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58.28(3)	481—58.28(135C) Safety. The licensee of a nursing facility shall be responsible for the provision and maintenance of a safe environment for residents and personnel. (III)	I	\$7,500 (Held in Suspension)	Upon Receipt
	58.28(3) Resident safety.			
	e. Each resident shall receive adequate supervision to protect against hazards from self, others, or elements in the environment. (I, II, III)			
	DESCRIPTION:			
	Based on observations, clinical record review, staff interviews, facility investigative file review, review of the State Operations Manual, and facility policy review, the facility failed to provide adequate nursing			

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	supervision and assistance devices to prevent hazards			
	for 1 of 3 residents reviewed. Resident #1 admitted			
	from another facility due to increased exit-seeking			
	behaviors and the need for a facility that offered a			
	memory care unit to provide safety and increased			
	supervision in an attempt to prevent elopement (when			
	a resident leaves the facility without staff knowledge or			
	permission). The facility failed to complete an			
	elopement risk assessment for Resident #1 upon			
	admission. Resident #1's current record showed many			
	examples of her continued exit-seeking behavior,			
	anxiety, confusion, and severe cognitive impairment			
	after admit. On 5/25/2021 at approximately 6:45 PM,			
	the facility attempted to unsuccessfully locate Resident			
	#1 in the memory care unit and imitated a search			
	throughout the rest of the facility, the grounds, and			
	outside of the perimeter. At 7:30 PM, a member of the			
	community member called the facility and reported			
	Resident #1 was located at a football field. The door			
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alarm system required staff to enter a code to open the door and the system had a 15 second delay pre- programmed into it that occurred before the door locked and re-armed. The facility concluded Resident #1 had likely exited the memory care unit following a staff member during the 15 second delay after they entered the code and exited, but before the door automatically locked. The facility surmised Resident #1 then left through the front door either by walking with or by following behind a visitor.		
Findings include:		
The State Operations Manual (SOM) with a revision date of 11/22/17 provided the following definitions:		
a) Wandering-is random or repetitive locomotion		

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b) Elopement- when a resident leaves the premises or a safe area without authorization		
According to the Admission Minimum Data Set (MDS) dated 4/19/21, Resident #1 had the following diagnoses: alcohol dependence with alcohol induced dementia, atrial fibrillation, and diabetes mellitus. The MDS documented the resident scored 4 on the Brief Interview of Mental Status (BIMS) test which meant the resident demonstrated severe cognitive impairment. The MDS also documented she required extensive assist of 1 staff for toilet use and supervision while walking outside her room, but could ambulate (walk) independently in her room. The MDS revealed Resident #1 wandered on 4-6 days during the 7 day review period and did not have a wander or elopement alarm in place.		

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Resident #1's care plan with a revision date of 4/21/2021 documented behaviors such as wandering, exit-seeking, pacing, yelling, cursing, and name calling related to dementia. The care plan also documented the facility implemented the following interventions: a. On 4/22/2021: staff documented the resident displayed exit-seeking behaviors at a prior facility and admitted to the facility for security on the memory care unit. b. On 5/26/2021: Staff implemented 1:1 supervision due to 5/25/21 elopement and plan made to provide		
unit. b. On 5/26/2021: Staff implemented 1:1 supervision		

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Review of Resident #1's Electronic Health Record (EHR) revealed the following progress notes:		
 a. On 4/12/2021 at 10:56 AM: Resident #1 admitted to secured memory care unit due to increased wandering and exit-seeking behaviors at her previous facility. b. On 4/12/2021 at 3:45 PM: Resident paced the unit, walked up and down the hallway, and looked for her husband. Staff provided 1:1 staffing and redirection which proved effective. c. On 4/13/2021 at 6:26 AM: Resident #1 tried to leave via every door and slept only 20-30 minutes at a time. Staff provided redirection without success and noted the resident became agitated when told she needed to stay. 		
d. On 4/15/2021 at 3:26 PM: Resident walked fast and continued to exit-seek but responded to redirection by calling staff names and swearing at them.		

