

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  415119	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  04/30/2026
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER  Berkshire Place		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE  455 Douglas Avenue Providence, RI 02908	
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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 clinical record review and staff interview, the facility failed to ensure Resident ID #1's right to be free from abuse by failing to assess, monitor, and implement effective interventions to address Resident ID #2's known and escalating history of physically aggressive behaviors including failure to update the care plan following documented resident-to-resident incidents and failure to fully implement psychiatric recommendations resulting in a resident-to-resident altercation on 4/27/2026 in which Resident ID #2 struck Resident ID #1 on the left eyebrow with a cane, causing a laceration requiring wound closure with steri-strips and ongoing wound treatment. Resident ID #1, who carries diagnoses of paranoid schizophrenia and adjustment disorder with mixed anxiety and depressed mood, was cognitively intact and was aware of and distressed by the assault, as evidenced by his/her request for police involvement and the decision to press criminal charges. These actions are consistent with a reasonable person experiencing fear, violation of personal safety, and psychological distress in what is his/her place of residence. This failure placed Resident ID #1 and other residents in the facility at risk of serious physical and psychosocial harm from a resident with a documented, unmitigated pattern of escalating aggression. Findings are as follows: Review of a facility policy titled, Abuse Prohibition last revised on 10/31/2022 states in part, It is the policy of this facility to ensure that all residents are treated with respect and dignity and that all residents are free from abuse, mistreatment, neglect. Abuse: willful infliction of injury, unreasonable confinement, intimidation, or punishment resulting in physical harm, pain or mental anguish. Review of a facility reported incident submitted to the Rhode Island Department of Health on 4/27/2026 revealed that on 4/27/2026 Resident ID #1 was struck by Resident ID #2 with his/her cane which resulted in Resident ID #1 sustaining a laceration to his/her left eyebrow. 1. Record review revealed that Resident ID #1 was admitted to the facility in October of 2025 with diagnoses including, but not limited to, paranoia schizophrenia (a severe mental disorder that affects how a person thinks, feels, and behaves), adjustment disorder (a disorder when an individual experiences difficult coping with a life change) with mixed anxiety and depressed mood. Review of Resident ID #1's Quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment dated [DATE] revealed a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) score of 14 out of 15, indicating intact condition. Record review of a progress note dated 4/27/2026 at 10:30 AM authored by the Registered Nurse Practitioner (RNP), Staff A, revealed Resident ID #1 was on the receiving end of a physical altercation with another resident. S/he was noted to have a deep bleeding abrasion to his/her left eyebrow. Further, a police report has been requested (by the victim), Resident ID #1. Further review of the progress notes dated 4/27/2026 at 11:44 AM authored by Licensed Practical Nurse, Staff B, revealed that Resident ID #1 was observed with a new laceration to his/her left eyebrow measuring 0.5 centimeters (cm) in length by 2.0 cm in width by 0.1 cm in depth related to a resident-to-resident incident. Wound closure strips were applied to the laceration. Further review revealed Resident ID #1 was educated on the need for sutures however, the resident refused to go to the hospital. Record review revealed a physician's order dated 4/27/2026 to monitor the wound closure strips to the laceration on Resident ID #1's left eyebrow with additional instructions to (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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