

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 505070	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 03/12/2025
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Life Care Center of Richland		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 44 Goethals Drive Richland, WA 99352	

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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Ensure that a nursing home area is free from accident hazards and provides adequate supervision to prevent accidents.</p> <p>45117</p> <p>Based on observation, interview, and record review, the facility failed to identify, accurately assess, and provide sufficient supervision to prevent elopement (a resident leaving the facility unsupervised and undetected) for 2 of 3 residents (Resident 1 and 2) reviewed for elopement. This failure placed the residents at risk for exposure to the elements, serious harm, and/or death.</p> <p>Findings included .</p> <p>Review of a policy titled, Unsafe Wandering and Elopement Prevention, dated 12/13/2018 and revised 03/04/2025, showed the facility would ensure residents were assessed to determine the risk of elopement and implement interventions to mitigate the identified risks.</p> <p><Resident 1></p> <p>Review of the medical record showed Resident 1 was admitted to the facility with diagnoses including dementia (a group of conditions that cause a decline in memory, thinking, language, and problem solving that interferes with daily life), delirium (a serious, sudden change in mental abilities characterized by confused thinking, disorientation, and a decreased awareness of surroundings), attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (persistent patterns of inattention, hyperactivity, and/or impulsivity that interfere with daily functioning), and anxiety. The 02/28/2025 comprehensive assessment showed Resident 1 required supervision/moderate assistance of one staff member for activities of daily living (ADLs) and substantial/maximal assistance of one staff member for transfers and ambulation. The assessment also showed Resident 1 had a moderately impaired cognition.</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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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Review of the medical record showed Resident 2 was admitted to the facility with diagnoses including anxiety and Alzheimer's disease (a progressive disease that destroys memory and other important mental functions). The 12/12/2024 comprehensive assessment showed Resident 2 required substantial/was dependent on one to two staff members for ADLs. The assessment also showed Resident 2 had a severely impaired cognition, was easily distracted, and had difficulty focusing their attention.</p> <p>Record review of Resident 2's Elopement Risk form dated 12/10/2024, showed they had qualifying diagnoses indicative of an elopement risk. The summary of findings showed No the resident was not at risk for elopement.</p> <p>Record review of a second Elopement Risk form dated 03/02/2025, showed Resident 2 had qualifying diagnoses, was able to independently ambulate, and had wandering behaviors. The summary of findings showed Resident 2 was an elopement risk and the 12/29/2024 care plan had been updated with a focus area, goals, and interventions to prevent elopement.</p> <p>During an interview on 03/11/2025 at 4:12 PM, Staff A, Director of Nursing, stated the process for identifying elopement risks included completing the elopement risk evaluation during the admission process. They stated they updated the elopement risk evaluation as needed, especially with a change in condition. Staff A stated the care plan would be updated with that change, the resident would be put on alert charting, and behavior monitoring. They stated the resident's photo would be put into the elopement binder along with their demographic sheet and care plan. Staff A stated there was a book located at each nursing station and the front desk. Staff A stated Resident 1 and Resident 2 had not been identified as elopement risks during the admission process. They stated Resident 1 was identified as an elopement risk after they had eloped. Staff A stated the process for identifying a change in resident behaviors included the nursing staff reporting their concerns to Staff A. They stated prior to Resident 1's elopement, they discussed their increased behaviors in their morning team meeting and had told the unit manager to update Resident 1's care plan to reflect the increased risk for elopement. Staff A stated the care plan had not been updated until they completed it, after Resident 1 eloped. During a follow up interview on 03/12/2025 at 3:18 PM, Staff A stated Resident 2 was not identified as an elopement risk until they had completed an audit of all residents, after Resident 2 had eloped.</p> <p>Reference: WAC 388-97-1060(3)(g)</p> <p>This is a repeat deficiency from the Statement of Deficiencies dated 12/05/2024.</p>