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M0000	Initial Comments The State Agency (SA) conducted two (2) Complaint Investigations (CI MS #2688884 and CI MS #2695843), at the facility from 12/22/25 through 12/23/25. CI MS #2688884 was investigated related to accidents and there were no deficiencies cited related to the complaint. CI MS #2695843 was a facility reported incident (FRI) related to sexual abuse. During the survey, the SA determined the facility was not in compliance with the Minimum Standards for Institutions for the Aged or Infirm, state licensure requirements. The facility failed to protect residents' right to be free from sexual abuse by Resident #1 when the facility did not implement immediate protective supervision. The facility's failure to provide supervision resulted in resident-to-resident abuse for Resident #2 and Resident #3. On 12/17/25 at 11:26 AM, Resident #1 (male) inappropriately touched the breast of Resident #2 (female) in the day room. After staff were notified, Resident #1 was taken to his room and left unsupervised. At approximately 11:32 AM, Resident #1 was assisted back to the day room by a staff member who was unaware of the incident. On 12/17/25 at 11:49 AM, Resident #1 inappropriately touched the breast of Resident #3 (female). During the investigation of the FRI, the SA identified an Immediate Jeopardy (IJ) and Substandard Quality of Care (SQC) which began on 12/12/25 existed at Rule 45.17.2 Residents' Rights – M500 This situation resulted in Resident #2 and Resident #3 experiencing non-consensual sexual contact and placed other vulnerable female residents at risk for serious injury, serious harm, serious impairment, or death. The SA notified the facility's Administrator of the IJ and SQC on 12/23/25 at 9:30 AM. Based on the facility's implementation of corrective actions on 12/19/25, the SA determined the IJ and SQC to be Past Non-Compliance (PNC) and the IJ was removed on 12/20/25, prior to the SA's entrance on 12/22/25.			M0000			

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M0000 M0500	45.17.2 Residents' Rights Residents' Rights. The residents' rights policies and procedures ensure that each resident admitted to the facility: 1. is fully informed, as evidenced by the resident's written acknowledgment, prior to or at the time of admission and during stay, of these rights and is given a statement of the facility's rules and regulations and an explanation of the resident's responsibility to obey all reasonable regulations of the facility and to respect the personal rights and private property of other residents; 2. is fully informed, and is given a written statement prior to or at time of admission and during stay, of services available in the facility, and of related charges including any charges for services covered by the facility's basic per diem rate; 3. is assured of adequate and appropriate medical care, is fully informed by a physician or nurse practitioner/physician assistant of his medical conditions unless medically contraindicated (as documented by a physician or nurse practitioner/physician assistant in his medical record), is afforded the opportunity to participate in the planning of his medical treatment, to not be limited in his/her choice of a pharmacy or pharmacist provider in accordance with state law, as referenced in House Bill 1439, which states that the facility shall not limit a resident ' s choice of pharmacy or pharmacy provider if that provider meets the same standards of dispensing guidelines required of long term care facilities, to refuse to participate in experimental research, and to refuse medication and treatment after fully informed of and understanding the consequences of such action; 4. is transferred or discharged only for medical reasons, or for his welfare or that of other residents, or for nonpayment for his stay (except as prohibited by sources of third-party payment), and is given a two weeks advance notice in writing to ensure orderly transfer or discharge. A copy of this notice is maintained in his medical record; 5. is encouraged and assisted, throughout his period of		M0000 M0500	"Past Noncompliance - no plan of correction required"			

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M0500	Continued from page 2 stay, to exercise his rights as a resident and as a citizen, and to this end may voice grievances, has a right of action for damages or other relief for deprivations or infringements of his right to adequate and proper treatment and care established by an applicable statute, rule, regulation or contract, and to recommend changes in policies and services to facility staff and/or to outside representatives of his choice, free from restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination, or reprisal; 6. may manage his personal financial affairs, or is given at least a quarterly accounting of financial transactions made on his behalf should the facility accept his written delegation of this responsibility to the facility for any period of time in conformance with State law; 7. is free from mental and physical abuse; 8. is free from restraint except by order of a physician or nurse practitioner/physician assistant, or unless it is determined that the resident is a threat to himself or to others. Physical and chemical restraints shall be used for medical conditions that warrant the use of a restraint. Restraint is not to be used for discipline or staff convenience. The facility must have policies and procedures addressing the use and monitoring of restraint. A physician order for restraint must be countersigned within 24 hours of the emergency application of the restraint; 9. is assured security in storing personal possessions and confidential treatment of his personal and medical records, and may approve or refuse their release to any individual outside the facility, except, in the case of his transfer to another health care institution, or as required by law of third-party payment contract; 10. is treated with consideration, respect, and full recognition of his dignity and individuality, including privacy in treatment and in care for his personal needs; 11. is not required to perform services for the facility that are not included for therapeutic purposes in his plan of care; 12. may associate and communicate privately with		M0500				

