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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</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** 40342</p> <p>Based on staff interview and record review, the facility did not provide adequate supervision to prevent accidents for 1 resident (R) (R1) of 3 sampled residents.</p> <p>On 6/8/24, R1 exited the facility without signing out and told staff when found that R1 intended to walk to a location in another city that was 37 miles from the facility. On 6/14/24, R1 exited the facility without signing out and told staff when found that R1 intended to walk to the same location. On 7/30/24, R1 left the facility and was found by police walking on a county highway that was 1.4 miles from the facility. On 8/6/24, R1 exited the facility without signing out and was found by police after 9:00 PM walking into on-coming traffic on an interstate highway off-ramp that was over 1.5 miles from the facility. On 8/18/24, R1 left the facility and was found by police walking on a country road approximately 4 miles from the facility. The road was on the opposite side of the highway from the facility and there were overpasses which R1 likely walked under.</p> <p>The facility did not provide adequate supervision to prevent R1 from exiting the facility without signing out on 6/8/24, 6/14/24, and 8/6/24. In addition, the facility did not have a system to monitor R1's whereabouts (including on 7/30/24 and 8/18/24) despite the fact R1 refused to wear a Wanderguard and continually left the facility.</p> <p>The facility's failure to implement safety interventions for a resident and provide supervision to prevent the resident from exiting the facility without staff knowledge created a reasonable likelihood for serious harm which lead to a finding of Immediate Jeopardy (IJ) that began on 7/30/24. Nursing Home Administrator (NHA)-A was notified of the IJ on 8/27/24 at 4:58 PM. The IJ was removed on 8/28/24, however, the deficient practice continues at a scope/severity level D (potential for more than minimal harm/isolated) as the facility continues to implement its action plan.</p> <p>Findings include:</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 - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>The facility's Elopements and Wandering Residents policy, with a revision date of 9/16/23, indicates: This facility ensures that residents who exhibit wandering behavior and/or are at risk for elopement receive adequate supervision to prevent accidents, and receive care in accordance with their person-centered plan of care addressing unique factors contributing to wandering or elopement risk .If a resident is determined to be at risk for elopement or known to wander or elope: i. The resident's picture will be placed in the Wander Communication Binder. ii. If an alert bracelet system is used and deemed to be appropriate the bracelet will be applied .4. The Interdisciplinary Team (IDT), together with the resident's representative, should attempt to determine situations that may trigger a desire to leave and individual expressions in which staff should know could be a sign the resident may wander .6. Monitoring and Managing Residents at Risk for Elopement or Unsafe Wandering: a. Residents will be evaluated for risk of elopement and unsafe wandering upon admission and throughout their stay by the IDT. b. The IDT will evaluate the unique factors contributing to risk in order to develop a person-centered care plan. c. Interventions to increase staff awareness of the risk or to minimize risks associated with hazards will be added to the care plan and communicated to appropriate staff. d. Adequate supervision in accordance with evaluations will be provided to help prevent accidents or elopements .f. The effectiveness of interventions will be evaluated, and changes will be made as needed .8. Procedure Post-Elopement: a. A nurse will perform a physical evaluation, document, and report findings to the physician .c. A Social Services Designee will re-assess the resident and make any referrals for counseling or psychological/psychiatric consults .</p> <p>On 8/27/24, Surveyor reviewed R1's medical record. R1 was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnoses including Huntington's disease (a neurodegenerative disease exhibited by problems with mood or mental abilities and a general lack of coordination), diabetes mellitus, chronic kidney disease, and depression. R1's Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment, dated 6/3/24, stated R1's Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) score was 12 out of 15 which indicated R1 had moderate cognitive impairment. R1's medical record indicated R1 was responsible for R1's healthcare decisions.