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	e. On 4/17/2021 at 6:55 PM: Resident walked before		
	supper and since 5:45 PM demonstrated anxiety and		
	exit-seeking and asked to use the phone to call police		
	or her mother. The resident reported she waited for her		
	husband or family.		
	f. On 4/18/2021 at 5:12 PM: Resident #1 very anxious,		
	constantly walked in the dining room, set off the set off		
	alarm at the far end of hall 4 times when she tried to		
	open the door, attempted to exit through the dining		
	room door, and also tried to open the dining room		
	window as a door several times. The resident		
	repeatedly told staff she needed to go to her parent's		
	house and staff attempted redirection without success.		
	g. On 4/25/2021 at 2:28 PM: The resident's exit-		
	seeking behavior and walking quickly up and down the		
	halls and dining room continued non-stop throughout		
	the shift, although staff repeatedly redirected her.		
	h. On 4/26/2021 at 9:30 PM: Resident appeared visibly		
	anxious while she searched for her husband, paced		
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constantly, and attempted to leave the memory care		
unit. Staff provided 1:1 support most of the evening		
and attempted to engage her in activities such as word		
search, coloring, snacks and fluids, movies, and		
reading materials.		
i. On 4/27/2021 at 3:02 PM: Resident walked up and		
down hallway seeking an exit and was redirected.		
Resident #1 folded washcloths and played with cards		
for a bit, then again began pacing the halls trying to		
find a way out.		
j. On 4/29/2021 at 2:50 PM: Resident continued to		
pace up and down the halls, repeatedly asked how to		
leave, and continued to set off alarms. Staff redirected		
the resident several times but the resident did not sit		
still very long.		
k. On 5/2/2021 at 6:54 PM: The resident paced most		
of shift but increased even more since supper time.		
Resident #1 searched for her husband, tried to go		
outside to the car, set off the South door alarm 2 times,		

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 I. On 5/3/2021 at 2:25 PM: The resident exhibited restlessness and paced the hall in an attempt to find a way out of the building. m. On 5/5/2021 at 2:41 PM: the resident continued exit-seeking and activating alarms. Staff redirected her several times. n. On 5/8/2021 at 2:32 PM: Resident repeatedly looked for an exit and set off the door alarms. When staff redirected her it only lasted for few seconds and then she said, well I'm going home, and I'll see you later. She would then repeat the process several times. o. On 5/9/2021 at 1:52 PM: Resident asked how to get out of here, set off alarms, and went from one door to another guickly. The staff redirected her several times,

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although the resident did not stay focused on activities		
for very long.		
p. On 5/12/2021 at 2:12 PM: Resident paced the		
hallway, and activated alarms while staff continued to		
redirect her. Staff opened door to the patio for fresh		
air, resident went out and came back in and refused to		
go back out on the patio, although she continually		
walked out the other doors and set off the alarms.		
q. On 5/15/2021 at 6:15 PM: Starting at 3:00 PM, the		
resident walked the hallways attempting to leave and		
activating the alarms looking for her husband.		
r. On 5/19/2021 at 10:09 PM: The resident paced the		
hall and dining area asking for her husband and after		
supper she began exit seeking.		
s. On 5/20/2021 at 3:45 PM: The resident paced and		
attempted to exit the doors this morning. She told the		
staff she had to leave.		
t. On 5/22/2021 at 10:34 PM: The resident paced		
throughout the memory care unit in the afternoon. Staff		

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noted exit seeking behavior but she did not push on the doors and although she appeared visibly anxious,		
staff easily redirected her for short moments before		
she again became restless and told staff she had to		
go.		
u. On 5/23/2021 at 2:25 PM: The resident paced the		
hallways and exhibited exit-seeking behavior and staff		
redirected her. The resident went outside in the fenced		
in area for about 10 minutes with her husband and		
then paced up and down the hall with her husband		
again trying to find a way out. She also changed her		
clothes several times today.		
v. On 5/24/2021 at 10:13 PM: The resident paced the		
halls and dining room within the memory care unit this		
evening and stated she had to go, although she did		
seem to enjoy sitting outdoors on the patio with other		
residents and staff.		
w. On 5/25/2021 at 2:33 PM: The resident paced up		
and down hallway, set off alarms and staff continued to		