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M0500	Continued from page 3 persons of his choice, may join with other residents or individuals within or outside of the facility to work for improvements in resident care, and send and receive his personal mail unopened, unless medically contraindicated (as documented by his physician or nurse practitioner/physician assistant in his medical record); 13. may meet with, and participate in activities of, social, religious and community groups at his discretion, unless medically contraindicated (as documented by his physician or nurse practitioner/physician assistant in his medical record); 14. may retain and use his personal clothing and possessions as space permits, unless to do so would infringe upon rights of other residents, unless medically contraindicated (as documented by his physician or nurse practitioner/physician assistant in his medical record); 15. if married, is assured privacy for visits by his/her spouse; if both are inpatients in the facility, they are permitted to share a room, unless medically contraindicated (as documented by the attending physician or nurse practitioner/physician assistant in the medical record); and 16. is assured of exercising his civil and religious liberties including the right to independent personal decisions and knowledge of available choice. The facility shall encourage and assist in the fullest exercise of these rights. This LICENSURE REQUIREMENT is NOT MET as evidenced by: Based on interviews, record review, facility policy review, and facility investigation review, the facility failed to protect the residents' right to be free from sexual abuse by another resident for two (2) of four (4) sampled residents. Resident #2 and Resident #3 On 12/17/25 at 11:26 AM, Resident #1 (male) inappropriately touched the breast of Resident #2 (female) in the day room. After staff were notified, Resident #1 was taken to his room and left unsupervised. At approximately 11:32 AM, Resident #1 was assisted back to the day room by a staff member who was unaware of the incident. On 12/17/25 at 11:49 AM,			M0500			

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M0500	Continued from page 4 Resident #1 inappropriately touched the breast of Resident #3 (female). The facility was aware prior to these incidents that Resident #1 had a history of sexually inappropriate behaviors, including sexual comments toward staff on 12/12/25, yet failed to implement immediate supervision or restrictions to protect other residents. The facility's failure to implement protective supervision resulted in Resident #2 and Resident #3 experiencing non-consensual sexual contact and placed other vulnerable female residents at risk for serious injury, serious harm, serious impairment, or death. This situation was determined to be an Immediate Jeopardy (IJ) and Substandard Quality of Care (SQC), which began on 12/12/25, when Resident #1 made sexual comments toward facility staff. The State Agency (SA) notified the Administrator of the IJ and SQC on 12/23/25 at 9:30 AM. Based on the facility's implementation of corrective actions on 12/19/25, the SA determined the IJ and SQC to be Past Non-Compliance (PNC) and the IJ was removed on 12/20/25, prior to the SA's entrance on 12/22/25. Findings include: A review of the facility's policy, "Freedom from Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation, dated September 2022, revealed, "...F600 Free from Abuse and Neglect All residents of this facility will be free from abuse...The facility will take steps to ensure that the resident is protected from abuse...When a facility has identified abuse, the facility will take all appropriate steps to remediate the noncompliance and protect residents from additional abuse immediately..." A review of the facility's policy, "Identifying Sexual Abuse and Capacity to Consent", dated September 2022, revealed, "...Policy Interpretation and Implementation 1. 'Sexual abuse' is non-consensual sexual contact of any type with a resident...a. unwanted intimate touching of any kind especially of breasts or perineal area...Investigating an Allegation or Suspicion of Sexual Abuse 1. For any alleged violation or suspicion or sexual abuse, protective measures and an investigation...will begin immediately. These include: a. immediately implementing safeguards to prevent further potential abuse..." A record review of the "Facility Reported incident Initial Report" dated 12/17/25, revealed an "Allegation Type" of Sexual Abuse. The initial report indicated		M0500				