</p> <p>R1's care plan, dated 6/25/24, indicated R1 had decreased safety awareness and insight and contained the following interventions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Arrange for transportation if R1 requests to go to appointments, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), [NAME] Bay, etc. (initiated 7/22/24); ~ Continue to remind R1 to sign out when leaving the facility (initiated 8/6/24); ~ Distract R1 if agitated by offering pleasant diversions, structured activities, food, conversation, television, or book (initiated 6/25/24); ~ Identify pattern of behaviors: Is R1 looking for something? Does it indicate the need for more exercise? Intervene as appropriate (initiated 6/25/24); ~ Staff will inform local police if R1 has been away from facility over 2 hours (initiated 8/5/24). <p>R1's care plan also indicated R1 had impaired cognitive function or thought processes, had difficulty distinguishing between television and reality, lacked understanding of distance between places, had decreased safety awareness (initiated 6/3/24) and was at risk for self-inflicted, life-threatening injury related to a history of suicidal intent (initiated 6/10/24) (related to an attempted suicide in 2015).</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>~ A progress note, dated 8/6/24 at 10:40 PM, indicated R1 returned to the facility at approximately 10:17 PM via police escort. R1 was found on the interstate near oncoming traffic. R1 had no apparent injuries, refused vital signs, refused medication, and stated R1's body works fine. A corresponding police report, dated 8/6/24 at 9:10 PM, indicated a welfare check was conducted for R1 at an intersection (one of the streets ran along a river) approximately 1.2 miles from the facility. The officer was not able to locate R1 upon arrival. Dispatch received a call a few moments later that R1 was on an interstate highway. The officer observed R1 walking on the fog line of an interstate highway off-ramp that was over 1.5 miles from the facility. R1 was self-propelling R1's wheelchair into head-on traffic and it was dark. The officer stated R1 was difficult to understand and R1's mental state was not 100%. R1 stated R1 was going to a county psychiatric institution and was taking back roads to get there. When the officer stated R1 was on a major highway and could not ride or walk on the side of the highway, R1 became argumentative and additional officers arrived. R1 was adamant about walking on the highway to get where R1 was going. R1 wanted to go anywhere but the facility and stated staff did not care if R1 came back. The officer spoke to R1 for less than twenty minutes, but determined R1's mental status was compromised. The officer brought R1 back to the facility. R1 apologized and stated R1 had a difficult time going back to the facility due to the way R1 was treated by staff.</p> <p>~ A progress note, dated 8/18/24 at 3:10 PM, indicated R1 was R1's own person and signed out of the facility. An off-duty employee reported R1 was near a gas station and grocery store by a busy highway. Staff called the non-emergent dispatch line and asked police to check on R1. An officer reported that R1 stated R1 was taking a walk and would be back. The officer reinforced to R1 that R1 could not walk on the highway. A corresponding police report, dated 8/18/24 at 3:03 PM, indicated an officer was dispatched to an area near a grocery store where R1 was walking with a wheelchair and the officer located R1 near the store's driveway. Staff stated they were worried that R1 was trying to walk to a city that was 16 miles from the facility. R1 stated R1 wanted to go to the DMV in another city. The officer informed R1 that the DMV was closed and would reopen on 8/20/24. R1 stated R1 had a paper copy of R1's drivers license and wanted a card. The officer stated the officer didn't want to see R1 walk to another city and get hit by a car. R1 stated R1 would get food from the grocery store and go back to the facility. The officer called the facility and stated the officer would wait with R1 until staff picked up R1. Staff stated R1 was R1's own person and was free to walk around when R1 wanted.</p> <p>~ A progress note, dated 8/18/24 at 5:50 PM, indicated a citizen called the facility and reported R1 was on a country road heading to the DMV in another city. The writer asked the citizen to stall and small talk with R1. The writer called the non-emergent dispatch line and updated them on R1's diagnosis of Huntington's disease, R1's location, and R1's description. The writer told dispatch they were concerned for R1's safety. A corresponding police report, dated 8/18/24 at 5:49 PM, indicated officer received a call that R1 was walking on a country road that was on the opposite side of an interstate highway from the facility. R1 left the facility several times recently attempting to go to other cities. R1's explanations for leaving the facility usually didn't make sense and R1 used a wheelchair to walk at a slow pace. Dispatch paged a county crisis worker and stated the officer was concerned that R1 would get lost in the dark and/or hit by a car. The crisis worker stated the facility was responsible for taking care of R1. The officer called the facility and asked staff to pick up R1. Approximately 30 minutes later, another officer responded to R1's location on the country road and transported R1 back to the facility. The officer reported R1 was walking down the middle of the road with no safety equipment to increase visibility for traffic. The report indicated there was continued neglect for R1's well-being as staff understood R1 was a potential threat to R1's safety but continued to let R1 leave unsupervised stating R1 was R1's own person.