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redirect her while she repeatedly told them she had to go while she approached each door, went back to the other and kept going back and forth. The resident did not sit very long to eat her meals. Staff redirected her several times to sit down to eat, but she kept standing up again. x. 5/25/2021 8:40 PM: The nurse documented the CNA reported at 7:00 PM that they could not locate Resident #1 in the memory unit. The nurse spoke to staff, started a search in the unit, called the Administrator at 7:14 PM and then continued looking for the resident. At 7:30 PM, a member of the public called and asked if the facility was missing a resident. The nurse answered in the affirmative and obtained the location (the football field) so facility staff could retrieve her. Staff returned to the facility with Resident #1 at 7:45 PM.			
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A wandering assessment dated 4/12/2021 documented the resident had a diagnosis of dementia, a history of wandering, exhibited confusion or disorientation, did not show resistance to facility placement, and remained independently ambulatory. The assessment also revealed the facility did not place a wanderguard on the resident's wrist or ankle at that time.		
Resident #1's clinical record failed to contain an elopement assessment dated 4/12/2021 upon her admission.		
An elopement evaluation completed on 5/26/21 identified the resident had a risk of elopement due to a history of wandering (aimlessly at times and at other times with a purpose) which could affect her safety.		

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The facility's investigative file dated 5/26/2021		
documented at 6:45 PM, a CNA attempted to locate		
Resident #1 to help her with provide bedtime cares,		
but could not find her. The CNA informed the charge		
nurse and another CNA on duty. They searched again		
and noted the back door and enclosed patio attached		
to the dining room of the unit was secured. At		
approximately 7:00 PM, they still could not find the		
resident on the unit so the charge nurse notified the		
RN, who broadened the search to the entirety of the		
property. At 7:14 PM, they notified the Administrator		
who instructed her to call 911 and contact the		
resident's family. At about 7:30 PM, a community		
member phoned the facility to inform them they found		
the resident at the football field. At that point, an off		
duty LPN picked up the resident in her vehicle and		
returned to the facility at approximately 7:45 PM. An		
assessment revealed no injuries and vital signs within		

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normal limits. The resident wore a pink and gray sweater, blue jeans, and socks and shoes.		
At 7:50 PM, the Administrator, the Regional Nurse Manager, and the Director of Nursing investigated and tested the memory care unit doors. They found them secured from the outside of the facility and the rest of the facility by magnetic locks released by codes put into the key pad. If someone entered an incorrect code it caused the door to alarm; two doors had such mechanisms, one to the outside of the building at the south end of the hall and one to the rest of the facility at the hall's north end. They tested the alarms/locks/doors and found all functioning properly, including the 15 second delay on the memory care unit		
door. The facility concluded no staff reported seeing the resident outside of the memory care unit prior to		
her departure from the facility. They noted Staff C, Dietary Aide reported they entered and exited through		

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the memory care unit door and was the last person to exit the unit prior to staff reporting the resident missing. The facility identified given the 15 second delay and location of the resident when Staff C left the unit, a person in the location of the resident with the same mobility as the resident could have exited the unit prior to the door's lock engaging. The resident then followed		
one of the front visitors who would not necessarily have recognized the resident to be a resident of a nursing facility, out of the building. She then most likely		
walked to the football field/track, where she struck up a conversation with a couple that called to notify the		
facility of her location, from which she returned safely. During a staff interview on 6/3/21 at 11:07 AM, Staff A,		
CNA reported Resident #1 demonstrated some confusion, and required staff assistance to choose her clothes. Staff A stated on 5/25/2021 the resident kept		
going to the doors and wandering, frequently looking		

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out the window, and insisting the car outside belonged to her and she needed to get to it. Staff A commented it was her second day working on the memory care unit and other staff had told her Resident #1 wandered frequently. Staff A reported she and Staff H, CNA, the other aide on the unit, had finished assisting with dinner and then began assisting residents to get ready for bed. As Staff A helped another resident to their room, she saw Resident #1 in her night gown with a sweater on her arms at about 6 or 6:15 PM. Staff A asked Resident #1 if they could take it to the laundry and the resident declined. Staff A stated Resident #1 continued to walk up the hall toward the exit and set off the door alarms. Staff H and Staff B LPN went to assist Resident #1 and also turned off the alarms. Staff A said she went to assist other residents and had not seen Resident #1 after that, but at about 6:35 PM-6:45 PM Staff B, Staff H, and Staff A initiated a		
comprehensive search throughout the building. Staff H		