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M0500	Continued from page 5 that on 12/17/25 at 11:26 AM, Resident #1 inappropriately touched Resident #2 on her breast while in the Day Room. The event was witnessed by the facility's Janitor. The janitor separated the residents and notified Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) #1, who took Resident #1 to his room and immediately went to the Director of Nursing (DON) office to notify her of the incident. While LPN #1 was walking to the DON's office, Resident #1 was attempting to come out of his room. Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) #1, who had no knowledge of the incident and was not his assigned CNA, assisted him out of his room and back to the dayroom. At 11:49 AM, Resident #1 inappropriately touched Resident #3 on her breast. CNA #2 witnessed the incident and immediately separated the residents. The resident was immediately placed on one on one (1:1) observation. Resident #1 A record review of the "Admission Record" revealed the facility admitted Resident #1 on 4/26/2023 with current diagnoses including Cerebral Infarction. A record review of the Quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS) with an Assessment Reference Date (ARD) of 12/1/25 revealed Resident #1 had a Brief Interview for Mental Status score of 6, which indicated his cognition was severely impaired. A record review of the "Progress Notes", dated 12/17/25, revealed, "Nurse notified DON and Assistant Director of Nursing (ADON) of incident. While nurse was on the way to tell DON and ADON of incident, student CNA seen resident attempting to exit room, but notice wheelchair was stuck. Student CNA assisted resident out of the room due to no knowledge of the incident. While back in the day room resident inappropriately touch another female resident's breast. CNA immediately separated and took resident with her to notify nurse. ADON educated CNA and nurse that resident is to be on one on one observation. One on One observation was initiated immediately..." A record review of the "Care Plan Report" for Resident #1 revealed a "Focus" of Quality of Life that included "I see a mental health specialist." There was no individualized comprehensive care plan developed with interventions regarding his specific behaviors. A record review of the "Behavior Reporting Form" revealed that on 12/12/25 at approximately 12:00 PM in the facility's hallway, Resident #1 asked employee to see her breasts and documented that "Resident stopped			M0500			

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M0500	Continued from page 6 employee in the hallway and asked to see her breasts. Employee educated Resident on inappropriateness of request and instructed to not ask that. Resident showed understanding by nodding." A record review of the "Psych Progress Note", dated 12/15/25 revealed Resident #1 had "Presenting Symptoms" including "Inappropriate Behavior." The "Mental Status Exam" included "...Comprehension: Difficulty with recall, unable to remember current events...Executive Function: Moderate impairment...impaired decision making...Judgement: Poor Ability to Plan, Poor Social Cognitions, Poor Memory...Thought Process: Confused/Slowed, slowed processing/intermittent confusion." The "Case Conceptualization" documentation included "...He has some increased inappropriate behaviors (sexually impulsive). Discuss this with resident and he states, 'I only do that with people I'm comfortable with.' Discuss inappropriateness of behavior and resident v/u (verbalized understanding)." Resident #2 A record review of the "Admission Record" revealed the facility admitted Resident #2 on 1/31/24 with diagnoses including Classical Phenylketonuria. A record review of the Comprehensive MDS with an ARD of 12/3/25 revealed Resident #2 required a "Staff Assessment for Mental Status" and that her cognitive skills for daily decision making was severely impaired. A record review of the "Progress Notes", dated 12/17/2, revealed, "DON notified nurse that male resident was observed making physical contact with resident's breast...Staff intervened and separated residents..." Resident #3 A record review of the "Admission Record" revealed the facility admitted Resident #3 on 9/15/23 and she had diagnoses including Cerebral Infarction. A record review of the Quarterly MDS with an ARD of 10/3/25 revealed Resident #3 required a "Staff Assessment for Mental Status" that revealed her cognitive skills for daily decision making was severely impaired. A record review of the "Progress Notes", dated 12/17/25, revealed, "Resident was sitting in her wheelchair in the day room when a male resident rolled his wheelchair beside her. The male resident inappropriately touched her right breast. A CNA	M0500					

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M0500	Continued from page 7 witnessed the incident and immediately separated the male resident from her..." On 12/22/25 at 12:01 PM, during an interview with Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) #1, she explained that on Wednesday, 12/17/25, a janitor observed Resident #1 inappropriately touching Resident #2's breast while in the day room and reported the observation to staff at the nurses' station. LPN #1 reported that she removed Resident #1 from the day room and escorted him to his room, provided him with ice cream as a distraction, and remained with him until he appeared calm. She stated that she then left the resident alone in his room and went to notify the Director of Nursing (DON), as Resident #1 was not assigned to her. LPN #1 reported that during this time, another staff member, Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) #1, returned Resident #1 to the day room, where he was subsequently observed inappropriately touching a second resident, Resident #3. She explained that had Resident #1 not been left alone, the second incident would not have occurred. She stated she immediately returned to the nurses' station but was unsure how long it took before staff initiated one-to-one supervision. LPN #1 explained that residents have the right to be free from inappropriate touching and confirmed that Resident #1 was placed on one-to-one observation following the second incident and was later evaluated by a psychiatric nurse practitioner. On 12/22/25 at 12:25 PM, during an interview with the janitor, he explained that at approximately lunchtime on 12/17/25, he was walking through the day room to clean a room when he observed Resident #1 with his hand inside the shirt of Resident #2, touching her breast. He reported that he immediately intervened by separating the residents and transporting Resident #1 to the nurses' station. He stated that he promptly informed LPN #1 of what he had observed in an effort to protect Resident #2. He further explained that at the time of the incident, no staff were present directly in the day room supervising the residents. On 12/22/25 at 12:37 PM, during an interview with Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) #1, she explained that on 12/17/25, following the initial incident involving Resident #1, she was passing through the hallway near the resident's room and was unaware that any incident had occurred. She stated that at that time, Resident #1 was alone and was not on one-to-one (1:1) observation. She reported that she escorted Resident #1 to the day room because he was in the hallway and she was attempting to clear the hallway to maintain resident safety while lifts and resident care activities were in progress. She stated that had she been informed of the		M0500				

