

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 505393	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 01/28/2026
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<p>F 0551</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Give the resident's representative the ability to exercise the resident's rights.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to ensure 1 of 2 residents sampled for legal representative, (Resident 3) had an accurate designation of legal representative on file in the facility, in case of decreased capacity. This failure placed the resident at risk of violation of resident rights to appoint a legal representative for decisions. Findings included. According to the facility's policy titled, Advanced Directives, dated January 2025, showed that during the admissions process, the facility identifies the resident's primary decision maker or appropriate legal representative and invokes this person at any time the resident is assessed as unable to make relevant health care decisions. Resident 3 re-admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnosis of developmental delay. Review of facility medical record revealed, Resident 3 was their own responsible party and emergency contact to contact Collateral Contact (CC) 2 who was listed as family. There was no Durable Power of Attorney (DPOA) located. Review of Resident 3's Care Plan dated 12/29/2025 revealed, Resident 3 had impaired cognition secondary to developmental delay and directed staff to ask yes or no questions and to break tasks into one step at a time. Review of a provider note on 01/22/2026 at 00:00 revealed Resident 3 was an intermittently poor historian, so family assisted and the resident communicated more by body language. Review of a social service note on 01/05/2026 at 11:51 AM, documented they had called and left message for (CC 2, outside agency case manager) to call back so they could schedule a care conference for Resident 3. Review of an admissions progress note dated 01/15/2026 at 10:56 AM, documented they spoke with (CC 2), resident's case manager who okayed a room move into a semi-private room. Review of the facility Advanced Directive Form (POLST) and other consents for care in the medical record for Resident 3, revealed the resident signed their own consents/paperwork in the facility. In a phone interview on 01/26/2026 at 2:59 PM, CC 2 stated Resident 3's catheter came out and there was a delay in sending them to the hospital. CC 2 stated nurses kept telling them that the resident's family needed to call them but Resident 3 had no family. CC 2 stated Resident 3 had a DPOA (CC 4). CC 2 stated they notified CC 4, DPOA that Resident 3 was going to the hospital. CC 2 stated the facility came to them (CC staff) for questions/updates, but they are not the DPOA and they did not have a right to make decisions for the resident. In an interview on 01/28/2026 at 12:22 PM, Staff C, Licensed Practical Nurse/Resident Care Manager, was asked about facility staff coordinating care with outside agency companions rather than the DPOA. Staff C pulled up Resident 3's face sheet and showed the profile listed CC 2 as emergency contact #1 to notify and showed Resident 3 as their own responsible party. Staff C stated they were concerned about this on admit and questioned this as the resident was developmentally delayed. Staff C said they were also concerned again when they were reviewing Resident 3's POLST with them. Staff C stated CC 2 told them the resident could sign for themself. Staff C said they would add CC 4 as the DPOA on the face sheet. They stated admissions created the face sheets so between admissions and the business office they should verify if a DPOA is present. In an interview on 01/28/2026 at 3:43</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 0551</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>PM, Staff B, Interim Director of Nursing stated they were unaware Resident 3 had a DPOA and CC 2 had never told them this. Staff B stated Social Services should confirm DPOA status. In an interview on 01/29/2026 at 1:58 PM, CC 4 stated they had been Resident 3's DPOA for a couple months. CC 4 stated they had never received any calls from the facility. CC 4 stated the facility should have known they were the DPOA and should have been contacting them for updates and transfers to the hospital. They stated they heard about the incident with the catheter from CC 2 and all updates were from CC 2 rather than the facility. Reference WAC 388-97-0240</p>		

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<p>F 0678</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Provide basic life support, including CPR, prior to the arrival of emergency medical personnel , subject to physician orders and the resident's advance directives.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on observation, interview, and record review the facility failed to implement a system to ensure Physician's Orders for Life Saving Treatments (POLSTs-a document the resident completes to declare their wishes for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation [CPR] or No CPR) were in place for immediate access to nurses and failed to ensure each resident's electronic medical record (EMR) accurately and consistently reflected the resident's code status for 1 of 1 resident (Resident 2) related to lifesaving treatment orders. The failure to access and follow the POLST instructions for CPR or ensure the POLST was readily available for Resident 2 placed residents at risk for receiving unwanted CPR against their known wishes, avoidable trauma, and other negative health outcomes. Findings included . <Facility Policy>According to