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NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Northampton County-Gracedale		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE Gracedale Avenue Nazareth, PA 18064	
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F 0656 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Develop and implement a complete care plan that meets all the resident's needs, with timetables and actions that can be measured. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on clinical record review and staff interview, it was determined that the facility failed to implement and develop a comprehensive care plan to meet the current needs for one of six sampled residents. (Resident 2) Findings include: Clinical record review revealed that Resident 2 was admitted to the facility on [DATE], and had diagnoses that included chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (a long-term lung disease that makes it hard to breathe), chronic pain syndrome (pain that lasts longer than three months in one or more parts of the body), and a history of alcohol and opioid (used to relieve pain) abuse (chronic use that causes clinically significant distress, harm, or impairment). Review of the care plan revealed that Resident 2 had a behavior problem with taking medications related to pocketing narcotics with an intervention for staff to monitor the resident for swallowing medications. On March 28, 2026, a nurse noted that the resident had an unopened can of alcoholic beverage in his room during a room clean-up and it was removed. On March 31, 2026, a nurse noted that the resident smelled of alcohol, his face was red, flushed, and sweaty, stating that Resident 2 reported it was his cologne then came back to the nurses' station with a bottle with no label and some clear liquid stating it was mouthwash. On April 1, 2026, a nurse noted that while speaking to Resident 2 about alcohol consumption, he stated I am a biker, that's what we do; we drink, smoke, play pool, and party. The nurse also noted that the resident had some bottles with unidentified liquid, amber in color, in the same bottle from March 31, 2026, and in an apple juice bottle. On May 5, 2026, at 1:40 p.m., a nurse noted that Resident 2 returned from an independent leave of absence with an ataxic gait (unsteady, uncoordinated walking pattern with irregular foot placement and body swaying), sweating profusely, and slurred speech, and was verbally aggressive and causing a disturbance on the nursing unit. On May 5, 2026, a nurse noted that after transferring Resident 2 to the stretcher, in a wrapped up blanket on the floor, were: 12 to 15 marijuana vape cartridges, one bottle of [NAME] vodka, two 12 ounce (oz) empty bottles of Fireball, one 12 oz empty bottle of Southern Comfort whiskey, a large hunting knife, and a container of Resident 2's untaken prescribed medications, which were identified by the pharmacist as six allopurinol 100 mg tablets (prevents and lowers uric acid levels), one atorvastatin 20 mg tablet (used to lower cholesterol), two duloxetine 60mg capsules (antidepressant), eight gabapentin 400 mg capsules (pain medication), two loratadine 10 mg tablets (allergy medication), 36 melatonin 5 mg tablets (natural sleep aid), one multivitamin tablet, 27 oxycodone 10 mg tablets (opioid), 11 of which were partially dissolved, two ropinirole 1mg tablets (used to treat restless leg syndrome), 1/2 tablet of trazadone 150 mg (antidepressant), two vitamin D3 capsules, one Tylenol 325 mg tablet, and two Tessalon Perles (cough medication). On May 7, 2026, the nurse noted Resident 2 was observed with a tiny straw held to his nostril, inhaling a white powdery substance while on 1:1 observation. The care plan failed to address Resident 2's alcohol and opioid abuse and failed to include interventions to safely manage the resident's independent leaves of absence or develop interventions specific for those behaviors. Additionally, the facility failed to implement interventions to monitor Resident 2 for medication pocketing during administration. In an interview on May 14, 2026, at 12:10 p.m., the Director of Nursing confirmed that the intervention for (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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F 0656 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	staff to ensure that Resident 2 swallowed all his medications was not implemented and that there was no care plan developed to address Resident 2's history of alcohol and opioid abuse, including the associated safety risks after returning from independent leaves of absence. CFR 483.21(b)(1) Comprehensive Care PlansPreviously cited 9/23/25 28 Pa. Code 201.18(b)(1) Management. 28 Pa. Code 211.12(d)(1)(3)(5) Nursing services.		

