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NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Spanish Meadows		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 440 E Ruben Torres Blvd Brownsville, TX 78520	
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F 0607 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Develop and implement policies and procedures to prevent abuse, neglect, and theft. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on observation, interview, and record review, the facility failed to implement its written policies and procedures to prohibit and prevent abuse, neglect, and exploitation of residents and misappropriation of resident property, for 1 of 5 residents (Resident #1) reviewed for abuse and neglect, in that: The facility did not implement their abuse policy related to reporting a major injury when Resident #1 had an unwitnessed fall that resulted in multiple rib fractures, T5 vertebral fracture and lumbar transverse fracture. This failure could place residents at risk of abuse and neglect. The findings were: Record review of Resident #1's face sheet, dated 4/17/2026, revealed an [AGE] year-old female with an admission date of 3/07/2026 with diagnoses which included: osteoarthritis (protective cartilage cushioning the ends of bones wears down over time, causing joints to become painful, stiff and swollen), osteoporosis (disease that makes bones weak, brittle, and porous, resembling a sponge), Alzheimer's Disease (progressive brain disease, which causes a slow decline in memory, thinking, and reasoning skills), hypertension (high blood pressure), stable burst fracture of unspecified thoracic vertebra (a broken back bone in the upper/mid-back where the vertebra collapses under high pressure but stays in alignment), spinal stenosis (narrowing of the spaces within the spine, which puts pressure on the nerves and spinal cord traveling through it). Record review of Resident #1's MDS assessment, dated 3/14/2026 revealed a BIMS score of 3 which indicated Resident # 1 had severe cognitive impairment. Record review of Resident #1's MDS assessment, dated 3/14/2026, revealed Resident #1 required substantial/maximal assistance for toilet transfer. Resident #1 required substantial/maximal assistance for chair/bed-to-chair transfer. Record review of Resident #1's care plan, dated 3/24/2026, revealed Resident #1 required assistance with ADLs R/T decreased mobility, weakness, unsteady gait, unsteady balance with transitions, poor safety awareness, HX of falls, S/P spinal surgery R/T fracture of spine, multiple fractures D/T fall. Goals included will receive assistance as needed and maintain the highest level of independence and interventions included, assist resident as needed with ADLs. Record review of Resident #1's progress notes revealed a progress note written by LVN A, on 3/01/2026 at 1:05 AM stating, .resident was noted sitting up on the floor in the restroom doorway. Resident states she was walking back to bed after using the restroom and fall back onto her bottom and back, denies hitting head. Voices pain to right heel, right hip and lower back. Right heel is noted with redness, no visible discoloration to hips, and red scrape noted to lower back. Resident shows ROM to all extremities and guarding to right hip. Resident was assisted up, was able to bear weight to legs but was unable to ambulate. Resident was assisted to bed, head to toe assessment completed, PRN APAP was given and NP was notified of incident. Record review of Resident #1's progress notes revealed a progress note written by LVN B, on 3/07/2026 at 6:30 p.m. stating, .ribs multiple fx's, T5 vertebral fx, lumbar transverse fx. Record Review of TULIP (HHSC online incident reporting application) on 4/18/2026 at 11:50 a.m. revealed the facility had not made a self-reported incident involving Resident #1. Observation on 4/17/2026 at 10:01 a.m., Resident #1 was seen in the dining area, actively participating in activities. Resident # 1 was observed sitting in her wheelchair eating no facial expressions of discomfort were observed. During an interview on 4/18/2026 at 11:35 a.m., the DON stated Resident #1's unwitnessed fall (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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F 0609 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Timely report suspected abuse, neglect, or theft and report the results of the investigation to proper authorities. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to ensure all alleged violations involving abuse, neglect, exploitation, or mistreatment, including injuries of unknown source and misappropriation of resident property were reported immediately, but no later than 2 hours after the allegation was made, if the alleged violation involved abuse or resulted in serious bodily injury, to the administrator of the facility and to other officials (which included to the State Survey Agency) in accordance with State law through established procedures for 1 of 5 residents (Resident #1) reviewed for reporting injuries of unknown origin. The facility failed to report when Resident #1 was readmitted to the facility from the hospital after having sustained a fall at the facility, of multiple fractures to the ribs, T5 vertebral fracture, and lumbar transverse process fracture. The facility failed report to the State Agency when Resident #1 had an unwitnessed fall on 03/01/2026, and sustained fractures to the ribs, T5 vertebral fracture and lumbar transverse process fracture. This failure could place residents at risk for undetected abuse, neglect, and/or decline in feelings of safety and well-being. The findings included: Record review of Resident #1's face sheet, dated 4/17/2026, revealed an [AGE] year-old female with an admission date of 3/07/2026 with diagnoses which included: osteoarthritis (protective cartilage cushioning the ends of bones wears down over time, causing joints to become painful, stiff and swollen), osteoporosis (disease that makes bones weak, brittle, and porous, resembling a sponge), Alzheimer's Disease (progressive brain disease, which causes a slow decline in memory, thinking, and reasoning skills), hypertension (high blood pressure), stable burst fracture of unspecified thoracic vertebra (a broken back bone in the upper/mid-back where the vertebra collapses under high pressure but stays in alignment), spinal stenosis (narrowing of the spaces within the spine, which puts pressure on the nerves and spinal cord traveling through it). Record review of Resident #1's MDS assessment, dated 3/14/2026 revealed a BIMS score of 3 which indicated Resident # 1 had severe cognitive impairment. Record review of Resident #1's MDS assessment, dated 3/14/2026, revealed Resident #1 required substantial/maximal assistance for toilet transfer. Resident #1 required substantial/maximal assistance for chair/bed-to-chair transfer. Record review of Resident #1's care plan, dated 3/24/2026, revealed Resident #1 required assistance with ADLs R/T decreased mobility, weakness, unsteady gait, unsteady balance with transitions, poor safety awareness, HX of falls, S/P spinal surgery R/T fracture of spine, multiple fractures D/T fall. Goals included will receive assistance as needed and maintain the highest level of independence and interventions included, assist resident as needed with ADLs. Record review of Resident #1's progress notes revealed a progress note written by LVN A, on 3/01/2026 at 1:05 AM stating, .resident was noted sitting up on the floor in the restroom doorway. Resident states she was walking back to bed after using the restroom and fall back onto her bottom and back, denies hitting head. Voices pain to right heel, right hip and lower back. Right heel is noted with redness, no visible discoloration to hips, and red scrape noted to lower back. Resident shows ROM to all extremities and guarding to right hip. Resident was assisted up, was able to bear weight to legs but was unable to ambulate. Resident was assisted to bed, head to toe assessment completed, PRN APAP was given and NP was notified of incident. Record review of Resident #1's progress notes revealed a progress note written by LVN B, on 3/07/2026 at 6:30 p.m. stating, .ribs multiple fx's, T5 vertebral fx, lumbar transverse fx. Record Review of TULIP (HHSC online incident reporting application) on 4/18/2026 at 11:50 a.m. revealed the facility had not made a self-reported incident involving Resident #1. During an interview on 4/18/2026 at 9:01 a.m., LVN A stated the Administrator was the abuse coordinator. LVN A stated Resident #1's unwitnessed fall happened on 3/01/2026. LVN A stated he entered Resident #1's room and saw Resident ##1 sitting on the floor in the bathroom's doorway. He stated Resident #1's heel had redness and she had a red scrape to the lower back. LVN A stated the resident had pain but was able to stand (continued on next page)		

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