

Merkel Nursing Center

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§ 1 Facility Identity

Facility	Merkel Nursing Center
CCN	676053
Location	1704 N 1ST, Merkel, TX, 79536
Ownership type	For profit - Limited Liability company
Certified beds	65

§ 2 CMS Federal Record

Civil money penalties on file	\$397,149
Deficiency citations — current cycle	29 (12% vs prior 24 months (26))
Deficiency citations — prior 24 months	26
Immediate Jeopardy — current cycle	5
Actual-harm (G+) citations — current cycle	0
Special Focus Facility status	SFF candidate
Abuse icon	Yes — CMS abuse icon currently listed

§ 3 Federal Penalties in Context

This facility — penalties on file	\$397,149
TX state average	\$49,788 (this facility is 8.0× the TX average)
National average	\$31,239 (this facility is 12.7× the national average)

Averages are CMS-published per-facility fine amounts for the same snapshot. Figures and multiples are stated as published; no inference is drawn here.

§ 4 Current-Cycle Deficiencies

The current survey cycle records the following 29 federal deficiency citations (CMS F-tags). Scope/severity is CMS's own A–L grade; "Immediate Jeopardy" is CMS's most serious classification.

F-TAG	FINDING (CMS)	SCOPE/SEV.	SOURCE
F600	Protect each resident from all types of abuse such as physical, mental, sexual abuse, physical punishment, and neglect by anybody.	K · Immediate Jeopardy	Complaint
F689	Ensure that a nursing home area is free from accident hazards and provides adequate supervision to prevent accidents.	K · Immediate Jeopardy	Complaint
F725	Provide enough nursing staff every day to meet the needs of every resident; and have a licensed nurse in charge on each shift.	K · Immediate Jeopardy	Complaint
F726	Ensure that nurses and nurse aides have the appropriate competencies to care for every resident in a way that maximizes each resident's well being.	K · Immediate Jeopardy	Complaint
F689	Ensure that a nursing home area is free from accident hazards and provides adequate supervision to prevent accidents.	K · Immediate Jeopardy	Complaint
F727	Have a registered nurse on duty 8 hours a day; and select a registered nurse to be the director of nurses on a full time basis.	F	Complaint
F728	Ensure that nurse aides who have worked more than 4 months, are trained and competent; and nurse aides who have worked less than 4 months are enrolled in appropriate training.	F	Complaint
F881	Implement a program that monitors antibiotic use.	F	Complaint
F882	Designate a qualified infection preventionist to be responsible for the infection prevent and control program in the nursing home.	F	Complaint
F801	Employ sufficient staff with the appropriate competencies and skills sets to carry out the functions of the food and nutrition service, including a qualified dietician.	F	Complaint
F835	Administer the facility in a manner that enables it to use its resources effectively and efficiently.	F	Complaint

F838	Conduct and document a facility-wide assessment to determine what resources are necessary to care for residents competently during both day-to-day operations (including nights and weekends) and emergencies.	F	Complaint
F867	Set up an ongoing quality assessment and assurance group to review quality deficiencies and develop corrective plans of action.	F	Standard survey
F607	Develop and implement policies and procedures to prevent abuse, neglect, and theft.	E	Complaint
F609	Timely report suspected abuse, neglect, or theft and report the results of the investigation to proper authorities.	E	Complaint
F610	Respond appropriately to all alleged violations.	E	Complaint
F695	Provide safe and appropriate respiratory care for a resident when needed.	E	Standard survey
F849	Arrange for the provision of hospice services or assist the resident in transferring to a facility that will arrange for the provision of hospice services.	E	Standard survey
F909	Regularly inspect all bed frames, mattresses, and bed rails (if any) for safety; and all bed rails and mattresses must attach safely to the bed frame.	E	Standard survey
F940	Develop, implement, and/or maintain an effective training program for all new and existing staff members.	E	Standard survey
F941	Develop, implement, and/or maintain an effective training program that includes effective communications for direct care staff members.	E	Standard survey
F942	Ensure that staff members are educated on resident rights and facility responsibilities to properly care for its residents.	E	Standard survey
F943	Give their staff education on dementia care, and what abuse, neglect, and exploitation are; and how to report abuse, neglect, and exploitation.	E	Standard survey
F944	Conduct mandatory training, for all staff, on the facility's Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement Program.	E	Standard survey

F945	Include as part of its infection prevention and control program, mandatory training that includes written standards, policies, and procedures for the program.	E	Standard survey
F949	Provide behavior health training consistent with the requirements and as determined by a facility assessment.	E	Standard survey
F842	Safeguard resident-identifiable information and/or maintain medical records on each resident that are in accordance with accepted professional standards.	D	Standard survey
F880	Provide and implement an infection prevention and control program.	D	Standard survey
F844	Follow rules about disclosure of ownership requirements and tell the state agency about changes in ownership and/or administrative personnel.	C	Complaint

§ 5 Ownership

Ownership record	Owner on file: ALEXANDER, RAINEY (individual)
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§ 6 CMS Care Compare Star Ratings

Overall	1 / 5 (state avg 2.7 · US avg 3)
Health inspection	1 / 5 (state avg 2.8 · US avg 2.8)
Staffing	2 / 5 (state avg 1.8 · US avg 2.9)
Quality measures (QM)	1 / 5 (state avg 3.8 · US avg 3.7)

§ 7 Record Provenance

CMS data as of	Jun 2026
Independent verification	https://www.medicare.gov/care-compare/details/nursing-home/676053
Snapshot SHA-256	24ed3e3e47930cc752f4176916f28f9c589a326be3079a9ffe33c74d8e1edfeb
Methodology & version	v1.0 — https://www.caregiverhelpnow.com/methodology

§ 8 For Your Attorney

1. The full survey file (Form 2567) for each inspection cited above is available from the state survey agency or by FOIA request.
2. Quarterly staffing data: CMS Payroll-Based Journal (PBJ) public use files, CCN 676053.
3. Cite this snapshot as “CMS Care Compare, as of Jun 2026” — integrity hash 24ed3e3e4793.
4. Deficiency F-tags cited above are searchable in CMS QCOR (qcor.cms.gov).

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