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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 555918	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 04/03/2026
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Fowler Care Center		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 8448 East Adams Avenue Fowler, CA 93625	
For information on the nursing home's plan to correct this deficiency, please contact the nursing home or the state survey agency.			
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F 0689 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Few	Ensure that a nursing home area is free from accident hazards and provides adequate supervision to prevent accidents. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to ensure sufficient supervision to prevent falls for one of six sampled residents (Resident 1), who was assessed as a high fall risk, when Certified Nursing Aide (CNA) 4 left Resident 1 unattended in the restroom while retrieving a diaper and Resident 1 got up from the toilet unassisted, lost his balance and fell. This failure resulted in Resident 1's sustaining a left shoulder fracture. During an interview on 4/2/26 at 2:46 pm with CNA 2, CNA 2 stated CNAs should prepare all necessary supplies before helping residents to the restroom. CNA 2 stated residents must not be left alone in the restroom because they could try to stand up, become unsteady, and fall. CNA 2 stated if additional supplies were needed, CNAs should press the call light button in the restroom and wait for help. During an interview on 4/2/26 at 3:19 pm with CNA 3, CNA 3 stated residents should always be supervised in the restroom to prevent the residents from falling. CNA 3 stated if supplies were needed the CNA should call for help. CNA 2 stated she was taught it was best to stay and supervise the residents. During an interview on 4/2/26 at 3:36 with Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN), LVN stated it was not safe to leave a resident alone while toileting. LVN stated the CNA would be expected to use the call light to get another staff member to assist with supplies so the residents would not be alone. LVN stated if a resident was left alone in the restroom, they could get up by themselves, fall and get hurt. During a review of the Facility's Declaration Statement dated 3/25/26, the Declaration Statement indicated Resident 1 had loose BM all afternoon and asked CNA 4 to take him to the toilet. CNA 4 wheeled Resident 1 to the restroom and noted Resident 1's diaper was full of stools. CNA 4 decided to grab a diaper that was left on the resident's nightstand. CNA 4 told Resident 1 do not stand up and Resident 1 stated okay, I will unbuckle my shorts till then. When CNA 4 returned, Resident 1 was wobbly on his feet. he hit his left shoulder on the sink. CNA 4 caught Resident 1 and placed him on the toilet. During an interview on 4/2/26 at 3:56 pm with the Minimum Data Set (MDS) nurse, MDS stated the CNA should gather supplies before assisting residents to the restroom. MDS stated if a CNA needed supplies, the CNA should use the emergency call light in the restroom to call for help. MDS stated the CNA should not leave the resident unattended as the resident would be at increased risk for falls/injury. MDS stated Resident 1 had severe cognitive impairment and had difficulty understanding and processing when you speak to him. MDS stated Resident 1 was at high risk for falls, was not good at asking staff for assistance and liked to self-transfer. MDS stated CNA 4 should not have left Resident 1 unattended. During a record review of Resident 1's admission Record (AR), dated 4/10/26, the AR indicated Resident 1 had a history of a broken left arm, type 2 diabetes mellitus (a long-term condition where the body cannot effectively use insulin to manage blood sugar, causing levels to become too high), muscle weakness, broken right shoulder blade, need for assistance with personal care, difficulty walking, alcohol dependence, anemia (lack red blood cells causing people to feel tired, weak, dizzy, or short of breath), conversion disorder with seizures (a condition where a person experiences real, involuntary seizure-like episodes). During a record review of Resident 1's Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS; an assessment of a resident's cognitive status; the ability to remember, concentrate, learn new things, (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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