

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  505276	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  04/14/2025
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F 0689  Level of Harm - Actual harm  Residents Affected - Few	<p>Ensure that a nursing home area is free from accident hazards and provides adequate supervision to prevent accidents.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> 36368</p> <p>Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to ensure adequate care planned supervision was provided, for an out of the facility appointment, to prevent accidents for 1 of 3 sampled residents (Resident 1) reviewed for accident hazards and supervision to prevent accidents. Resident 1; who was assessed with moderate cognitive impairment, poor safety awareness and required maximum assistance with transfer and mobility; experienced harm when left unattended at an out of the facility medical appointment and fell while attempting a toilet transfer/stand from a seated position in the bathroom, required transfer to the hospital and experienced a pelvic bone fracture. This failure placed residents at risk for falls with injury, pain and a diminished quality of life.</p> <p>Findings included .</p> <p>Resident 1 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses including Alzheimer's Disease (a progressive brain disorder affecting memory, thinking and behavioral skills), Osteoarthritis (a degenerative joint disease where cartilage breaks down over time causing pain, stiffness and reduced mobility), and presence of bilateral artificial hips. Resident 1's Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment, dated 12/03/2024, documented the resident had moderate cognitive impairment and required assistance with activities of daily living including transfers and mobility.</p> <p>Resident 1's care plan, dated 03/24/2024, documented Resident 1 was a high risk for falls related to a history of falls with right hip fracture, left humeral fracture, confusion, de-conditioning, weakness, gait/balance problems, incontinence, pain, medications, cognitive impairment, and impulsive with poor safety awareness.</p> <p>Resident 1's care plan, updated 10/09/2024, documented Resident 1 was an elopement risk due to poor safety awareness/dementia, would not leave the facility unattended and had been provided with a wander guard (a device worn by the resident that triggers alarms or locks doors preventing residents from leaving facilities unattended).</p> <p>Resident 1's care plan, updated 02/21/2025, documented Resident 1 required two person maximal assistance for toilet transfers and sitting to standing as well as one to two person maximal/substantial assistance for transfers.</p> <p>An Accident/Incident/Injury/Property Damage Report from the local clinic had the following written statements:</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 - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>--Dated 02/13/2025 at 12:30 PM, showed, [A clinic staff] came to get nursing staff for help with patient [Resident 1] in bathroom . Once door was opened we found patient on floor head facing toilet.</p> <p>--Dated 02/13/2025 at 12:30 PM to 12:40 PM, documented, When patient was done with [appointment] with [clinic doctor], [a clinic staff] took [Resident 1] out to the waiting room so her [facility ride] could pick her up. [The clinic staff] walked back into the office. [Resident 1's facility ride] from the [facility] arrived and patient was not in waiting room where [the clinic staff] left her. [The clinic staff] then go to check the bathrooms . When knocked on the door, [Resident 1] had locked herself in the bathroom. [Clinic staff] asked if she fell . [Resident 1] said yes . Patient was on the floor .</p> <p>--Dated 02/13/2025 at around 12:30 PM, documented, [Clinic staff] came back and said someone fell in the bathroom . Patient was on the floor, feet near the toilet and head near the sink/wall. Wheelchair was also in the bathroom. When asked how she fell , [Resident 1]said she pulled herself up at the sink and fell before she could get to the toilet. [Nursing staff] came in to evaluate patient and [they] decided it would be best to call 911 so [Resident 1] could be evaluated at the [emergency department]. [Clinic doctor] also came in to evaluate patient . [Clinic staff] talked with the patient . and it was unclear if she goes to the bathroom by herself at the nursing facility. [Clinic staff was] not sure if anyone helped [Resident 1] to the bathroom or how she got in there .</p> <p>--Undated, documented, Patient finished an appointment with [clinic doctor] for a distal humerus fracture . [Resident 1 was waiting in the waiting room for a ride. She went to the bathroom alone unknown to staff. Ride could not find her; door locked to the restroom. Could hear her yelling for help. The door was unlocked with a key. Unwitnessed fall. [Resident 1] was found lying on her back, alert and oriented, some baseline confusion. Complaining of right hip pain. No cuts or abrasions . Did not think she passed out. [Resident 1] is on a blood thinner. Had a history of right hip replacement. [Clinic doctor] evaluated . Called 911 to assist with transport to the hospital .</p> <p>A facility incident report, dated 02/13/2025, documented Resident 1 was out of the facility at a doctor's appointment and fell while using the bathroom resulting in hip pain. Clinic staff called 911 and Resident 1 was sent to the ER for evaluation. Predisposing physiological factors were documented as confused, gait balance, history of self-transfer, and impaired memory. Predisposing situation factor was documented as ambulating without assistance during transfer. The facility incident report documented Resident 1 had limited safety awareness and required assistance for safety in transfers.</p> <p>The facility investigation, dated 02/13/2025, documented, [Staff Member] from [local] orthopedic clinic states that the driver showed up to pick up [Resident 1] and she was no longer sitting in the lobby where the MA [medical assistant] had left her. Staff went looking for [the resident] and found her laying on the floor of the bathroom in front of the sink, WC [wheelchair] behind her. [Resident 1] was laying on her right side, but [Resident 1] reports landing on her bottom first. Resident was then assessed by nursing and the MD [doctor at Ortho clinic]. MD ordered to send [Resident 1] to hospital for possible fracture.</p> <p>A computed tomography (CT) scan of Resident 1's pelvis, dated 02/13/2025, showed Resident 1 had an acute fracture of the right inferior pubic ramus (a bone located in the pelvis).</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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