructions dated November 19, 2025, revealed that during the hospital admission Resident 1's medication regimen had changed and the Prozac (an antidepressant medication) had increased from 40 mg (milligrams) to 60 mg daily, trazodone (an antidepressant medication) 25 mg had been ordered three times a day for anxiety, continued Ativan (antianxiety medication) 0.5 mg twice daily, discontinued their sertraline 100 mg (generic for Zoloft, an antidepressant), and instructed to follow up with a psychiatrist and primary care physician. A review of physician's orders dated November 19, 2025, revealed orders for fluoxetine 20 mg (generic for Prozac, an antidepressant), one tablet daily in the morning for depression, and lorazepam (generic for Ativan), 0.5 mg, one tablet twice a day for anxiety, and trazodone 0.5 mg (antidepressant used to treat depression, anxiety and sleep problems) every eight hours as needed for depression.</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 0755</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide pharmaceutical services to meet the needs of each resident and employ or obtain the services of a licensed pharmacist.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on a review of clinical records, select facility policy, and staff interviews, it was determined the facility failed to implement procedures to ensure the accurate administration of prescribed medications for one of eight sampled residents (Resident 1). Findings include: A review of the facility policy titled Admission/ readmission Chart Review Process last reviewed January 22, 2026, revealed the facility will ensure there exist follow through of physician orders upon admission and / or readmission to the facility and a complete chart review will be conducted within 24 hours of the admission/ readmission. Review of the facility policy titled Use of Psychotropic Medication last reviewed January 22, 2026, revealed residents are not given psychotropic medications unless necessary to treat a specific condition and the medication is beneficial to the resident. The compliance guidelines in the policy indicated the attending physician will assume a leadership role in medication management by developing, monitoring, and modifying the medication regimen in collaboration with residents, their family / representatives, other professionals and the interdisciplinary team. A review of the clinical record revealed Resident 1 was admitted to the facility on [DATE], from an acute care hospital. admission diagnosis included but was not limited to cerebral palsy (a condition that permanently affects body movement and muscle coordination), anxiety (a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease), and depression (mood disorder that causes a persistent feeling of sadness and loss of interest). A review of an admission Minimum Data Set assessment (MDS, a federally mandated standardized assessment process conducted periodically to plan resident care) dated December 2, 2025, identified Resident 1 was cognitively intact with a BIMS score of 15 (Brief Interview for Mental Status, a tool within the Cognitive Section of the MDS that is used to assess the resident's attention, orientation, and ability to register and recall new information; a score of 13-15 indicates cognition is intact). A review of the facility document titled Discharge Summary, written by the hospital medical doctor and dated November 19, 2025, revealed Resident 1 was hospitalized from [DATE], through November 19, 2025. Upon discharge from the hospital, Resident 1 was admitted to the facility on [DATE]. The hospital medical doctor documented that Resident 1 had multiple hospital admissions over the previous two months, including an admission to an inpatient psychiatric facility for treatment of generalized anxiety disorder (a mental health condition characterized by excessive, uncontrollable worry) and major depressive disorder (a mental health disorder characterized by persistent low mood, low self-esteem, and loss of interest). The hospital discharge summary documented that while Resident 1 was in the inpatient psychiatric facility, the medication Fluoxetine was increased from 40 milligrams (mg) to 60 mg daily. Fluoxetine (also known as Prozac, a medication used to treat depression and anxiety by affecting chemical messengers in the brain). The discharge summary indicated that Resident 1 received Trazodone 25 mg three times daily as needed for anxiety. Trazodone (also known as Desyrel, a medication used to treat depression and anxiety). Further review of the hospital discharge summary revealed that Lorazepam 0.5 mg twice daily was to be continued. Lorazepam (also known as Ativan, a medication that works by enhancing the activity of chemical messengers in the brain and is used to treat anxiety and insomnia/difficulty sleeping). The discharge summary also indicated Resident 1 was to follow up with psychiatry as an outpatient and that the facility was encouraged to provide frequent and continued reassurance related to Resident 1's wife, Resident 2. Recommendations from the medical doctor in the department of psychiatry were included in the hospital discharge summary. The psychiatric provider recommended that Resident 1 continue Fluoxetine 60 mg daily for improved anxiety management and that Trazodone 25 mg three times daily be administered as needed for anxiety or sleep. The</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0755</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>psychiatric provider also recommended that Lorazepam be gradually decreased