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F 0658 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Ensure services provided by the nursing facility meet professional standards of quality. Based on clinical record review, policy review, facility documentation review, and staff interview, it was determined that the facility failed to ensure that a licensed practical nurse (LPN) maintained professional standards of quality care in following the established policies and procedures of the facility set forth in the Pennsylvania Code Title 49 Professional and Vocational standards for one of six residents sampled for medication administration. (Resident 1) Findings include: Review of Pennsylvania Code Title 49, Chapter 21, Subchapter B. Practical Nurses, revealed guidelines which included that an LPN shall follow the written, established policies and procedures of the facility. A licensed practical nurse shall document and maintain accurate records. A licensed practical nurse may not falsify or knowingly make incorrect entries into the patient's record or other related documents. Review of the facility policy entitled, Medication Administration Schedule, last reviewed December 18, 2025, revealed that the exact time of medication administration was to be documented in the medication administration record (MAR). If medication was administered early, late, or was omitted, the reason was also documented. Medications scheduled for evening shift are administered between 4:00 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. and medications scheduled for bedtime are administered between 8:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Review of the facility policy entitled, Medication Administration Policy, last reviewed December 18, 2025, revealed that staff were to identify the resident before administering any medication. Staff were to check the arm band or photograph, ask the resident their name, or check with other staff members if necessary. The resident has the right to refuse medication. The nurse was to document accordingly. Review of Resident 1's medication administration record (MAR) revealed that on May 13, 2026, LPN 1 documented that Resident 1 was administered risperidone 4 milligram (mg) tablet (atypical antipsychotic) on evening shift and perphenazine 16 mg tablet (antipsychotic) at bedtime. LPN 1 indicated on the MAR to see the progress note for the following physician orders: benztropine mesylate 2 mg tablet (anticholinergic), divalproex sodium 500 mg tablet (used to manage manic phases of bipolar disorder), hydralazine 50 mg tablet (antihypertensive), and blood glucose (sugar) checks before meals and at bedtime. On May 13, 2026, at 10:39 p.m., LPN 1 noted medications were never given, Resident 1 was off the unit. A review of Resident 1's blood glucose summary indicated that LPN 1 documented results for the resident's blood glucose on May 13, 2026, at 8:34 p.m. twice, with results of 152 milligrams per deciliter (mg/dL) and 156 mg/dL. LPN 1 then struck out the results at 10:34 p.m. and 10:39 p.m. and documented that Resident 1 declined. On May 14, 2026, a nurse noted that Resident 1 had eloped (unauthorized departure from the facility) and returned to the facility at 1:00 a.m. Review of facility documentation revealed that Resident 1 was observed on camera footage leaving the facility on May 13, 2026, at 5:08 p.m. In a written statement dated May 14, 2026, Nurse Aide (NA)1 stated that she last saw Resident 1 at 4:00 p.m. and never saw him again for the rest of her shift. In an interview on May 14, 2026, at 9:45 a.m., the Director of Nursing confirmed that LPN 1 falsely documented in Resident 1's clinical record that medications were administered and blood glucose was checked when the resident was not in the building and altered the MAR after receiving a phone call from the police regarding the resident's elopement. 28 Pa. Code 211.10(c) Resident Care Policies. 28 Pa. Code 211.12(d)(1)(5) Nursing Services.		