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notified another CNA on Main and they searched the grounds. When asked, Staff A reported the doors always alarmed when opened, although she did not think they had any outside visitors on the unit that day. Staff A reported once the alarm is shut off, the door then locked (before the elopement). She also said when someone exited the unit, the doors locked but it took a couple of seconds. Staff A stated they have 3 staff on the memory care unit: a nurse, a CNA and an activity care giver.		
On 6/3/2021 at 11:24 AM an attempt was made to call Staff H and a message left with no call returned before the conclusion of the investigation. The facility's investigative file contained a statement from Staff H as follows: Staff H CNA indicated she and Staff A began to take residents to the bathroom after supper around 6:00		

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PM. Staff H heard the alarm at the end of the hallway activate and she left the bathroom to shut it off and observed Resident #1 walking back down the hallway at approximately 6:15 PM. She and Staff A continued to assist the residents to the bathroom. Staff H remembered walking out of the bathroom again at approximately 6:30-6:40 PM to take a resident back to their recliner and Staff B approached and asked if she had seen Resident #1 recently. She responded in the negative and started to help look. When they could not find her in the unit, Staff H walked to Main to inform another CNA they could not find Resident #1 at approximately 6:45 PM. They continued to search everywhere in all halls as well as looking out the windows. When it became apparent she was not in the building, Staff B called the DON around 7:10 PM. Staff H reported when she had last seen the resident, she		

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	On 6/3/2021 at 11:52 AM the Director of Nursing (DON) stated on 5/25/2021 staff from the facility called to tell her they could not locate Resident #1, so she went to the facility. When she arrived, she saw staff escorting Resident #1 back home and she immediately began interviewing and educating staff. The DON reported Resident #1 lived on the memory care unit, could ambulate (walk) independently, had a history of wandering, and continued to do so in the present. She described the resident's pacing as her norm and said she is always ready to go and exit-seeking; staff constantly redirects her. The DON stated Resident #1 has been at the facility for about 6 weeks and continued to adjust. The DON said the alarmed memory care unit doors automatically locked when someone entered or exited after a 15 second delay, although after the elopement they changed it to a 5 second delay. She explained the facility had previously			
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set the door to 15 seconds to allow someo the alarm behind the desk and leave. The she, the Administrator, and the Regional N Consultant conducted the investigation and she may have followed someone out of the care doors as the kitchen staff left that eve since the facility had visitors in and out of a Resident #1 may have been left with them visitors may have not known she was a res DON stated that is what she thinks is the o thing that could have happened and added occasion she noted 1 or 2 residents walk v of the memory care unit in the same way, a was right there so they would walk back in The DON reported the football field is about from the facility and verified the facility did cameras.	DON said lurse d concluded e memory ening and a building, because the sident. The only logical d upon with her out although she together. ut 4 blocks
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During a staff interview on 6/3/21 at 12:16 PM Staff B		
LPN described the resident as very active and		
independent and could go to the toilet independently,		
but she needed assistance with directions related to		
the location of the bathroom, reminders about when to		
eat and help with changing her clothes. Staff B		
reported the resident exhibited confusion, did not know		
where she was or what she was doing, and went to the		
back and front doors and set the alarms off, even		
when staff consistently redirected her. Staff B stated		
Resident #1 became angry if staff told her she lived at		
the facility and had made comments the evening she		
eloped about wanting to leave the unit. On 5/25/21,		
Resident #1 finished eating supper, went to the		
backdoor, and then set off the alarm, so the CNA reset		
it. Staff B stated she saw Resident #1 walking up the		
hall but had 2-3 other residents in the dining room that		
were at risk for falls and trying to stand up, so she had		
to redirect them. Staff B said she thought the resident		

