

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 505296	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 08/27/2021
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER St Francis of Bellingham		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 3121 Squalicum Parkway Bellingham, WA 98225	

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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>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 37369</p> <p>Based on observation, interview and record review, the facility failed to provide adequate supervision and ensure appropriate interventions were implemented to prevent falls with injury for one of three sample residents (1), reviewed for accidents. In addition, the facility failed to evaluate the effectiveness of the implemented interventions. This failed practice resulted in two separate hospitalizations for Resident 1 that sustained a brain bleed and a fractured rib after two subsequent falls. The lack of adequate supervision and accident prevention placed all residents at risk for injury.</p> <p>Findings include .</p> <p>Review of the facility's policy titled, Falls and Fall Risk, managing revised March 2018, stated staff would identify interventions related to the residents' specific risks and causes to try to prevent the resident from falling and to try to minimize complications from falling if the resident continues to fall, staff will re-evaluate the situation and whether it is appropriate to continue or change current interventions.</p> <p>Resident 1 admitted to the facility on [DATE] with diagnosis of swelling of the brain from an infection which caused dizziness, impaired balance, coordination, and cognition impairment.</p> <p>Review of the Admission Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment dated [DATE], showed the resident required two-person extensive assist for transfer and ambulation. Resident 1 had severe cognition deficit.</p> <p>Review of Care Area Assessment (CAA) triggered from the admission MDS assessment, showed the resident was at risk for falls. Findings included the resident had multiple previous falls prior to admission to the facility related to diagnosis of brain swelling. Falls would be addressed on the care plan to avoid complications and minimize the risk to the resident.</p> <p>Review of hospital admission paperwork from 07/23/2021, showed Resident 1 had worsening impaired coordination and balance, and increased confusion. Nursing documentation from the hospital showed Resident 1 was a fall risk, unsteady on their feet, and was unable to call for assistance. Interventions implemented at the hospital included the use of a bedside alarm, and a remote video monitoring system.</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>Review of the care plan with a focus dated 07/21/2021 (resident admitted [DATE]), showed resident was at risk for falls related to diagnoses of dizziness, impaired balance, and coordination. Interventions to include call light within reach, always wear non-skid footwear when out of bed, monitor for decline or improvement in mobility, and review and update fall risk assessment quarterly, post any fall and as needed.</p> <p>Review of Fall Risk assessment dated [DATE], showed the resident was high risk for falls.</p> <p>Review of an incident report dated 07/25/2021, showed the resident had an unwitnessed fall at 5:26 PM in their room. Resident 1 was found on the floor with the door closed. An intervention added was to include diversional activities when they were restless.</p> <p>Review of Physician Assistant (PA) progress note dated 07/26/2021, showed resident was cognitively impaired and needed fall precautions for impaired balance and coordination.</p> <p>Review of a skilled nursing note dated 07/25/2021 through 07/30/2021, showed safety concerns of the resident making several attempts to self-transfer, did not use their call light, and had multiple falls.</p> <p>Review of an incident report dated 08/02/2021, showed the resident had an unwitnessed fall at 7:44 PM in their room. The resident was found on floor. An intervention was added to move resident closer to the nurse's station.</p> <p>Review of an incident report dated 08/03/2021, showed resident had fallen at 3:30 PM in their room. Per the summary, the resident self-transferred from their wheelchair and fell backwards and hit their head on the floor. Resident 1 was sent to hospital resulting in a head injury. An intervention was added to install an anti-roll back device (the device prevents chair from rolling backwards) to wheelchair when the resident returned from hospital.</p> <p>Review of PA progress note dated 08/03/2021, showed the resident continued to experience recurrent falls with their wheelchair, still tried to get up and falls.</p> <p>Review of the Admission Nursing Database assessment dated [DATE] (Resident 1 readmitted on [DATE]), showed the resident had previous falls, and was not steady with transfers.</p> <p>Review of a Fall Risk assessment dated [DATE], showed the resident was a high risk for falls.</p> <p>Review of a physical therapy assessment dated [DATE], showed the resident was at risk for falls related to physical impairments and associated functional deficits, resident was unstable and unpredictable.</p> <p>Review of a care plan goal for falls dated 08/10/2021, showed the resident would not have any substantial injuries secondary to falls. The care plan interventions were not updated based on the risk factors identified upon the resident's re-admission; the anti-roll back device was not added to care plan.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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