the facility's policy titled CPR policy, updated [DATE] showed the POLST or Advanced Directive (AD) is placed in a binder and located in a central and accessible location of the facility, or on each unit. In the event of an emergency, the form is utilized to direct the plan of care. In the event of a code blue event, staff member is assigned to obtain the residents code status via POLST from the facility binder. The licensed nurse validates the resident's code status by reviewing the AD or POLST and follow their wishes. CPR is initiated for those who have requested, through AD or POLST, to have CPR initiated when cardiac or respiratory arrest occurs. According to the facility's policy titled, Advanced Directive dated [DATE], showed that the residents have the right to request, refuse, and or discontinue treatment, to participate in or refuse experimental research and to formulate an advanced directive. The policy showed that during the admission process it is determined if an AD is in place and the POLST form is offered, or assistance is provided in filling out these forms if the resident desires to have one. <Resident 2>Resident 2 admitted on [DATE]. Review of the hospital discharge summary printed at the facility on [DATE] at 8:35 AM, showed Resident 2 was DNR (Do Not Resuscitate) and referred to an Advance Care Planning note on [DATE]. Review of a progress note dated [DATE] at 6:26 AM, showed around 5:00 AM to 5:30 AM the nurse was called by their coworker as Resident 2 was on the floor with a pillow under their head. Staff F, Licensed Practical Nurse stated they did not see any visible injury, so they transferred the resident to their bed. Staff F noted their body was warm and they felt a pulse on the resident's wrist while they were on the floor. The resident was not responding and their coworker said to get oxygen. Staff D returned to the desk and called 911 and they were instructed to tell their coworkers to start CPR. They relied the message while on the phone and were told medics were on their way. Staff F tried to get hold of the family, but they did not answer. Shortly after medics arrived and took over from facility staff, they announced Resident 2 had passed away Review of an incident investigation dated [DATE] at 5:30 AM, showed a family member of Resident 2's roommate came and stated they needed help. Resident 2 was on the floor on their right side, short of breath and gasping and had a pulse. Supplemental oxygen was placed but the resident stopped breathing and had no pulse. Staff J asked Staff F, LPN if Resident 2 was deemed a full code. They went to the nurse's station to check the POLST form but one was not located. Staff F called 911, Staff J, Registered Nurse (RN) went to get the crash cart and instructed a nurse's aide certified (NAC) to take over and continue CPR. Staff J went to look for the code status and call the family. Staff F located a Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) status in the discharge paperwork from the hospital and asked NAC to stop performing CPR. EMT came and took over related to no hard copy of the POLST from available. The resident was declared deceased by EMT's and chief of police talked to the family member .Review of a statement from CC 4, spouse of Resident 2's roommate wrote a statement that they observed Resident 2 calling out around</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - 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>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on observation, interview and record review, the facility failed to provide an environment that was free from accident hazards over which the facility has control for 1 of 3 residents (Resident 1) reviewed for falls. Resident 1, who had a known history of falls experienced harm when the facility failed to safely administer medications which resulted in cumulative adverse effects contributing to a fall with a significant injury. Findings included .Review of the facility policy titled: Fall Management and Neurological Check, with a revised date of January 2025, stated care plans were updated to reflect individualized interventions to reduce falls and a systematic review of current interventions was completed post fall and root causes identified. Resident 1 admitted on [DATE] with diagnoses which included hypertension (high blood pressure, chronic kidney disease, heart failure) and vision deficit. Review of the fall risk assessment dated [DATE] showed the resident was assessed as at high risk for falls.Review of the admission Minimum Data Set (MDS- a required assessment tool) dated 08/26/2025 showed the resident had no history of falls reported in the 6 months prior to admission. Review of the associated Care Area Assessment (CAA) related to falls dated 08/26/2025 stated Resident 1 did not have a history of falls in the look back period. The CAA identified medications as risk factor and stated to proceed to the care plan related to risk for falls.Review of the care plan dated 08/20/2025 documented a care plan problem related to mood and behavior which identified the resident as taking several medications for mood and included side effects such as dizziness, drowsiness, unsteadiness and blurred vision and the potential for a drop in blood pressure when moving quickly from sitting to standing (orthostatic hypotension.) A care plan problem related to falls stated Resident 1 was at risk for falls related to deconditioning. The goals dated 08/20/2025 and revised 11/24/2025 stated the Resident 1 would remain free from injury related to falls. Care plan interventions included having the call light in reach, wearing proper footwear, keeping the room free of clutter, and reminding