

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 555039	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 08/16/2024
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<p>F 0600</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Protect each resident from all types of abuse such as physical, mental, sexual abuse, physical punishment, and neglect by anybody.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 45528</p> <p>Based on interview and record review the facility failed to protect the resident's right to be free from physical abuse (deliberately aggressive or violent behavior with the intention to cause harm) for one of three sampled residents (Resident 1) who has severe cognitive impairment with no capacity to make decisions in accordance with facility's abuse policy and procedures. By failing to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implement the facility's policy and procedures (P&P) Abuse Prevention and Prohibition Program to protect residents from abuse by screening and training caregivers (a person who tends to the needs or concerns of a person with short- or long-term limitations due to illness, injury, or disability) two of two caregivers (CG1 and CG2). 2. Implement the facility's P&P Caregiver Policy that all caregivers for resident will undergo an orientation with the Director of Staff Development (DSD) which includes education on abuse, facility policy and procedures, and safety in the facility for two of two caregivers (CG1 and CG2). 3. Ensure the facility's Guest Liaison 1 (GL1- a person that ensures a seamless flow of communication and facilitates efficient utilization of resources) did not leave Resident 1 alone in the facility's patio on 7/23/2024 at 1:09 PM with Care Giver 1 (CG1- another resident's caregiver). 4. Ensure Activities Director 1 (AD1) who entered the facility's patio on 7/23/2024 at 1:13 PM and having heard a verbal altercation (a heated or angry dispute: noisy argument) and witnessed CG1 argue with Resident 1, AD1 did not leave Resident 1 alone with CG1. AD1 did not separate CG1 from Resident 1. AD1 left the patio and allowed the altercation to continue between CG1 and Resident 1. <p>These deficient practices resulted in Resident 1 being subjected to physical abuse by CG1 while under the care of the facility. On 7/23/2024 at 1:15 PM, CG1 slapped Resident 1 on the face twice placing Resident 1 at increased risk to suffer severe pain, emotional distress (a highly unpleasant emotional reaction, severe body injury, serious impairment and/or death.</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 0600</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>On 8/13/2024 at 2:07 PM, the State Survey Agency (SSA) called an Immediate Jeopardy (IJ-a situation in which the facility's non-compliance with one or more requirements of participation has caused, or is likely to cause, serious injury, harm, impairment, or death of a resident) situation in the presence of the Administrator (ADM), Director of Nursing (DON) and Infection Preventionist Nurse (IPN- a certified nursing professional who specializes in preventing and controlling infections in healthcare settings) due to the facility's failure to ensure Resident 1 was free from physical abuse and for the facility's failure to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implement the facility policy by acquiring and maintaining necessary records caregivers including background checks, abuse training, competency, and complete identifiable and contact information. 2. Ensure the facility's GL1 did not leave Resident 1 alone in the facility's patio on 7/23/2024 at 1:09 PM with CG1. 3. Ensure AD1 did not leave Resident 1 alone with CG1, did not separate CG1 from Resident 1, left the patio, and allowed the altercation to continue between CG1 and Resident 1. <p>On 8/15/2022 at 5:05 p.m., the IJ was removed after the ADM and the DON submitted an acceptable removal plan (interventions to correct the deficient practices) which was verified and confirmed through observation, interview, and record review, and determined the IJ situation was no longer present. The acceptable removal plan was as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On 8/13/24, the Caregiver for Resident 3 was removed until a background check, orientation, and abuse training could be completed. 2. On 8/13/2024, 8/14/2024, and 8/15/2024, the facility's Nurse Consultant Director Registered Nurse conducted in-service to all schedule staff (Nursing, housekeeping, dietary, rehab, laundry, maintenance, and administration) on types of abuse and screening, and abuse prevention, intervention, investigation, reporting and monitoring. 3. On 8/13/24, the facility created a Caregiver Logbook which was placed at the receptionist desk, whereby all future caregivers will be directed by the receptionist to verify or complete a background check, abuse training, and orientation. Visitors, vendors, family, and transport drivers will check-in at the kiosk. 4. Effective 8/14/24, Social Services shall conduct room rounds 5 days a week, at least 10 residents a day to monitor residents for concerns, grievances, or allegations of abuse. Any report of allegations of abuse will be documented and reported to the administrator immediately. All alleged abuse shall be investigated immediately for proper and appropriate reporting to required agencies. All findings shall be presented and discussed in the QA&A Committee Meetings. QAPI committee shall review and monitor the effectiveness of these processes monthly and then quarterly after three months or until 100% compliance is attained. 5. On 8/13/2024, AD1 was provided in-service by the Nurse Consultant Director RN by phone regarding abuse prevention and abuse policies including not to leave a resident alone after hearing a verbal altercation and must separate caregiver from resident as to not allow the alteration to continue. <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0600</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>During an interview on 8/12/2024, at 12:50 P.M., with the DON, the DON stated that caregivers coming into the facility are provided with orientation which includes abuse training, safety in the facility and provision of credentials such as background check, certificate, or license. The DON stated CG1 and caregiver 2 (CG 2), both have no documented evidence of a background check (search), and orientation which includes abuse training. The DON stated, It's my fault. I should have checked, I don't have any background or orientation training on her (CG1) or the one (CG2) that is here now. The DON stated the facility did not have CG1 or CG2's last name or contact information. The DON stated, We only have Resident 3's family phone number. We called them (Resident 3's family), and they said they do not have her (CG1's) phone number or last name. The caregiver (CG 2) that is here right now, I will go and ask here for that information for you. The DON stated CG1 has been coming to the facility as Resident 3's caregiver for one year.