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>~ Progress notes, dated 8/18/24 at 6:21 and 6:40 PM, indicated the writer spoke with an officer who contacted the county's Human Resources and stated there was nothing they could do because it was the facility's responsibility to make sure R1 returned. The writer contacted the Director of Nursing (DON) and made arrangements for staff to pick up R1 in the facility's van. A corresponding police report, dated 8/18/24 at 5:49 PM, indicated an officer was dispatched to a county road due to an elderly person wheeling northbound in the road in a wheelchair. R1 stated R1 was going nowhere in particular but did not want to be at the nursing home anymore. The officer transported R1 back to the facility.</p> <p>~ A progress note, dated 8/20/24 at 12:28 AM, indicated R1 left the facility without signing out at approximately 8:10 PM. Non-emergency services were contacted at approximately 8:15 PM. R1 returned to the facility unescorted at approximately 8:20 PM. At approximately 8:25 PM, police arrived and stated the facility was not allowed to call the sheriff's department for this anymore. (There was no police report associated with the note.)</p> <p>~ A progress note, dated 8/22/24 at 3:28 PM, indicated the writer spoke with R1 who stated R1 liked the facility and staff were nice and helpful, but R1 wanted to go to another city. R1 stated R1 liked to walk and needed 2 Diet Cokes per day but had no money.</p> <p>On 8/27/24 at 9:00 AM, Surveyor observed R1 in bed.</p> <p>On 8/27/24 at 9:12 AM, Surveyor interviewed Adult Protective Services Worker (APSW)-C via phone who verified APSW-C received information from the facility regarding guardianship for R1. APSW-C stated there was a residency concern regarding what county was responsible for R1. APSW-C stated the facility had not asked APSW-C for guidance on how to keep R1 safe while guardianship was in process. APSW-C stated APSW-C would have suggested the facility implement door monitors, walk with R1 outside for safety, encourage R1's return to the facility, and work with R1's physician on medication.</p> <p>On 8/27/24 at 9:45 AM, Surveyor interviewed R1 who was in bed. R1 expressed no concerns regarding staff treatment, stated I'm just getting older and stated R1 had no way to get anywhere because R1 had no money. R1 had a flat affect and provided short answers to Surveyor's questions.</p> <p>On 8/27/24 at 11:41 AM, Surveyor interviewed Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)-E who stated LPN-E worked at the facility for approximately nine months and could not recall if the facility did elopement drills. When asked about R1's elopement status, LPN-E stated R1 was R1's own person and could sign R1's self out. LPN-E stated when the police brought R1 back, staff checked R1 for injuries and reminded R1 to sign out and let staff know when R1 left.</p> <p>On 8/27/24 at 12:06 PM, Surveyor interviewed NHA-A who reviewed sign out forms for R1 since admission. NHA-A stated R1 starting exiting the facility in mid-June without signing out or letting staff know after R1's friend got sick and could no longer see R1 or take R1 out of the facility. When Surveyor indicated several sign-out entries by R1 contained illegible dates and times, NHA-A verified many of R1's entries were illegible.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0745</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>~ A police report, dated 6/8/24 at 6:30 PM, indicated staff reported R1 was at a location on Main Street approximately 0.4 miles from the facility attempting to buy soda and needed to return to the facility. Staff stated R1 had Huntington's disease and randomly left the facility when no one was looking.</p> <p>~ A progress note, dated 6/14/24 at 8:02 AM, indicated R1 exited the front door, walked toward the bridge, and stated R1 was walking to the hospital. R1 was transported to the hospital for evaluation.</p> <p>~ A progress note, dated 6/14/24 at 2:05 PM, indicated R1 returned from the hospital at 2:00 PM and stated R1 would go back to the hospital if R1 was given more antibiotics.</p> <p>~ A progress note, dated 6/14/24 at 2:38 PM, indicated the hospital determined it was unclear if the change in R1's behavior was due to acute infection or the progression of R1's chronic neurologic condition such as normal pressure hydrocephalus (NPH) (a condition that happens when a person has too much of a certain kind of fluid in parts of the brain) or Huntington's disease. It was recommended to follow-up with Neurology in the next 1-2 weeks.</p> <p>~ R1's medical record indicated between 6/15/24 and 6/30/24, R1 refused most oral medications but allowed staff to administer insulin. A progress note, dated 6/17/24, indicated R1 stated R1 hoped R1 got a super big infection that puts me in the hospital.</p> <p>~ R1's medical record indicated staff notified R1's physician of R1's exits from the facility and medication refusals. A progress note, dated 6/17/24, indicated a Nurse Practitioner (NP) requested the Social Worker (SW) ensure R1's Power of Attorney for Healthcare (POAHC) documents were in place since they likely needed to be activated at some point.