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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 396151	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 04/08/2026
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Tunkhannock Rehabilitation & Health Care Center		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 27 West Street Tunkhannock, PA 18657	
For information on the nursing home's plan to correct this deficiency, please contact the nursing home or the state survey agency.			
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F 0600 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for 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 review of clinical records, facility policy, investigative documentation provided by the facility, and staff interviews, the facility failed to protect one of 11 sampled residents (Resident CR1) from neglect when staff did not help a resident after a witnessed fall, leaving the resident on the floor, neglecting to immediately assess and care for the resident. This deficiency is cited as past noncompliance. Findings include: A review of a facility policy titled Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation, last reviewed by the facility on April 8, 2025, revealed it is the facility's policy to provide protection for the health, welfare, and rights of each resident by developing and implementing written policies that prohibit and prevent abuse and neglect. The policy defined neglect as the failure of the facility, its employees, or service providers to provide goods and services necessary to avoid physical harm, pain, mental anguish (severe emotional distress), or emotional distress. The policy indicated neglect includes withholding or inadequately providing care or services necessary to maintain resident safety and well-being. A review of the clinical record revealed Resident CR1 was admitted to the facility on [DATE], with diagnoses including cerebral infarction (damage to brain tissue caused by loss of blood supply due to blockage of an artery) and a history of frequent falls. A physical therapy assessment dated [DATE], documented Resident CR1 required the use of a wheelchair for mobility. A review of progress notes revealed the resident experienced multiple behavioral symptoms from admission through discharge, including confusion, hallucinations (perceiving things that are not present), verbal outbursts, and episodes of aggression toward staff. A review of CR1's clinical record revealed a physical therapy assessment completed on March 13, 2026, documented resident CR1 was able to mobilize with the assistance of a wheelchair. A review of Resident CR1's progress notes revealed the resident experienced a fall on March 13, 2026, at 8:51AM, where the resident was observed standing from his wheelchair without assistance. The resident did not experience any injury at the time of the incident. The clinical record revealed Resident CR1 had frequent outbursts, and behavioral issues, with a documented incident on March 14, 2026, when the resident was observed to be gripping a nurse aides' wrist, yelling profanities at the employee. The clinical record revealed from the time of admission to the time of discharge Resident CR1 had multiple behavioral outbursts including yelling at staff, hallucinations, and episodes of confusion. A nursing progress note dated March 16, 2026, at 5:05 AM documented Resident CR1 frequently ambulated without assistance despite requiring a wheelchair for mobility. The note documented that the resident intermittently refused to remain seated and attempted to exit through doors. The note further documented the resident spoke about generals and colonels related to his history of being at war, and was aggressive to staff, stating staff are controlling him. A nursing progress note dated March 16, 2026, at 5:30 AM documented Resident CR1 fell after self-propelling in the wheelchair and was assisted back into the chair with no injury observed. A nursing progress note dated March 17, 2026, at 3:04 AM documented Resident CR1 attempted to stand from the wheelchair when the wheelchair rolled backward, resulting in the resident falling to the right side. A review of facility investigative documentation revealed an email dated March 19, 2026, at 3:50 AM from Employee 1 (Nurse Aide) to the Director of Nursing (DON) (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.

LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE	TITLE	(X6) DATE
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