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NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Linwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 100 Linwood Avenue Scranton, PA 18505	
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F 0600 Level of Harm - Actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Protect each resident from all types of abuse such as physical, mental, sexual abuse, physical punishment, and neglect by anybody. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on a review of facility policies, clinical records, facility investigative documentation, and resident and staff interviews, it was determined the facility failed to ensure one of 10 residents reviewed (Resident 1) remained free from emotional and psychosocial abuse, exploitation, and invasion of privacy when a staff member intentionally recorded the resident on a personal cellular telephone during toileting care and while the resident was using the toilet without the resident's knowledge or consent. This deficient practice resulted in actual psychosocial harm through humiliation, loss of dignity, and violation of the resident's privacy. This deficiency is cited as past noncompliance. Findings include: A review of a facility policy titled Resident Abuse & Neglect Prevention Program last reviewed by the facility on January 21, 2026, revealed each resident has the right to be free from abuse, neglect, misappropriation, and exploitation. The policy indicated that each resident has the right to be free from mistreatment and neglect. The policy defined abuse as the willful infliction of injury, unreasonable confinement, intimidation, or punishment with resulting physical harm, pain, or mental anguish. The policy defined mental, emotional, or psychosocial abuse as the verbal or nonverbal infliction of anguish, pain or distress that results in mental or emotional suffering, including humiliation, harassment, threats of punishment, or deprivation. A review of a facility policy titled Videotaping, Photographing, and Other Imaging of Residents last reviewed by the facility on January 21, 2026, revealed residents will be protected from invasion of privacy and or abuse that might occur from photographs, videotapes, digital images, and recordings during resident care or other facility activities. The policy defined resident image as the likeness of a resident captured through still photography, videotaping, digital imaging, scans, audio recording, etc. A review of Resident 1's clinical record revealed the resident was admitted on [DATE], with diagnoses that included dementia with psychotic disturbance (a condition in which progressive memory loss and impaired thinking are accompanied by hallucinations or false beliefs), restlessness, and agitation. A review of Resident 1's Annual Minimum Data Set assessment (MDS, a federally mandated standardized assessment process conducted periodically to plan resident care) dated April 20, 2026, revealed that Resident 1 was moderately cognitively impaired with a BIMS score of 9 (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 8 through 12 indicates moderate cognitive impairment). The assessment revealed Resident 1 required moderate staff assistance for toilet transfers and transfers between the bed and wheelchair. A review of Resident 1's care plan dated June 20, 2025, revealed the resident exhibited behaviors including yelling out, making negative statements, paranoia, and crying. The care plan directed staff to explain care before providing assistance, maintain a consistent routine, speak in a calm and reassuring manner, and postpone care if the resident became combative until the resident regained composure. A review of facility provided investigative documentation revealed that on June 23, 2026, between 6:30 AM and 7:00 AM, Employee 2 Nurse Aide (NA) arrived for duty when Employee 1 Nurse Aide stated, Come here, you need to see this, and displayed a video on Employee 1's personal cellular telephone depicting Resident 1. During (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 0610 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Respond appropriately to all alleged violations. Based on a review of facility policies, facility investigative documentation, clinical records, and staff interviews, it was determined the facility failed to conduct a complete and thorough investigation of an allegation of abuse, neglect, and exploitation for one of 10 residents reviewed for (Resident 1). Findings include: A review of a facility policy titled Resident Abuse & Neglect Prevention Program last reviewed by the facility on January 21, 2026, revealed each resident has the right to be free from abuse, neglect, misappropriation, and exploitation. The policy indicated that each resident has the right to be free from mistreatment and neglect. The policy defined abuse as the willful infliction of injury, unreasonable confinement, intimidation, or punishment resulting in physical harm, pain, or mental anguish. The policy further defined mental, emotional, or psychosocial abuse as the verbal or nonverbal infliction of anguish, pain, or distress that results in mental or emotional suffering, including humiliation, harassment, threats of punishment, or deprivation. A review of a facility policy titled Videotaping, Photographing, and Other Imaging of Residents last reviewed by the facility on January 21, 2026, revealed residents will be protected from invasion of privacy and or abuse that might occur from photographs, videotapes, digital images, and recordings during resident care or other facility activities. The policy defined a resident image as the likeness of a resident captured through still photography, videotaping, digital imaging, scanning, or audio recording. The policy revealed any image or recording that may reasonably be construed as humiliating or demeaning to a resident is considered resident abuse and will be reported and investigated. A review of a facility policy titled Investigation of Allegation of Abuse, Neglect, Misappropriation, or Exploitation and Resident Protection last reviewed by the facility on January 21, 2026, revealed the investigation will include a review of the completed incident investigation, an interview of the perpetrator, witnesses, the victim, and the resident's roommate if able. The policy detailed a review of all circumstances surrounding the incident and a review of surveillance videos, and any other official documentation received regarding the incident as available. A review of Resident 1's Annual Minimum Data Set assessment (MDS, a federally mandated standardized assessment process conducted periodically to plan resident care) dated April 20, 2026, revealed that Resident 1 was moderately cognitively impaired with a BIMS score of 9 (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 8 through 12 indicates moderate cognitive impairment). The MDS revealed Resident 1 required moderate staff assistance with toilet transfers (assistance getting on and off the toilet) and transfers between the bed and wheelchair. A review of Resident 1's care plan dated June 20, 2025, revealed the resident exhibited behaviors including yelling out, making negative statements, paranoia, and crying. The care plan directed staff to explain care before providing assistance, maintain a consistent routine, speak in a calm and reassuring manner, and postpone care if the resident became combative until the resident regained composure. A review of the facility's investigative documentation revealed that on June 23, 2026, Employee 2 Nurse Aide (NA) reported Employee 1 (Nurse Aide) NA had shown Employees 2 and 4 a video recorded on Employee 1's personal cellular telephone showing Resident 1 during resident care. The facility investigation determined Employee 1 had recorded Resident 1 in the privacy of the resident's room while providing care. The investigative documentation further revealed Employee 1 reported deleting the recording before leaving the facility. The investigation contained no documentation the facility attempted to verify Employee 1's statement that the recording had been permanently deleted. Specifically, the investigative documentation contained no evidence the facility requested Employee 1 retrieve the recording from the deleted files on the cellular telephone, examined the device to determine whether the recording remained recoverable, or otherwise attempted to verify the recording no longer existed. Because the facility did not attempt to verify whether the recording remained available, the investigation did not determine the complete content of the recording or whether the recording contained additional evidence regarding the allegation of abuse, neglect, (continued on next page)		

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F 0610 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	exploitation, invasion of privacy, or failure to provide required resident care beyond the information reported by witnesses. During an interview conducted on July 1, 2026, at 12:00 PM, the Nursing Home Administrator and Director of Nursing reviewed the facility's investigative documentation. The Nursing Home Administrator and Director of Nursing acknowledged the facility did not attempt to verify whether the recording remained on Employee 1's personal cellular telephone after Employee 1 reported deleting the recording.28 Pa Code 201.18(b)(1) Management.28 Pa Code 211.12(d)(1)(3)(5) Nursing services.		