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<p>F 0600</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Protect each resident from all types of abuse such as physical, mental, sexual abuse, physical punishment, and neglect by anybody.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on observations, record review and interviews, the facility failed to ensure four (#127, #60, #45 and #92) of five residents reviewed for abuse out of 45 sample residents were kept free from abuse.</p> <p>Specifically, the facility failed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Prevent resident to resident physical abuse between Resident #127 and Resident #60, who had a known history of physically aggressive behaviors towards other residents and staff who he perceived to be in his personal space and had documented recent physically aggressive behaviors with staff; -Have timely effective interventions to protect Resident #127, who had a history of physical aggression and wandering into other residents' rooms and invading their personal space; and, -Prevent resident-to-resident sexual abuse of Resident #45 by Resident #92 on 5/29/24 and 9/16/24. <p>Findings include:</p> <p>I. Facility policy and procedure</p> <p>The Abuse policy and procedure, revised 2/21/23, was provided by the nursing home administrator (NHA) on 11/21/24 at 1:22 p.m. It revealed in pertinent part,</p> <p>Physical abuse includes, but is not limited to hitting, slapping, punching, biting and kicking.</p> <p>Understanding behavioral symptoms of residents that may increase the risk of abuse and neglect such as: aggressive and/or catastrophic reaction of residents; wandering or elopement type behaviors; resistance to care; outbursts or yelling out; and, difficulty in adjusting to new routines or staff.</p> <p>Residents at risk for abusive situations are identified and appropriate care plans are developed.</p> <p>II. Facility investigation of abuse between Resident #60 and Resident #127 on 11/17/24.</p> <p>The 11/17/24 abuse investigation documented an unwitnessed resident-to-resident physical altercation between Resident #60 and Resident #127. The staff observed the two residents on the floor fighting in the television room with one another after lunch.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>

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<p>F 0600</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>-However, the facility failed to complete an updated assessment after it was noted the resident had a decline in cognition due to his diagnosis of dementia.</p> <p>A nurse progress note, dated 5/29/24 at 6:43 a.m., documented Resident #92 was seen coming out of Resident #45's room. Resident #92 got nervous when he saw the nurse and kept hushing her. The note said the nurse would report the incident to the day shift for them to notify social services notification.</p> <p>A nurse progress note, dated 5/29/24 at 4:23 p.m., documented the UM and the director of nursing (DON) discussed the incident with Resident #92. He was notified that they were told he inappropriately touched Resident #45. Resident #92 said it was true and he would not do it again. The social worker, Resident #92's power of attorney and his provider were notified. Fifteen minute checks were started.</p> <p>-A review of Resident #92's electronic medical record (EMR) did not reveal documentation regarding the incident on 9/16/24.</p> <p>VIII. Resident #45 - victim</p> <p>A. Resident status</p> <p>Resident #45, age less than 65, was admitted on [DATE] and readmitted on [DATE]. According to the November 2024 CPO, diagnoses included multiple sclerosis (degenerative muscle disease), mild cognitive impairment of unknown origin, major depressive disorder, adjustment disorder with mixed anxiety and depressed mood and morbid obesity.</p> <p>The 9/16/24 MDS assessment revealed the resident was cognitively intact with a BIMS score of 14 out of 15. She was dependent on staff for assistance with toileting hygiene, transfers, dressing and bathing. She was independent in eating and oral hygiene.</p> <p>B. Resident interview</p> <p>Resident #45 was interviewed on 11/19/24 at 12:30 p.m. Resident #45 said Resident #92 went into her room around 2:00 a.m., the night of the incident and inappropriately touched her genital area. She said she did not feel afraid of Resident #92 and said she told him no and to get out when she caught him. She said a nurse saw Resident #92 leaving her room and the police were notified. Resident #45 said she did not want to press charges because he's a good guy, but she did want Resident #92 to be reprimanded.</p> <p>C. Record review</p> <p>The behavior care plan, initiated 4/21/21 and revised 6/4/24, documented Resident #45 was at risk for financial exploitation due to her previously sending money to men overseas. The care plan also documented she was involved in a three-way relationship with herself and two peers and all had consented to sexual intimacy. Pertinent interventions included discussing Resident #45's behavior with her and explaining or reinforcing why the behavior was inappropriate or unacceptable and educating Resident #45 to yell for help, use her call light and report any non-consensual sexual behavior towards her.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0600</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Resident #45's cognitive decline care plan, initiated 4/23/21 and revised 8/11/21, documented she had impaired cognitive functioning due to her diagnosis of multiple sclerosis and she had difficulty making decisions and some short-term memory issues. Pertinent interventions included communicating with Resident #45 and her guardian regarding the resident's capabilities and needs, cueing, reorienting and supervising as needed and presenting just one thought, idea, question or command to the resident at a time.</p> <p>A sexual intimacy capacity for consent assessment form was completed on 5/9/24. The assessment documented the resident showed the ability to answer yes/no questions accurately, was physically able to leave an undesirable situation and verbally or non-verbally able to alert others when needing help. The interaction pattern documented she had no concerns with her interactions with Resident #92, however, she was having fewer interactions with him because she did not want to upset her other partner/roommate.</p> <p>A second sexual intimacy capacity for consent assessment form was completed on 9/18/24. The assessment documented the resident showed the ability to answer yes/no questions accurately, was physically able to leave an undesirable situation and verbally or non-verbally able to alert others when needing help. The interaction pattern documented her interactions with resident #92 as friendly, and that both residents wished to be friends and have intimate encounters. However, Resident #45 said she wanted parameters in place which included no sexual activity in a public place, no surprises and for her to give consent.</p> <p>An interdisciplinary team (IDT) risk management review note, dated 5/29/24 at 2:00 a.m. documented Resident #45 was inappropriately touched by a male resident. The resident's provider and guardian were notified and physician's orders were obtained to send Resident #45 to the emergency room for evaluation and treatment. It also documented that interventions included placing Resident #45 on another unit for her safety upon return from the emergency room.</p> <p>-Resident #45 had a sexual assault nurse examination completed in the emergency room. She was discharged back to the facility with orders to continue previously ordered antibiotic therapy for a urinary tract infection.</p> <p>-A review of Resident #45's EMR did not include documentation regarding the incident on 9/16/24.</p> <p>IX. Staff interviews</p> <p>The SSD and the SSA were interviewed together on 11/21/24 at 3:05 p.m. The SSD said the situation between Resident #45 and Resident #92 was very complex. She said Resident #92 was moved to a different unit and floor after the incident in May 2024. She said Resident #45 was seen making contact with Resident #92 after the May 2024 incident.</p> <p>The SSD said Resident #45 was not great at setting boundaries for herself and that she encouraged both residents to remain apart, however, they both voiced they still wanted to be friends. The SSD said she was unsure if Resident #92 fully understood the provided education on boundaries and consent.</p> <p>The SSA said Resident #45 was interested in a romantic relationship with Resident #92, however, she was not okay with surprise interactions and him not asking beforehand. He said he was unsure if Resident #92 fully understood the education staff provided on boundaries and consent.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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