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went to the bathroom but then couldn't find her. She stated kitchen staff had come in and out around the time she last saw the resident (about 6:30 PM-6:40 PM) and then noticed Resident #1's absence about 6:45 PM. She immediately searched the unit, checked with the CNA's, and then continued her search throughout the facility. She commented there were no outside visitors on the memory care unit that afternoon, but after someone exited there was a 10 second delay on the door before it locked at that time. Staff B was asked if the memory care unit doors had always been alarmed when opened, she stated as far as she knew they had been, and reported the facility shortened the door delay after the elopement. Staff B stated the facility staffed 2 CNAs and 1 nurse on the unit and they check residents at least every 15 minutes. She added now Resident #1 always had a staff with her and wore a wanderguard.			
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During a staff interview on 6/3/2021 at 12:48 PM, Staff C, Dietary Aide stated after collecting dinner dishes on		
the memory care unit, he had his back against the		
door on the way out and could see everyone from that		
vantage point, including Resident #1, in the hall. After		
he walked out he stated he pushed the door shut so		
Resident #1 could leave through the door. He stated		
Staff D CNA in the main dining room as he walked out		
of the unit saw him push the door shut. When asked		
what time he picked up the dinner dishes on the		
memory care unit, he stated he had no idea because		
he did not look at the clock. Staff C was asked if he		
saw Resident #1, he stated he saw her down the hall		
when he left and he felt there was no way she could		
have walked down the hall in 15 seconds to get out of		
the unit. Staff C was asked if the doors had locked		
after he left the memory care unit, he stated it takes 15		
seconds for them to lock after they are opened but he		
heard the door latch after he walked out.		

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During a staff interview on 6/3/2021 at 1:30 PM, Staff D CNA said on 5/25/2021, she was working on the main hall and when she came up to collect one of the residents around 7:00 PM, Staff H came out of the memory care unit and asked if she saw Resident #1, because they could not find her. Staff D stated she walked into the memory care unit to help the staff look for her and when they determined Resident #1 was not on the memory care unit, she exited and started to look on the main hall. When she could not locate her on the main hall, she went to east court to see if they saw her, and no one had. Shen then looked down the locked stairwells, down terrace hall, the assistant living hall, and out the door on assisted living to look outside. Staff D stated she went walked around the building		
Staff D stated she went walked around the building outside and Resident #1 was not there. Staff D stated she walked toward the cemetery calling Resident #1's name. She noticed another staff member was driving		

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around the area, so she got in with him and drove around to look for Resident #1. She stated when they saw pedestrians they would describe Resident #1 to them and asked if they saw her; no one had. They drove around town, came back to the facility, then drive down back of the building. Another staff member came out and started to search around the premise and in backyards, sheds, garages that were opened. Someone had called the facility and reported she was at the football field. Staff drove down and Resident #1 was sitting with the person that called along with another staff member that was off duty that day was down there with her. Staff D stated they had planned to walk with her back to the facility, but it was hot and she was hot. When asked how she could tell if Resident #1 was hot, she stated she was red in the face, short of breath had to walk with her when she usually walks berself. She said staff drove the resident		
usually walks herself. She said staff drove the resident back and walked her to the memory care unit. Staff D		

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told staff to get her water because she was hot and sweaty. After that Staff D went back out to the main hall. Staff D was asked when Resident #1 was back in the facility, she stated by 7:45 PM. Staff D was asked if she saw anyone come in or out of unit she stated about 6:15 PM Staff C had walked out of the unit. Staff D stated she was in the dining room from 6:15 PM- 6:30 PM. She stated about 6:30 PM she lift the main dining room which is located off of the memory care unit doors, to use the restroom. When asked if the memory care unit doors had a delay, she stated after leaving the unit it would delay but it was less than a minute.		
When asked in a staff interview on 6/3/2021 at 3:12 PM, the DON did not know for sure if they completed elopement assessments on everyone. She stated they should be doing them on admission but would need to ask the MDS coordinator. She came back and stated		