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M0500	Continued from page 8 earlier incident, she would not have taken Resident #1 into the day room. She further stated that she believed the facility failed to communicate Resident #1's behaviors to her, and that appropriate communication may have prevented the second incident from occurring. On 12/22/25 at 12:41 PM, during an interview with CNA #2, she explained that on 12/17/25 she walked up the hall and observed Resident #1 seated in the day room with his hands on Resident #3's right breast, actively grabbing it. She stated that the residents were unsupervised at the time. She reported that she verbally redirected Resident #1 and then escorted him to his room until arrangements could be made for one-to-one (1:1) supervision. CNA #2 stated that at the time of the second incident, she was unaware that an earlier incident involving Resident #2 had occurred earlier. She explained that staff had not communicated the prior incident to her and stated that had communication occurred or had Resident #1 been placed on 1:1 supervision following the initial incident, the second incident could have been prevented. On 12/22/25 at 1:32 PM, during an interview with the Administrator, she explained that she had completed a behavior report for Resident #1 on 12/12/25, five (5) days prior to the incident, and submitted it to psychiatric services. She stated that on that date, Resident #1 stopped her in the hallway and asked her to show him her breasts and then asked if he could see the breasts of another CNA who was nearby. She confirmed that psychiatric services evaluated Resident #1 on 12/15/25 related to these inappropriate verbal behaviors. She reported that the incidents on 12/17/25 were the first occasions in which Resident #1 had physically touched another resident inappropriately. She further explained that Resident #1 had a known history of sexually inappropriate verbal behaviors toward staff, including making sexual comments and attempting to grab staff members' buttocks, as well as a prior incident approximately one (1) year earlier in which the resident pulled down his pants and exposed himself in the day room. She stated that there had been no prior incidents involving physical sexual contact with other residents before the events on 12/17/25. On 12/22/25 at 1:37 PM, during an interview with Registered Nurse (RN) #1, she explained that she was notified by LPN #1 around lunchtime on 12/17/25 that Resident #1 had inappropriately touched Resident #2's breast. She reported that she and the Director of Nursing (DON) immediately attempted to retrieve and review camera footage from the day room and verified that the incident had occurred. She stated that		M0500				

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M0500	Continued from page 9 approximately twenty (20) minutes later, Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) #2 came to the office and reported that Resident #1 had inappropriately touched another resident. She explained that following the second incident, Resident #1 was returned to his room and placed on one-to-one observation. RN #1 stated that if Resident #1 had been placed on one-to-one observation after the first incident, the second incident could have been prevented. She further reported that Resident #1's family was understanding of the situation, while Resident #2's son was upset but acknowledged that incidents can occur. On 12/22/25 at 2:19 PM, during an interview with the Director of Nursing (DON), she explained that on the day the incident occurred she was seated in her office with RN #1 when LPN #1 reported that Resident #1 had inappropriately touched Resident #2's breast. She reported that at that time, she and RN #1 began reviewing video camera footage of the day room. She stated that before RN #1 was able to leave the office to ensure Resident #1 was being monitored, CNA #2 entered the office and reported that Resident #1 had inappropriately touched another resident, Resident #3. The DON acknowledged that Resident #1 should have been placed on one-to-one observation immediately following the first incident and that doing so would have prevented further harm to another resident. She stated that the dignity of both affected residents was not maintained and that their resident rights were violated, describing the incidents as traumatic occurrences. She reported that as corrective action, Resident #1 had been placed on direct one-to-one observation and would remain on one-to-one observation indefinitely. She further stated that the affected residents were being rounded on hourly until thirty (30) days following the incident. On 12/22/25 at 3:20 PM, during an interview with Resident #3's son, he stated that she likely felt embarrassed and bothered by what occurred but stated that she would have forgiven Resident #1 and understood that some residents in nursing homes are not in their right state of mind due to Alzheimer's disease or other conditions. On 12/22/25 at 3:28 PM, during an interview with Resident #2's mother and Resident Representative, she stated that she was initially upset that her daughter had been left unattended in a situation where the incident could occur. She reported that she understood that some residents have cognitive impairments or disabilities that may lead to inappropriate behaviors.		M0500				

