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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 555579	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 06/10/2026
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Ararat Nursing Facility		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 15099 Mission Hills Road Mission Hills, CA 91345	
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F 0760 Level of Harm - Actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Ensure that residents are free from significant medication errors. Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to ensure one of three sampled residents (Resident 1) was free from significant medication error (one which causes the resident discomfort or jeopardizes his or her health and safety) when Registered Nurse (RN) 1 failed to resume Resident 1's apixaban (a generic name of a blood thinner medication used to prevent blood clots) on 5/28/2026 as ordered by the Medical Doctor (MD). On 5/27/2026, the MD gave an order to RN 1 to hold Resident 1's apixaban on that night (5/27/2026) because of nose bleeding but to resume it the next day (5/28/2026). Resident 1 did not receive the apixaban medication from 5/28/2026 through 6/1/2026. As a result, on 6/1/2026 at around 8 a.m., Resident 1 experienced a significant change of condition (COC - a major decline in a resident's status), including new onset left-sided weakness, left side facial drooping (a noticeable loss of muscle tone on one side of the face), and slurred speech requiring further medical evaluation and intervention. The facility transferred Resident 1 to the General Acute Care Hospital (GACH) on 6/1/2026 at 8:30 a.m. where Resident 1 was diagnosed with acute ischemic stroke (a life-threatening medical emergency when there is a sudden interruption of blood flow to part of the brain) due to occlusion (blockage) of right middle cerebral artery (a major blood vessel that supplies oxygenated blood to the right side of the brain and primarily controls movement and sensation on the left side of the body). Findings: During a review of Resident 1's undated admission Record (AR), the AR indicated the facility admitted Resident 1 on 5/27/2025 with diagnoses including congestive heart failure (CHF - a heart disorder which causes the heart not to pump the blood efficiently, sometimes resulting in leg swelling), chronic atrial fibrillation (an irregular heartbeat that can lead to blood clots), presence of prosthetic heart valve (replacing and implanting heart valve in the body), and respiratory failure (when not enough oxygen passes from the lungs to the blood). During a review of Resident 1's GACH Skilled Nursing Facility Transfer Orders, dated 5/27/2026, the Skilled Nursing Facility Transfer Orders indicated an order for apixaban 2.5 milligram (mg - a metric unit of measurement, used for medication dosage and/or amount) tablet with the instruction to take one tablet by mouth two times daily. The Skilled Nursing Facility Transfer's Medication List indicated the last time apixaban was given to Resident 1 was on 5/27/2026 at 9 a.m. During a review of Resident 1's Progress Notes, dated 5/27/2026 at 11:59 p.m., the Progress Notes indicated a late entry documentation note for 5/27/2026. The Progress Notes indicated medications were reviewed with the MD which included apixaban (Eliquis is the brand name) 2.5 mg. The Progress Notes indicated that RN 3 reported to the MD that Resident 1's nose was bleeding. The Progress Notes indicated a pack of gauze was applied to control the bleeding. The Progress Notes indicated the MD ordered for Resident 1 to skip tonight, on 5/27/2026, the resident's Apixaban 2.5 mg medication. A review of Resident 1's MD-History and Physical (H&P) Nursing Facility, dated 5/28/2026, the H&P indicated Resident 1 had fluctuating capacity to understand and make decisions. During a review of Resident 1's Progress Notes, dated 5/28/2026 at 4:53 p.m., the Progress notes indicated a late entry. The Progress Notes indicated Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) 2 looked through Resident 1's medications and noticed apixaban medication was not in the list and LVN 2 documented that it was no longer there. During a review of Resident 1's Medication Administration Record (MAR - a log used to track a resident's prescribed medications), dated 5/27/2026 to 5/31/2026, the MAR did not have an order for the (continued on next page)		

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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