

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 505517	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 04/07/2026
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Washington Veteran Home-Retsil		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 1141 Beach Drive PT Orchard, WA 98366	

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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>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on observation, interview and record review, the facility failed to thoroughly assess resident risk for elopement and provide the level of supervision required to prevent residents from eloping (exiting the facility without the required supervision) for 1 of 4 residents (Resident 1) reviewed for accidents. This failure placed residents at risk for inadequate supervision, elopement and potential of life-threatening situations. Findings included. Review of the facility policy titled, Missing Resident, dated 08/23/2024, showed the facility would identify residents at risk for elopement and they would be monitored to ensure their safety. Review of the facility policy titled, Wandering, Unsafe Resident, Revised August 2014, showed the facility would identify residents at risk for wandering/elopement, assess for correctable risk factors, and assess residents at risk for appropriateness of the use of a wander guard (specialized, wearable-based security solution to protect residents with cognitive deficits from wandering). Review of the facility policy titled, Wander guard Wander Management System, dated 10/01/2024, showed that the device would be placed to protect residents as risk for elopement and/or unsafe wandering and would be reviewed quarterly. The procedure did not include a process of evaluating the potential discontinuance of the wander guard. Resident 1 was admitted to the facility on [DATE]. The Annual Minimum Data Set (MDS), an assessment tool, dated 02/02/2026, showed Resident 1 had severe cognitive impairment, and was independent with dressing, sitting, standing, and was able to ambulate (walk) 150 feet without staff assistance. The care plan focus for elopement risk, dated 04/14/2025, showed the resident was at risk for elopement related to history of attempts to walk outside and unable to find way back and impaired safety awareness. Review of the Physician's Order, dated 04/14/2025, showed a wander guard was ordered for resident use for safety. Review of the Wander risk assessment, dated 08/05/2025 by Staff E, Registered Nurse (RN), showed Resident 1 was at moderate risk for wandering. Review of the progress note, dated 08/19/2025 at 1:37 PM by Staff C, RN, Resident Care Manager (RCM), showed that the wander guard alarm was discontinued. Review of the Wander Guard Event report for the bracelet #586896 in use for Resident 1 prior to being discontinued on 08/19/2025 showed 76 entries between 04/14/25 and 08/01/2025, with alarms at three different doors and the most recent entry was 08/01/2025. Review of the facility investigation report, dated 02/08/2026, showed that Staff F, RN, had observed a gentleman at the bottom of the hill entrance of the facility property at 11:55 AM, the staff member inquired if the man was ok and they replied they were just going for a walk. At 12:30 PM, the staff member inquired of Staff H, Nursing Assistant Lead (NAL), if the man observed was a resident. They confirmed it sounded like one of their residents and they attempted to locate him, and could not find them, the report also indicated Staff H, NAL, thought the resident had a wander guard. At 12:44 PM, Staff F, RN, left to attempt to locate the resident, stopping at local business along the way. The resident was located by Staff F, RN, at 1:15 PM in front of a music store (located 1.7miles away). The resident was safely brought back to the facility. The facility investigation report also showed that Resident 1 had a previous elopement on April 13, 2025. On 04/06/2026 at 1:05 PM, Staff E, RN, said they had completed the wander risk assessment on Resident 1 and that if the facility was going to (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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