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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 425396	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 06/16/2026
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Presbyterian Home of South Carolina-Columbia		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 700 Davega Drive Lexington, SC 29073	
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 0689 Level of Harm - Actual harm 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 review of facility policy, observation, record review, and interview, the facility failed to ensure adequate supervision for a cognitively impaired resident at risk for elopement. Specifically, on 04/04/26, Resident (R)2 was found outside on the ground, with her wheelchair on top of her, following a fall of approximately four feet from the loading dock, located in the back of the building. R2 sustained multiple abrasions to the forehead and a contusion with discoloration and bruising to the left elbow. Findings include: Review of the undated facility policy titled Elopement Risk Assessment and Management Policy revealed the purpose of the policy was to identify residents who may be at risk for elopement, implement individualized interventions to promote resident safety, and ensure compliance with resident rights and person-centered care principles. The policy stated that the facility shall assess all residents for elopement risk upon admission, with a significant change in condition, following any elopement or attempted elopement, and as otherwise clinically indicated. The policy further stated that the Elopement Risk Screening Tool serves as a screening instrument to identify residents who may be at increased risk for elopement and is intended to assist staff in determining the need for further assessment and care planning and shall not be used as the sole determinant for any specific intervention. The policy stated that WanderGuard devices and other electronic monitoring systems shall be considered one potential intervention among many available interventions. The decision to utilize a WanderGuard shall be based upon the resident's individualized assessment, history, behaviors, effectiveness of less restrictive interventions, and overall care plan. The policy also stated that not all residents identified as at risk for elopement require a WanderGuard device. Review of R2's Face Sheet revealed R2 was admitted to the facility on [DATE], with diagnoses including, but not limited to, lack of coordination, vascular dementia, repeated falls, and glaucoma. Review of R2's Quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS) with an Assessment Reference Date (ARD) of 05/01/26, revealed R2 had a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) score of 5 out of 15, indicating severe cognitive impairment. Further review of the MDS revealed that R2 had no wandering behaviors documented during the assessment period. Review of R2's Care Plan revealed documentation of the following: Under Behavior/Confusion, the care plan stated that R2 had episodes of confusion, which mainly occur at night. The care plan further documented that R2 had a history of behaviors including yelling out for help repetitively, often at night. This intervention was initiated on 01/27/22. Under Falls, the care plan documented that R2 is at risk for falls related to a history of falls, impaired mobility, impaired balance, weakness, and requiring assistance with activities of daily living (ADLs) and toileting. The care plan documented an intervention related to R2 being observed lying flat on the ground with her wheelchair on top of her following an unwitnessed breach of the exit door and unwitnessed incident. Further review of R2's care plan revealed that a WanderGuard intervention was initiated on 04/06/2026 following the elopement incident that occurred on 04/04/2026. The care plan documented that the WanderGuard was placed to alert staff to movements and reduce the risk for elopement. Review of R2's Elopement Risk Screening dated 01/20/26, revealed R2 scored a 14, indicating she was at risk for elopement. Further review of R2's Morse Fall Scale (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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