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F 0689 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety Residents Affected - Few	Ensure that a nursing home area is free from accident hazards and provides adequate supervision to prevent accidents. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on facility policy review, clinical record review, review of facility documentation, and staff interview, it was determined that the facility failed to provide adequate supervision to monitor a resident's whereabouts, prevent an elopement (unauthorized departure from the facility), and ensure that medications were administered as documented for one of six sampled residents. (Resident 1) In addition, the facility failed to provide adequate supervision to a resident with known behaviors and a history of substance abuse (Resident 2). This failure resulted in an Immediate Jeopardy situation. Findings include: Review of the facility policy entitled, Elopements/Elopement Policy, last reviewed December 18, 2025, revealed staff were to assure the safety and security of all residents. Review of the facility policy entitled, One to one (1:1), Behavioral Intervention, last reviewed December 18, 2025, revealed staff would remain within arm's length or within visual sight of the resident at all times when providing 1:1 intervention. Review of facility policy entitled, Medication Administration Policy, last reviewed December 18, 2025, revealed staff were to remain with the resident while medication was swallowed. Staff were to never leave medication in a resident's room without orders to do so. Clinical record review revealed Resident 1 was admitted to the facility on [DATE], and diagnosed with including: Schizoaffective Disorder, Bipolar type (chronic mental health condition that combines delusions and hallucinations with severe mood swings), Diabetes (a chronic condition where the body either cannot produce insulin or cannot effectively use the insulin it makes), and Chronic Kidney Disease (kidneys are damaged and cannot filter blood as they should, causing waste and fluid to build up in the body). According to Resident 1's Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment (periodic evaluation of resident care needs) dated March 19, 2026, the resident had no memory impairment and could walk independently. Review of Resident 1's care plan revealed Resident 1 had impaired cognitive function and thought processes related to diagnoses of schizoaffective disorder, recall difficulty, and instances of delusional thinking. On January 1, 2026, the physician ordered Resident 1, based on a smoking assessment, was able to leave the nursing unit and smoke independently. Review of Resident 1's medication administration record (MAR) revealed on May 13, 2026, LPN 1 (Licensed Practical Nurse) documented Resident 1 was administered Risperidone 4 milligram (mg) tablet (atypical antipsychotic) on evening shift and Perphenazine 16 mg tablet (antipsychotic) at bedtime. Employee (LPN 1) indicated on the MAR to see the progress note for the following physician orders: Benzotropine mesylate 2 mg tablet (anticholinergic), Divalproex sodium 500 mg tablet (used to manage manic phases of bipolar disorder), Hydralazine 50 mg tablet (antihypertensive), and blood glucose (sugar) checks before meals and at bedtime. Further review of May 13, 2026, at 10:39 p.m., revealed Employee (LPN 1) documented medications were never given as Resident 1 was off the unit. Review of Resident 1's blood glucose summary revealed LPN 1 documented results for the resident's blood glucose on May 13, 2026, at 8:34 p.m. twice, with results of 152 milligrams per deciliter (mg/dL) and 156 mg/dL. Employee (LPN 1) then struck out the results at 10:34 p.m. and 10:39 p.m. and documented Resident 1 declined. Additional review of clinical record revealed on May 14, 2026, a nurse noted Resident 1 had eloped (unauthorized departure from the facility) and returned to the facility at 1:00 a.m. Review of facility documentation revealed Resident 1 was observed on camera footage leaving the facility on May 13, 2026, at 5:08 p.m. Review of written statement dated May 14, 2026, Nurse Aide (NA) 1 stated she last saw Resident 1 at 4:00 p.m. on May 13, 2026, and never saw him again for the rest of her shift. Review of written statement dated May 14, 2026, NA 2 reported not seeing Resident 1 on May 13, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. and then again at 7:00 p.m. when passing water. NA 2 spoke with NA 1 and reported the resident missing to the nurse, LPN 1, at 9:00 p.m., at which time no action was taken, including reporting to the Nursing Supervisor. Review of the local police department's report, Resident 1 was standing outside the police station at 10:11 p.m. (continued on next page)		