the resident to sit at the edge of the bed prior to standing to prevent orthostatic hypotension. The care plan did not include a focus area related to cardiac related blood pressure medications. Review of Resident 1's medical record on 01/28/2026 showed the resident began experiencing falls: On 12/06/2025, Resident 1 was documented as having a fall and hitting their head, a neurological assessment was done, a CT of the head showing no acute injury and laboratory tests were completed. One blood pressure medication was discontinued. There were no new interventions or updates made to the care planned fall interventions. On 12/11/2025, Resident 1 had a fall with no stated injury. There were no new orders and no changes to the care planned fall interventions. Further falls were documented on 01/08/2026 (the provider assessed the resident and noted orthostatic hypotension with significant drop in blood pressure upon standing and Positive for signs and symptoms of dehydration the resident received an intravenous fluid bolus), 01/09/2026 (Resident 1 slid out of their wheelchair in another resident room) and 01/10/2026, with no new orders, interventions or updates to the care plan. 01/12/2026 a pharmacist review noted frequent falls. There were frequent medication order changes due to dizziness, weakness and frequent falls. On 01/14/2026 at 11:30 AM, the resident had a fall in their room, striking their face and complaining of back pain. The resident was sent to the emergency department where they were assessed to have a right forehead hemotoma (a solid swelling of clotted blood in tissue) and an acute L2 (low back) vertebral compression fracture. The emergency department report stated the resident arrived stating I fell because of my blood pressure. Review of the facility medication administration records for the month of January 2026, documented the resident had received three blood pressure medications prior to the fall on 01/14/2026 which had parameters</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0760</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Ensure that residents are free from significant medication errors.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to ensure 1 of 3 residents (Resident 1) reviewed for falls were free from significant medication errors. Failure to follow physician ordered medication parameters for antihypertensive (blood pressure lowering) medications resulted in harm when Resident 1 experienced dizziness and a fall resulting in significant injury. Findings included .Review of the facility policy titled, Medication Administration Guidelines, dated 01/23 stated prior to administration of medication, review and confirm the orders for each individual medication. Resident 1 admitted [DATE] with diagnoses which included hypertension (high blood pressure) chronic kidney disease and congestive heart failure. Resident 1 had a history of falls. Review of Resident 1's physician's orders showed the resident had orders for:A diuretic (furosemide) (medication that lowers blood pressure by removing fluid from the body) once per day at 11:00 AM. The order instructed the nursing staff to hold the medication if the resident's systolic (top number) blood pressure was less than 100mm/Hg (millimeters of mercury), and/or the diastolic (bottom number) was less than 60mm/Hg. An antihypertensive medication (hydralazine)(lowers blood pressure by relaxing the smooth muscle in blood vessels) once per day at 11:00 AM. The order instructed the nursing staff to hold the medication if the resident's systolic (top number) blood pressure was less than 110mm/Hg (millimeters of mercury), and/or the diastolic (bottom number) was less than 60mm/Hg.An antihypertensive medication (lisinopril)(lowers blood pressure by relaxing the smooth muscle in blood vessels) once per day at 11:00 AM. The order instructed the nursing staff to hold the medication if the resident's systolic (top number) blood pressure was less than 100mm/Hg (millimeters of mercury), and/or the diastolic (bottom number) was less than 60mm/Hg. Review of Resident 1's Medication Administration Record (MAR) for 01/01/2026- 01/27/2026 documented: On 01/01/2026, blood pressure was documented as 132/54 (diastolic BP was below 60). The MAR documented that the resident was administered furosemide, hydralazine and lisinopril. On 01/04/2026, blood pressure was documented as 106/71 (systolic BP was below 110). The MAR documented the resident was administered hydralazine. On 01/14/2026, blood pressure was documented as 112/58 (diastolic BP was below 60). The MAR documented the resident was administered furosemide, hydralazine and lisinopril. Review of Resident 1's medical record, documented Resident 1 fell in their room on 01/14/2026 at 11:30 AM, striking their face during the fall and complaining of back pain. Resident 1 was transported to the emergency department where review of an emergency department summary report revealed the resident had a hematoma on the right forehead and an acute L2 (low back) compression fracture. Review of Resident 1's MAR for days following the fall, showed two additional days (01/26/2026 and 01/27/2026) that the blood pressure medications were administered when the resident's diastolic blood pressure was below 60. In an interview on 01/28/2026 at 9:00 AM, CC1, resident representative, reported there were problems and overdosing with blood pressure medications since admission, the resident has had falls and needed fluids at one time related to dehydration. CC1 stated the resident has fallen several times, and was weaker, due to mismanagement by the facility. In an interview and observation on 01/28/2026 at 10:30 AM, Staff E, Registered