and eventually discontinued due to Resident 1's age and documented memory deficits. A review of facility medication orders revealed that upon admission to the facility on November 19, 2025, Employee 8, CRNP (certified registered nurse practitioner) ordered Fluoxetine HCl 20 mg once daily in the morning. Further review of facility records revealed that on December 13, 2025, the order was changed to Fluoxetine HCl 20 mg, two tablets once daily in the morning, for a total daily dose of 40 mg. On December 29, 2025, the administration time for Fluoxetine 40 mg was changed from morning to evening. On January 14, 2026, Fluoxetine 40 mg was discontinued and replaced with Fluoxetine 60 mg once daily in the evening. A review of facility records revealed Resident 1 did not receive the hospital-recommended dose of Fluoxetine 60 mg daily until January 14, 2026, despite documentation that the dose had been increased prior to admission to address symptoms of anxiety, panic, and depression. A review of medication orders further revealed Lorazepam 0.5 mg was administered twice daily from November 19, 2025, until December 13, 2025, when the medication was discontinued. No documentation was identified to show the dose was gradually reduced prior to discontinuation as recommended in the hospital discharge summary. During an interview with the Director of Nursing on January 28, 2026, at 11:30 AM, the above findings were reviewed, including that Resident 1 did not receive the hospital-recommended Fluoxetine 60 mg daily for several weeks after admission and that Lorazepam was discontinued without gradual dose reduction as recommended. The Director of Nursing was unable to provide a documented justification for why the recommended medication regimen was not implemented to meet the psychiatric needs of Resident 1. 28 Pa. Code 211.12 (d)(1)(5) Nursing services. 28 Pa Code 211.10 (a)(c) Resident care policies. 28 Pa Code 211.9 (c)(k) Pharmacy services. 28 Pa Code 211.5(f)(x) Clinical records.</p>		

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<p>F 0835</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Administer the facility in a manner that enables it to use its resources effectively and efficiently.</p> <p>Based on a review of clinical records, employee job descriptions, and staff interviews, the facility's administration, including the Nursing Home Administrator (NHA) and Director of Nursing (DON), failed to effectively manage facility operations to ensure resident safety and to maintain the highest practicable physical and mental well-being of residents. This failure occurred because the facility did not ensure the environment was maintained as free of accident hazards as possible, did not ensure adequate supervision and environmental safety, and did not ensure appropriate management of a resident's psychiatric care and medication regimen for one of eight residents sampled (Resident 1), who was able to exit the facility through a second-floor window and landed on a porch into the snow. This failure resulted in Immediate Jeopardy to resident health and safety. Findings included: A review of the job description for the Nursing Home Administrator (NHA) signed and dated September 16, 2024, revealed the administrator will direct day-to-day functions of the facility in accordance with current federal, state and local standards, guidelines, and regulations that govern long-term care facilities to ensure that the highest degree of quality care can be always provided to the residents. The job description for Director of Nursing (DON), signed and dated March 12, 2024, revealed the DON will organize and direct nursing administration, nursing services, and resident care, developing, organizing, implementing, evaluating, and directing day-to-day functions of the nursing service department and its programs and activities. The failure of the Administrator and Director of Nursing to carry out their respective administrative responsibilities demonstrated ineffective use of facility resources. This included failure to ensure appropriate supervision, failure to ensure consistent implementation of facility policies related to resident safety, failure to ensure that windows were secured to reduce environmental hazards and placed residents at risk for falls and self-harm, and failure to ensure appropriate oversight of psychiatric treatment and medication management (ensuring that prescribed drugs are given in the correct dose, at the correct time, and monitored for effectiveness and side effects). These failures showed a lack of coordinated administrative and clinical oversight. As a result of these administrative failures, the facility did not maintain an effective system to identify and mitigate risks for a resident with known psychiatric conditions, including suicidal ideation (thoughts of self-harm) and worsening depression. The combination of unsecured windows, lack of increased supervision, and ineffective management of the resident's psychiatric medications created a high likelihood of serious injury or death. The presence of additional unsecured windows created an ongoing risk to other residents. This deficient practice is related to the Immediate Jeopardy citation under F 689 (Accidents, 42 CFR S483.25(d)), which identified that the lack of effective administrative oversight, monitoring, and enforcement of policies by facility leadership contributed to the Immediate Jeopardy situation. Refer F 689 28 Pa. Code: 201.14 (a) Responsibility of licensee 28 Pa. Code: 201.18 (e)(1) Management 28 Pa. Code 211.12 (d)(3) Nursing services</p>		