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F 0689 Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety Residents Affected - Few	The officer called the facility to see if Resident 1 was missing; the Nursing Supervisor was unaware at that time of Resident 1 missing from facility. In an interview on May 14, 2026, at 9:45 a.m., the Director of Nursing confirmed on May 13, 2026, LPN 1 falsely documented Resident 1's medications administered as ordered and resident's blood sugar was checked but altered the clinical record after the facility received the phone call from the police. The facility failed to monitor a resident's whereabouts, prevent elopement from the facility, and ensure that medications were administered as documented. Clinical record review revealed Resident 2 was admitted to the facility on [DATE], with diagnoses including; Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (long-term lung disease that makes it hard to breathe), chronic pain syndrome (pain that lasts longer than three months in one or more parts of the body), and a history of alcohol and opioid (type of pain medication) abuse (chronic use that causes clinically significant distress, harm, or impairment). According to Resident 2's MDS assessment, dated April 23, 2026, the resident had no memory impairment and could walk independently. Review of Resident 2's care plan revealed Resident 2 had a behavior problem with taking medications related to pocketing narcotics (pain medication) in his mouth. Interventions included for staff to monitor the resident for swallowing medications by asking the resident to open his mouth, stick out his tongue, and pull his cheeks out to verify that medications were swallowed and to report to the provider if the resident were to refuse to cooperate. On October 27, 2025, the physician ordered that Resident 2 was allowed to go on independent leaves of absence (LOA). The resident was not to leave the facility with scheduled or as needed medication. Review of Resident 2's clinical record revealed on March 28, 2026, a nurse noted Resident 2 had an unopened can of an alcoholic beverage in his room during a room clean-up and was removed. Further review of the clinical record revealed on March 31, 2026, a nurse noted the resident smelled of alcohol, his face was red, flushed, and sweaty, yet the resident reported it was his cologne. He then came back to the nurses' station with a bottle with no label and containing clear liquid stating it was mouthwash. Resident 2 left the unit and returned 90 minutes later with the same noted condition. Additional review of Resident 2's clinical record revealed on April 1, 2026, a nurse noted while speaking to Resident 2 about alcohol consumption when taking scheduled narcotics and possible adverse effects, Resident 2 stated, I am a biker, that's what we do; we drink, smoke, play pool, and party. The nurse noted her observation of the resident had bottles with unidentified amber colored liquid in the same bottle from March 31, 2026, and in an apple juice bottle. Resident 2 was questioned about what was in the bottles. Resident 2 stated he was not drunk and told the nurse to leave the room. Continued review of Resident 2's clinical record revealed on April 2, 2026, the physician noted he spoke with Resident 2 about his alcohol misuse then discontinued alprazolam (classified as a benzodiazepine - medication used to treat anxiety) for safety, and the resident's oxycodone, an opioid (pain medication), would be continued with close monitoring. On April 2, 2026, the physician ordered 1:1 supervision due to the resident's inappropriate behavior. Review of Resident 2's clinical record revealed on May 5, 2026, at 1:40 p.m., a nurse noted Resident 2 returned from an independent leave of absence with an ataxic gait (unsteady, uncoordinated walking pattern with irregular foot placement and body swaying), profuse sweating, slurred speech, and verbal aggression, and was causing a disturbance on the nursing unit. Resident 2 was taken outside to the smoking area to diffuse the situation while on 1:1 observation. The 1:1 staff reported Resident 2 was verbally aggressive and causing a disturbance in the smoking area where other residents were frightened, causing the other residents to leave. On May 5, 2026, at 3:13 p.m., the physician noted; he told the nurse to send Resident 2 to the emergency room and to call the police. On May 5, 2026, at 3:28 p.m., a nurse noted that Resident 2 was exhibiting violent behavior and slurred speech. During this episode, Resident 2 had a witnessed fall and hit his head. Resident 2 had increased agitation and combative behavior, posing a safety risk to himself and others. At 4:45 p.m. emergency services responded to the unit. Resident 2 left the facility at 4:59 p.m. The nurse noted that while attempting to transfer Resident 2 to the stretcher, and while cleaning up the area, found on the floor in a wrapped up blanket were: 12 to 15 marijuana vape cartridges, one bottle of (continued on next page)		

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