Nurse, RN, was administering medications, Staff E showed the medication screen view and the orders and stated when a medication was selected that included a requirement to check a blood pressure or pulse, a box would appear to enter the value. Staff E stated Resident 1 had a parameter for the blood pressure medications. Staff E stated if the blood pressure or pulse was too low, they would hold the medication and there would be a code entered that indicated the medication was not administered due to vital signs being outside the ordered parameter. In an interview and observation on 01/28/2026 at 11:16 PM, Resident 1 was sitting up in their wheelchair and was observed with</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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F 0760 Level of Harm - Actual harm Residents Affected - Few	yellow and purple resolving bruising around their right eye. Resident 1 stated they have had a lot problems with their blood pressure and blood pressure medications. Resident 1 stated their memory was a bit fuzzy from the day of that specific fall, but they remembered standing at the sink and feeling dizzy, turning around to try and sit on their bed and they fell. Resident 1 stated they told me I broke my back and it still hurts. In an interview on 01/28/2026 at 1:12 PM, Staff C, LPN, Resident Care Manager, stated the medication parameters were included with the orders in the administration screens but the system would not stop you if you administered a medication outside of a parameter. It was up to the nurse to view the entire order and to hold the medication based on the order. Staff C reviewed the administration orders for Resident 1 and the administration record and stated those were all errors, the medication should not have been given and the provider should have been notified. In an interview on 01/28/2028 at 2:28 PM, Staff B, Director of Nursing, stated administration of the blood pressure medication outside the parameter constituted an error and would need an investigation. Staff B stated they had not identified the medication errors while conducting the 01/14/2026 fall investigation for Resident 1 and had not identified medication as a contributing factor in that fall. Refer to F 689 - 483.25 (d)(1)(2)- Free of Accident Hazards/supervision/devices Refer to WAC 388-97-1060(3)(k)(iii)		

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<p>F 0842</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Safeguard resident-identifiable information and/or maintain medical records on each resident that are in accordance with accepted professional standards.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on interview and record reviews, the facility failed to ensure a system was in place in which residents' records were complete, accurate, accessible, and systematically organized for 2 of 3 residents (2 and 3) reviewed for accurate and complete medical records. The facility failed to ensure the medical records reflected an adverse event for Resident 2 and hospital visit report for Resident 3. These failures to not maintain complete and accurate medical records placed residents at risk for medical complications, unmet care needs, and diminished quality of life. Findings included .<RESIDENT 2>Review of an incident report investigation dated [DATE] at 5:30 AM, documented that Resident 2 had an episode of syncope (temporary loss of consciousness and posture due to insufficient blood flow to the brain) on the toilet around 2:00 AM. The nurse checked their vitals, and the resident was up in their chair for 30 minutes and then went to bed. Review of the clinical record including progress notes did not include the syncopal episode, assessment, vital signs or if the provider was contacted. Resident 2 passed away at 5:30 AM. In an interview on [DATE] at 2:21 PM, Staff F, Licensed Practical Nurses stated they were the nurse responsible for Resident 2 on night shift [DATE]. Staff F stated an hour or two before Resident 2 died, the nurses aide certified (NAC) brought the resident to the nurse's station and said the resident had passed out during a bowel movement while on the toilet. Staff F stated the residents' color was not good and they were up and down a little in their wheelchair. Staff F stated they asked the resident if they were good and had the NAC take their vital signs. Staff F stated their vital signs were at baseline and there was no further assessment other than asking the resident questions and taking their vitals. Staff F was unaware they did not document that (syncope episode) and did not notify the provider of the incident. They stated they should have charted it and would have but then Resident 2 died. <RESIDENT 3>Resident 3 went to the hospital on [DATE] for reinsertion of their urinary catheter (tube inserted into the bladder to drain urine). Review of the clinical record on [DATE] showed there were no hospital records from the hospital visit on [DATE]. In an interview on [DATE] at 12:44 PM, Staff I, Health Information Manager (HIM) was asked to obtain the hospital records from Resident 3's hospital visit on [DATE]. Review of the clinical record showed Resident 3's [DATE] dictation was obtained on [DATE] at 7:07 AM. In an interview on [DATE] at 2:13 PM, Staff I, HIM, was asked who was responsible for obtaining hospital records after hospital visits. Staff I stated the nurses usually would obtain them. In an interview on [DATE] at 3:43 PM, Staff B, Interim Director of Nursing stated hospital visits and adverse events such as syncope should be documented in the clinical record and accessible. No additional information was provided. Refer to WAC 388-97- 1720 (1)(a)(i-iv)(b)</p>		