

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 445484	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 01/23/2025
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<p>F 0600</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Protect each resident from all types of abuse such as physical, mental, sexual abuse, physical punishment, and neglect by anybody.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 30647</p> <p>Based on facility policy review, medical record review, observations and interviews, the facility failed to prevent resident to resident sexual abuse for 2 residents (Residents #1 and #2) of five residents reviewed for abuse when Resident #1 was observed with a hand inside Resident #2's brief on [DATE].</p> <p>The facility was cited at F-600 at a Scope and Severity of D and was cited as past non-compliance. Noncompliance began on [DATE], was corrected and ended on [DATE]. The facility is not required to submit a Plan of Correction.</p> <p>The findings include:</p> <p>Review of the facility policy titled, Abuse and Neglect of Resident and Misappropriation of Resident's Property, dated [DATE], revealed .Sexual Abuse includes but is not limited to sexual harassment, sexual coercion or assault .</p> <p>Medical record review revealed Resident #1 was admitted to the facility [DATE] with diagnoses including Displaced Left Femur Fracture, Adjustment Disorder with Anxiety and Depressed Mood, Urinary Tract Infection, Unspecified Altered Mental Status, Insomnia, Chronic Kidney Disease, Multiple Rib Fractures, History of Falls, and Unspecified Dementia with Psychosis.</p> <p>Review of the quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment dated [DATE], revealed Resident #1 scored a 10 on the Brief Interview of Mental Status (BIMS) assessment which indicated moderate cognitive impairment. Continued review revealed Resident #1 had a history of wandering 1 to 3 days weekly which had improved since the last quarterly MDS assessment. Resident #1 utilized a wheelchair for ambulation and required assistance of 1 or 2 persons for activities of daily living (ADLs).</p> <p>Review of a repeat BIMS assessment dated [DATE], revealed Resident #1 scored an 8 on the assessment which indicated moderate cognitive impairment.</p> <p>Review of the care plan for Resident #1 revised [DATE], revealed the resident was considered at risk for bouts of confusion, wandering and anxiety with interventions in place on admission. Continued review revealed .touched female resident [Resident #2], 1:1 [one to one] observation, staff monitor proximity to others .BIMS ,d+[DATE] [8 out of 15 which indicated moderate cognitive impairment] .</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>

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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