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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 676450	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 06/09/2026
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Terra Bella Health and Wellness Suites		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 12262 Cityscape Ave Houston, TX 77047	
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 observation, record review and interviews, the facility failed to ensure the resident's environment remains as free of accident hazards as is possible and residents received adequate supervision to prevent accidents for 1 out of 5 residents (Resident # 1) reviewed for quality of care. The facility failed to ensure Resident # 1's head of bed was upright and elevated, and that Resident # 1 was closely supervised during and after administration of oral medications on 5/23/26. This failure places residents at risk of aspiration and choking when administering oral medications. Findings include: Record review of Resident # 1's Face Sheet revealed a [AGE] year-old female with an admission date of 3/29/2023. Diagnoses were hypertension (a chronic medical condition in which the force of blood against your artery walls is consistently too high), unspecified dementia (used when a patient exhibits a clear decline in cognitive abilities (such as memory loss or problem-solving), but the underlying cause or specific type of dementia (e.g., Alzheimer's, vascular) cannot be definitively determined), rheumatoid arthritis (systemic autoimmune disease in which the immune system mistakenly attacks the lining of the joints (synovium), causing painful inflammation, cartilage destruction, and bone erosion), dysphagia (difficulty or discomfort in swallowing), cognitive communication deficit (an impairment in the ability to communicate effectively that stems from underlying cognitive issues). Record review of Speech Language Discharge Summary for Resident # 1 dated 12/12/2025 reflected Interventions included instruction and training in safe swallow strategies to increase PO intake and decrease overall aspiration risk. Strategies indicated to facilitate safety and efficiency for oral intake were to alternate liquids or solids, rate modification (slow down/regulate), general swallow techniques, precautions upright during meals and upright for 30 minutes after meals with close supervision. Record review of Resident # 1's Care Plan goal dated 5/19/2026 indicated Resident # 1 will not choke or aspirate through next review date. Care Plan updated 6/1/2026 indicated Resident # 1 has nausea and vomiting and risk of aspiration related to diagnosis of difficulty swallowing (Dysphagia) with interventions of appropriate head of bed elevation during and after meals and medication administration. Approach did not include close supervision during PO intake. Record review of MDS dated [DATE] for Resident # 1 revealed the ability to use utensils or to bring food or liquid to mouth and swallow required assistance to complete tasks. Record review of grievance dated 5/23/2026 for Resident # 1 read in part I seen on video a Medication Aide is giving medication while Resident # 1 is lying flat in the bed. Reported Resident # 1 began to vomit as seen on video camera. Record review of progress note dated 5/23/2026 at 9:37 am for Resident # 1 read in part Resident was observed during morning rounds to have emesis (vomiting) on pillowcase on bed. Resident noted to have some residue around mouth area. Observation of recorded video dated 5/23/2026 at 7:43 am revealed Resident # 1 in bed. Bed observed to be in lowest position to the floor and head of bed was lower than 45 degrees, not upright. MA A walked into Resident # 1's room with two cups of pudding mixed with medication in left hand and a plastic cup of water in right hand. MA A walked to Resident # 1's nightstand on the left side of Resident # 1's bed. MA A placed plastic cup from right hand and one pudding cup from left hand onto nightstand. MA A did not raise Resident # 1's (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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