

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  505042	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  09/13/2022
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<p>F 0689</p> <p>Level of Harm - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</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> 39651</p> <p>Based on interview and record review, the facility failed to provide adequate supervision and implement the care plan for 1 of 3 residents (Resident 1) reviewed for avoidable accidents and supervision. Additionally, the facility failed to develop written policies and procedures related to the use of Motorized Wheelchairs (MW) and conduct a comprehensive assessment to ensure that residents were safe to operate a MW for 13 of 13 residents (Residents 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 &amp; 14) reviewed for devices. These failures caused serious injury and serious harm to Resident 1 who sustained a hip fracture and was hospitalized related to a MW incident with Resident 2. The facility's lack of policies and an effective system in ensuring that residents were assessed prior to the use of a MW increased the likelihood of serious injuries and serious harm to the residents of the facility.</p> <p>The facility also failed to provide adequate supervision and implement written policies and procedures related to elopement and initiate timely/appropriate interventions to minimize the risk of elopement incident for 3 of 4 residents (Residents 1, 15 &amp; 16) reviewed for elopement. These failures resulted to an actual elopement incident of Resident 1 who was found at the facility's parking lot alone and unsupervised by staff for an unknown duration, placing the resident at risk for harm/injury.</p> <p>The facility's failure to provide adequate supervision to high-risk residents and the lack of an effective system to ensure that residents were safe prior to the use of a MW constituted a situation of an Immediate Jeopardy (IJ) on 09/09/2022. The facility was notified of the IJ on 09/09/2022 at 1:00 PM.</p> <p>An onsite survey was conducted on 09/12/2022 and verified the removal of the IJ related to CFR 483.25 - F689 - Free of Accident Hazards/Supervision/Devices.</p> <p>The remaining noncompliance was found to be an isolated deficiency that constitute actual harm to the resident [Resident 1] that was not an IJ.</p> <p>Findings included .</p> <p><b>FAILURE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SUPERVISION and RESIDENT TO RESIDENT INCIDENT</b></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 - Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Resident 1 was a long-term care resident of the facility. The resident's diagnoses list included dementia (memory problem), bipolar disorder (extreme mood swings) and anxiety disorder. A review of Resident 1's annual Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment dated [DATE] showed the resident had impaired cognition and required one person staff assistance with activities of daily living (ADL's).</p> <p>A review of Resident 1's care plan dated 08/25/2022 showed that Resident 1 was a high risk for elopement and unsafe wandering due to increase confusion and history of attempting to leave the facility without staff supervision. The care plan directed the facility staff to observe the resident frequently while ambulating in the hallway and to provide redirection when needed.</p> <p>A review of the facility's incident reporting log for September 2022 showed that on 09/06/2022 at 5:00 PM, Resident 1 was involved in a resident-to-resident altercation with Resident 2 that resulted to a fall incident with substantial injury (hip fracture) to Resident 1. The incident log showed that Resident 1 required medical treatment and was admitted the hospital because of the incident.</p> <p>On 09/08/2022 at 11:30 AM, Staff A, Administrator, Staff B, Director of Nursing, and Staff C, Nurse Consultant, confirmed and stated that Resident 1 and Resident 2 had an altercation on 09/06/2022. Staff C stated that Resident 1 sustained a left hip fracture from the incident that required surgery. Both Staff B and Staff C stated the resident had substantiated physical abuse due to Resident 2's intent to harm Resident 1 with the use of his MW. According to Staff A, Staff B, and Staff C, the incident between Resident 1 and Resident 2 was witnessed by a staff member [Staff D, Nursing Assistant Certified] who tried to separate the residents and had asked Resident 2 to move his MW backwards but instead run through Resident 1 that resulted in a fall. However, both Staff B and Staff C stated that there was no staff member present to supervise and provide redirection to Resident 1 prior to the altercation as directed by Resident 1's care plan.</p> <p>On 09/08/2022 at 2:00 PM, Staff D stated she witnessed the incident between Resident 1 and Resident 2. Staff D stated that she was on a resident room providing resident care when she heard a loud banging noise in the hallway. When she responded, she saw Resident 2 already screaming and telling Resident 1 to move out of his way, so she immediately intervened. Staff D stated she only saw Resident 1 hitting the wall with his walker but Resident 2 claimed that he was hit by Resident 1 using his walker and would not move out of his way. According to Staff D, she had asked Resident 2 to move his MW backward instead so he can maneuver and drive away from Resident 1 but instead, Resident 2 forced his way through towards Resident 1 causing Resident 1 to fall on to the ground. Staff D stated that there was no other staff member present when the incident happened, so she called for help, and that's when Staff E, Licensed Practical Nurse, and other staff members came to the scene to assist Resident 1 on the floor. Staff D further stated that the impact to Resident 1 was so strong that when he landed on the ground, he was not able to move and complained of severe pain to his hip and back area.</p> <p>On 09/08/2022 at 2:30 PM, Staff E stated during a phone interview that he was the nurse on duty on 09/06/2022 when the incident between Resident 1 and Resident 2 happened. Staff E stated they did not witness the incident and by the time he arrived, Resident 1 was already on the floor. Staff E stated he was busy providing care to other residents when the incident happened and did not notice either Resident 1 and/or Resident 2 prior to the incident.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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