</p> <p>~ An Examining Physician's Report (Adult Guardianship), dated 6/26/24, completed and signed by R1's physician, indicated R1 had Huntington's disease which caused progressive dementia and physical impairments, worsening memory, a flat affect, wandering and aggressive behavior, and R1 did not understand R1's memory or judgement impairments. R1 refused to complete a Power of Attorney (POA) document when R1 had capacity. The report indicated R1's incapacity was permanent and progressive.</p> <p>A SLUMS (St. Louis University Mental Status) Examination, dated 6/26/24, indicated R1 scored 12 (a score of 1-19 indicates dementia).</p> <p>~ A Social Services note, dated 7/1/24 at 11:37 AM, indicated the writer spoke to an Adult Protective Services (APS) worker who provided a fax number to send the examining physician's report in order to start the guardianship process.</p> <p>~ A police report, dated 7/11/24 at 5:31 PM, indicated at approximately 5:15 PM, an officer was dispatched to a business that was approximately 1.5 miles from the facility for a welfare check. R1 was outside the business and stated R1 had walked four miles with R1's wheelchair. While en route, the officer observed R1 walking with a wheelchair approximately one mile from the facility.</p> <p>~ A progress note, dated 7/30/24 at 8:01 PM, indicated a concerned citizen reported they saw R1 pushing a wheelchair far from the facility. The note indicated since R1 was R1's own person and staff would check for R1 at bedtime and notify the police if R1 was not there.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0745</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>~ A progress note, dated 8/18/24 at 3:10 PM, indicated an off-duty employee reported R1 was near a busy highway. The writer asked police to check on R1. An officer reported that R1 stated R1 was taking a walk and would be back. A corresponding police report, dated 8/18/24 at 3:03 PM, indicated an officer was dispatched to an area near a grocery store to locate R1 who was walking with a wheelchair to a city that was 16 miles from the facility. R1 stated R1 wanted to go to the DMV in another city. The officer informed R1 the DMV was closed and would reopen on 8/20/24. R1 stated R1 had a paper copy of R1's drivers license and wanted a card. The officer called the facility and asked staff to pick up R1. Staff stated R1 was R1's own person and was free to walk around when R1 wanted.</p> <p>~ A progress note, dated 8/18/24 at 5:50 PM, indicated a citizen reported R1 was on a country road heading to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) in another city. The writer called dispatch who said they'd send an officer. The note indicated the writer would update R1's physician as R1 had perseveration with Huntington's disease. A corresponding police report, dated 8/18/24 at 5:49 PM, indicated R1 was walking on a country road that was on the opposite side of an interstate highway from the facility and R1's explanations for leaving the facility usually didn't make sense. Dispatch paged a county crisis worker who stated the facility was responsible for taking care of R1. The officer called the facility and asked staff to pick up R1. Approximately 30 minutes later, another officer responded to R1's location on the country road. The officer reported R1 was walking down the middle of the road with no safety equipment to increase visibility for traffic. The report indicated there seemed to be continued neglect for R1's well-being as staff continued to state R1 was R1's own person and let R1 leave unsupervised. A second police report, dated 8/18/24 at 5:49 PM, indicated an officer was dispatched to a county road due to an elderly person wheeling northbound in the road in a wheelchair.</p> <p>~ Progress notes, dated 8/18/24 at 6:21 and 6:40 PM, indicated the writer spoke with an officer who contacted the county's Human Resources and stated there was nothing they could do because it was the facility's responsibility to make sure R1 returned.</p> <p>~ A progress note, dated 8/22/24 at 3:28 PM, indicated the writer spoke with R1 to see if R1 was unhappy at the facility. R1 stated R1 liked the facility, but R1 wanted to go to another city. R1 stated R1 liked to walk and needed 2 Diet Cokes per day but had no money. The SW and Business Office Manager (BOM) were working on getting R1's Social Security fixed and getting R1 placed in another city.</p> <p>~ A note, dated 8/23/24 at 9:18 AM, indicated R1 was not on psychotropic medication and had a history of behavior issues. R1's behavior included socially inappropriate behavior (yelling, spitting, public disrobing, public urination/defecation), repetitive behavior (chanting, continuous calling out, repetitive questions, pacing, etc.), refusing care/medication/treatment, and increased behaviors in the evening hours (Sundown syndrome). R1 had not received routine or as needed (PRN) psychotropic medication in the past 7 days and declined psychiatric evaluations. R1 had intact cognition but decreased safety awareness and displayed a lack of insight.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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