</p> <p>During a concurrent record review and interview on 8/13/2024, at 2:45 P.M., with the ADM in the ADM's office, the facility's video surveillance (no sound) dated 7/23/2024, was reviewed. The video surveillance indicated the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On 7/23/2024 at 1:11 P.M., Resident 1 was seating at a table with Resident 3 and CG1, and GL1 was talking to Resident 1. 2. On 7/23/2024 at 1:12 P.M., LVN 1 was seating at the table next to Resident 1, handed Resident 1 a small cup and placed a glass of water on the table in front of Resident 1. Resident 1 then tossed out into the air and onto the ground, white looking particles. GL1 then picked up the white looking particles from the ground. 3. On 7/23/2024 at 1:13 P.M., the AD showed up at the table where Resident 1, Resident 3, CG1, GL1 and LVN 1 were at. The AD spoke to Resident 1 and then CG1. 4. On 7/23/2024 at 1:13 P.M., LVN 1 left and went inside the facility table. 5. On 7/23/2024 at 1:14 P.M., GL1 and the ADS both left the patio leaving Resident 1, Resident 3, and CG1 at the same table. 6. On 7/23/2024 at 1:14 P.M., Resident 1 stretched her right arm with closed fist toward CG1. 7. On 7/23/2024 at 1:15 P.M., Resident 1 was observed picking up a cup in front of her, on the table, and threw a clear liquid substance in the direction of the caregiver and it landed on the caregiver. 8. On 7/23/2024 at 1:15 P.M., CG1 unlocked the brakes of Resident 1's wheelchair (WC), pulled and wheeled Resident 1 on the WC backwards, turned the WC to Resident 1's left and around, and pushed the WC forward toward the patio furniture, that was a few feet away directly opposite the table where Resident 1 was seating, CG1 then locked the left side of Resident 1's WC and slapped the resident twice on the left cheek. <p>During the same record review and interview, the ADM stated the incident between CG1, and Resident 1 could have been avoided by separating CG1 and Resident 1 immediately.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0609</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Timely report suspected abuse, neglect, or theft and report the results of the investigation to proper authorities.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 45528</p> <p>Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to investigate and report allegations physical abuse (willful infliction of injury, unreasonable confinement, intimidation, or punishment with resulting physical harm, pain, or mental anguish) for one out of three sampled residents (Resident 1) to the Department of Public Health, Ombudsman (an official appointed to investigate individuals' complaints against maladministration), and to the local law enforcement in accordance with the facility's policy and procedures (P&P) titled Abuse Prevention and Prohibition Program dated 10/24/2022, by failing to report the unusual occurrence of a resident-to-caregiver altercation to the State Survey Agency (SSA) within 2 hours after the allegation occurred on 7/23/2024.</p> <p>This deficient practice had the potential to place Resident 1 at risk for elder abuse and delay onsite inspection by the Department of Public Health to ensure the residents' allegation of abuse was investigated.</p> <p>Cross Reference F600</p> <p>Findings:</p> <p>A review of Residents 1's Admission Record indicated Resident 1 was initially admitted to the facility on [DATE] and was readmitted on [DATE] with diagnoses including diabetes (a disease in which your body does not produce enough insulin needed to control sugar levels in the blood), hypertension (HTN - elevated blood pressure), and generalized muscle weakness (lack of physical or muscle strength).</p> <p>A review of Resident 1's Minimum Data Set (MDS - a standard assessment and care screening tool) dated 7/15/2023, indicated Resident 1 had cognitive impairment (when a person has trouble remembering, learning new things, concentrating, or making decisions that affect their everyday life). The MDS indicated Resident 1 was dependent on staff for toileting, shower, chair to bed transfer and personal hygiene. The MDS further indicated Resident 1 uses a manual wheelchair for mobility and was dependent on staff to wheel and make turns.</p> <p>A review of Resident 1's Neuropsychiatric note dated 7/15/2024, indicated the resident had a 28/28 score for the mini mental state exam (MMSE -a set of questions used to check for cognitive impairment -a score of 25 or higher is said to be normal)</p> <p>A review of Resident 1's Change of Condition (COC -a sudden deviation from person/patient's baseline in physical, cognitive, behavioral or function) dated 7/23/2024 at 2:08 P.M., indicated Licensed Vocational Nurse 1 (LVN 1) documented that the administrative assistant saw . the caregiver allegedly got up and slapped [Resident 1] in the face.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0609</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>During an interview on 8/14/2024, at 1:47 A.M., with the Administrator (ADM), The ADM stated, GL called me around 1 P.M., and told me that the caregiver for Resident 3 had slapped Resident 1. The ADM stated, abuse allegations need to be reported within two hours to the three agencies to prevent delay in communication, investigation and to prevent noncompliance on our part.</p> <p>A review of facility's policy and procedures (P&P) dated 10/24/2022, title Abuse prevention and prohibition Program, indicated The facility will report allegations of abuse, neglect, exploitation, mistreatment, injuries of unknown source .immediately, but no later than two hours after forming the suspicion.</p>