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M0500	Continued from page 10 On 12/23/25 at 10:50 AM, during an interview with the psychiatric Nurse Practitioner, she stated she evaluated Resident #1 on 12/15/25. She explained that she functions as a consultant and makes recommendations for psychiatric medications to the facility's in-house Nurse Practitioner, who is responsible for writing orders. She explained that, at the time of her evaluation, the behavior did not represent an escalation, the resident was easily redirected, denied ongoing impulsive thoughts, and the behaviors were consistent with dementia-related symptoms. The facility submitted a corrective action plan as follows: 1. Overview of the Issue a. The facility failed to protect residents from abuse and develop and implement effective care plan interventions for Resident #1 related to known sexually inappropriate behaviors (comments). On 12/12/2025, the facility identified escalating sexually inappropriate behaviors (comments) by Resident #1. However, the facility failed to develop a care plan related to supervision and behavioral interventions prior to 12/17/2025, when Resident #1 inappropriately touched Resident #2 and Resident #3. Resident #1 was viewed inappropriately touching Resident #2 in the breast area by, Housekeeper #1. He pulled Resident #1 away from Resident #2 alerting LPN (Licensed Practical Nurse) #1. LPN #1, took Resident #1 to his room to separate them and went to report the incident to DON (Director of Nursing) and ADON (Assistant Director). While the reporting to the DON and ADON was occurring, SNA (Student Nursing Assistant) #1, unaware of the incident, brought Resident #1 back to the day room, where he inappropriately touched Resident #3 in the breast area. LPN #1 failed to implement and communicate 1-1 supervision immediately thus not protecting Resident #3 from abuse. b. The SA handed the facility the IJ template on 12/23/2025 at 9:30 AM. 2. Corrective Action a. On 12/17/2025, a QA (Quality Assurance) meeting was held. Abuse Policy and Care plan policies were reviewed. All disciplines attended. No changes were needed. b. On 12/17/2025, 1-1 observation was started by the DON and ADON when the incident was reported to them.			M0500			

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M0500	Continued from page 11 This will be assigned to the scheduled Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA). c. On 12/17/2025, 12/18/2025, and 12/19/2025 In-services were conducted on Abuse and Identifying Sexual Abuse and Capacity to Consent by Staff Development Nurse and the Administrator. All staff received training regarding that if staff witnesses abuse, the one who perpetrates or initiates abusive behavior cannot remain in contact with other residents. Take them with you to a supervisor or another employee must remain with them until a decision is made as to what needs to be done. No staff were allowed to work until in-serviced. d. LPN #1 was disciplined and educated on 1-1 supervision when there is an abuse allegation on 12/17/2025. e. CNA #1, was educated on proper undergarment placement for Resident #2 on 12/18/2025. f. Care Plans were updated on 12/17/2025 for all Residents involved and reviewed all residents with behaviors and their care plans. g. On 12/17/2025, body audits were conducted on Resident #2 and Resident #3. h. On 12/17/2025, hourly checks were initiated on Resident #2 and Resident #3. i. On 12/17/2025, Referrals were sent out to multiple Geri-psych units and other facilities for Resident #1. 3. Monitoring a. On 12/17/2025, 1-1 observation of Resident #1 will be assigned to the scheduled Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA). Post Event Hourly Monitoring Form will be used. b. Review Care Plans on Residents with behaviors weekly for 4 weeks, monthly for 3 months, and then quarterly. Social Services Director and Care Plan Nurse will be responsible for reviewing and addressing in QA. The Facility alleges all actions were completed to remove the IJ on 12/19/2025. The Immediate Jeopardy was removed on 12/20/2025, prior to the State Agency's entrance on 12/22/2025.			M0500			

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M0500	Continued from page 12 Validation: The SA validated on 12/23/25, through interview and record review, that all corrective actions had been implemented as of 12/19/25, and the facility was in compliance on 12/20/25, prior to the SA's entrance on 12/22/25.			M0500			