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they transitioned from paper to an EHR on 5/1/2021 and Resident #1 would have had a paper assessment completed. When asked where it was because Resident #1's clinical record and EHR lacked an elopement assessment, she provided the resident's clinical record and a Wandering Assessment and stated they completed this on admission. When asked if they had an elopement assessment, she stated it had the same questions so they used that assessment.	esident #1 would have had a paper assessment leted. When asked where it was because ent #1's clinical record and EHR lacked an ment assessment, she provided the resident's al record and a Wandering Assessment and I they completed this on admission. When asked had an elopement assessment, she stated it he same questions so they used that
At 3:39 PM the MDS Coordinator and DON returned and the DON stated the facility updated the elopement/wandering policy on d 5/26/2021. The MDS Coordinator stated she previously completed wandering assessments on everyone that come to the facility. As of 5/26/2021, every resident had an elopement assessment completed, but previously they only did an elopement assessment if the wander	he DON stated the facility updated the ment/wandering policy on d 5/26/2021. The MDS linator stated she previously completed ering assessments on everyone that come to the v. As of 5/26/2021, every resident had an ment assessment completed, but previously they

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assessment directed staff to do so (based on the responses to the questions.) When asked for the location of the elopements, she responded in the EHR since the transition of the new company, recently. They stated they transitioned from paper charting to electronic charting and will continue the assessments as they are due. The DON then commented that the wandering and elopement assessments were the same thing. When it was brought to her attention the paper wandering assessment did not include the following questions: has a history of or attempted elopement at home, history of or attempts to leave the facility without informing staff, resident verbally expressed the desire to go home pack belongings to go home or stayed near an exit door, she said its open to interpretation.		
In a subsequent interview on 6/3/2021 at 3:54 PM, the DON reported the previous policy directed staff to		

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complete a wandering assessment for everyone upon	
admission and on 5/26/2021 they updated the policy to	0
include the elopement assessments. The Regional	
Nurse Consultant verified the facility had not	
completed an elopement assessment upon Resident	
#1's admission. The Regional Nurse Consultant	
explained after the resident eloped, they reviewed the	
policy and determined they needed to implement	
elopement assessments and proceeded to complete	
one for all of the residents at that time on 5/26/2021.	
She reported after this initial assessment and going	
forward, staff will complete additional assessments for	r
new admissions, readmissions, and when they do the	
MDS assessments.	
At 4:39 p.m., the Regional Nurse Consultant also	
verified the facility implemented a 1-1 staff person to	
stay with Resident #1 after she returned to the facility	
and would continue to provide 1-1 supervision for her	

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safety until 6/4/2021 or 6/5/2021 when a wanderguard alarm is installed at the main entrance. After that time, the team will evaluate her need for continued 1-1 supervision.		
On 6/4/2021 at 9:10 AM, the Regional Nurse Consultant and Administrator reported the facility added bookcase wall coverings to the fire exit and double doors in the memory care unit and noted a decrease in the resident's attempts to leave the unit. With regard to wanderguards, if a resident scored high on the wandering assessment they would put a wanderguard on the resident or place them in the memory care unit. They would only apply a wanderguard if a resident on the unit engaged in exit- seeking behavior, otherwise, they would not.		
In a telephone interview on 6/8/2021 at 1:30 PM the State Climatologist reported a clear sky with no		

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precipitation on 5/25/2021 at 6:30 PM, a temperature of 83 degrees Fahrenheit (F) with 30% humidity, and a NW wind at 10 miles per hour (MPH). At 7:30 PM, 76 F with 36% humidity and a 10 MPH wind from the N/NW.
During the findings and exit meeting on 6/8/2021 at 10:30 AM, the facility reported the wanderguard installation at the main entrance continued and reinforced that Resident #1 remained under 1-1 supervision until they completed the alarm installation and still planned to review the resident's need for 1:1 supervision as a team after that.
The updated Wandering and Elopement Policy dated 5/26/2021 defined wandering as the act of moving (walking or locomotion in a wheelchair) from place to place with or without a specified course or known direction. Wandering may or may not be aimless. The same policy defined elopement as when a cognitively

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impaired resident leaves the community/secured area without necessary authorization (i.e. an order for discharge or leave of absence) and/or necessary supervision to do so. The policy directed a licensed member of the clinical staff would complete a wandering/elopement risk evaluation tool for each resident to identify the level of risk which may lead to an elopement. The policy also directed when the staff would complete the assessment: upon admission or readmission, quarterly, upon a change in status/condition as it relates to unsafe wandering, after an elopement or elopement attempt or as required by state regulations.		
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