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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</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><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> 43863</p> <p>Based on clinical record reviews, staff interviews, facility documentation, policy and procedures, the facility failed to ensure adequate supervision was provided for 1 of 3 sampled residents (#12) to prevent elopement; and, failed to ensure safety while providing care resulting to a fall for 1 of 3 sampled residents (#11). The deficient practice could result in avoidable accidents.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>-Regarding Resident #11</p> <p>Resident #11 was admitted on [DATE] with diagnoses of muscle weakness, history of falling, abnormal posture, anxiety disorder and mood disorder.</p> <p>A care plan initiated on April 10, 2017, revealed resident had self-care deficit. Interventions included limited to extensive assist with activity of daily living (ADL) and incontinent care as needed.</p> <p>A physician order dated April 20, 2020 included to admit resident to hospice for diagnosis of senile degeneration of the brain.</p> <p>Review of a quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment dated [DATE]. 2020 revealed that the resident scored 99 on a Brief Interview of Mental Status (BIMS), which indicated that the interview could not be completed. The MDS included the resident had short-term and long-term memory problems, with rejection of care being exhibited on 1-3 days during the assessment dates, and required extensive assistance for toilet and personal hygiene, with one-person physical assist.</p> <p>The nursing note dated August 13, 2020 included resident was awake but was not responding to verbal stimuli like he used to, was not eating or drinking at this time. It also included that resident was responding to physical stimuli when repositioned or during hygiene care.</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 - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>A psychiatric evaluation note dated August 13, 2020 included that according to staff, the resident had an overall decline with little to no oral intake, had decrease responsiveness and was being followed by hospice for end of life care. Mental status exam included the resident was lethargic, disoriented, non-cooperative, confused and unfocused. The documentation also included the resident had a longstanding psychiatric history but was presenting with significant decline. Diagnosis was dementia with behavioral disturbance and undifferentiated schizophrenia. Plan was to discontinue psychotropic medications and to continue to monitor mood and behavior.</p> <p>The hospice physician order dated August 14, 2020 at 11:45 a.m. revealed that all routine and psychotropic medications were discontinued. This order also included orders for morphine (narcotic opioid) and Ativan (anti-anxiety).</p> <p>Review of nursing progress notes dated August 14, 2020 at 12:53 p.m. revealed the resident remained in bed with continued comfort cares due to expected death. Per the documentation, resident was sedated and occasionally responded to tactile stimuli. The documentation included that at approximately 10:00 a.m. a certified nursing assistant (CNA) was changing the resident who was lying on his left side while the CNA was providing care. It also included that the resident became agitated, rolled towards the wall; and when the resident rolled, the bed moved and the resident fell between the wall and the bed. Per the documentation, the resident sustained laceration to the left temporal area and a skin tear to the right elbow; and that, hospice, POA (power of attorney) and the provider were notified.</p> <p>The nursing progress note dated August 14, 2020 at 02:40 p.m., revealed that resident's comfort level was continued to be monitored; and that, respirations continued to be shallow and was decreasing rate steadily with no apnea. Per the documentation, at 2:27 p.m., resident was noted to be without respiration or apical pulse and with eyes fixed; and that, hospice and provider were notified.</p> <p>Review of a Facility Reportable Event Record/Report dated August 17, 2020 revealed that the resident was being changed by the CNA; and, the resident was lying on his side while the CNA was providing care, the resident became slightly agitated and rolled toward the wall. It also included that the bed moved from the wall when the resident rolled and the resident fell between the wall and the bed. Per the documentation, the resident sustained a temporal laceration measuring 3.8 x 3.8 cm and a J-shaped skin tear to the right elbow measuring 3.8 x 1.8 and was cleansed with saline, edges approximated and covered with tegaderm.</p> <p>Continued review of the facility report revealed that the wheels on the bed were unlocked at the time of the incident because the CNA was walking around the bed to provide care; and that, maintenance was contacted to ensure the bed was functioning properly.</p> <p>The facility report included a written statement from the involved CNA (staff #172) dated August 14, 2020. The documentation included that the CNA (staff #172) provided care at the time of the fall, wrote the resident started to resist during patient care and as the CNA continued patient care the resident rolled from a side position onto the floor.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>An interview was conducted on March 28, 2023 at 2:24 p.m. with a CNA (staff #97) who stated there would be no reason to move a resident's bed if there was one person providing incontinence care. She also stated that if the wheels of a bed were unlocked to move, the expectation was to re-lock the wheels once the bed had been moved and prior to starting incontinence care. The CNA said the expectation was that once the resident becomes agitated or becomes combative during continence care, staff was to stop care immediately, lower the bed, and ask a nurse to come in and talk to the resident. The CNA stated that if the resident does not agree to continue the care, then staff are to approach the resident later. Further, the CNA stated that if a resident becomes agitated or combative it was the resident's way of communicating to staff that they do not want to continue with the care.</p> <p>In an interview with a licensed practical nurse (LPN/staff #36) conducted on March 28, 2023 at 2:35 p.m., the LPN stated she would not move the bed away from the wall prior to providing incontinent care. She said that if she would move the bed away from the wall, she would re-lock the brakes prior to starting care to ensure the safety of the resident. The LPN further stated that it was the facility's expectation to step away if a resident becomes agitated/combative during incontinent care.</p> <p>An interview was conducted on March 28, 2023 at 3:23 p.m. with the Interim Director of Nursing (interim DON/staff #109) who stated that the expectation was for staff to relock the brakes on the bed after it was moved and prior to starting patient care. She further stated the only reason to move a bed from it being against a wall, would be if two staff were providing care. The interim DON stated that if a resident becomes agitated during care, staff should stop immediately, and call for assistance. During the interview, a review of the facility reportable event record/report was conducted with the interim DON who stated that per the CNA's interview, the care was not provided according to professional standards because the CNA did not stop the care when the resident resisted. The interim DON stated that the risk of continuing care when a resident was agitated and leaving the bed wheels unlocked during resident care could result in resident injury; and that, this did not meet the facility expectations.</p> <p>Review of a facility policy titled, Safety and Supervision of Residents, included that the facility strives to make the environment as free from accident hazards as possible. Resident safety and supervision and assistance to prevent accidents are facility-wide priorities. The individualized, resident-centered approach to safety addresses safety and accident hazards for individual residents. Environmental hazards include bed safety, safe lifting and movement of residents, and unsafe wandering.</p> <p>Review of a facility policy titled, Dignity, revealed that each resident shall be cared for in a manner that promotes and enhances his/her sense of well-being. Staff are expected to treat cognitively impaired residents with dignity and sensitivity. Residents are treated with dignity and respect at all times. When assisting with care, residents are supported in exercising their rights.</p> <p>-Regarding Resident #12</p> <p>Resident #12 was admitted on [DATE] with diagnoses of hallucinations, encephalopathy, convulsions, cerebral aneurysm and mental disorder to known physiological condition.</p> <p>The elopement/wandering risk data set dated [DATE] revealed no history of elopement in the past 6 months and that the resident was able to transport self independently by ambulation. Per the assessment, the resident had predisposing diagnosis for elopement, had poor safety/environmental awareness and was at risk for elopement. Plan was to follow prevention of elopement protocols.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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