

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  315157	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION  A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  03/08/2025
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F 0812  Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm  Residents Affected - Many  Note: The nursing home is disputing this citation.	<p>Procure food from sources approved or considered satisfactory and store, prepare, distribute and serve food in accordance with professional standards.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> 51682</p> <p>Based on observation, record review, interview, and United States (U.S.) Food and Drug Administration (FDA) dish sanitation recommendations, the facility failed to ensure 1 of 1 dish machine and 1 of 1 three-compartment sink were utilized in accordance with FDA guidance to minimize the potential for foodborne illness. Specifically, the facility failed to ensure the low-temperature dish machine achieved recommended temperatures, failed to ensure sanitizer testing supplies were not expired, and failed to maintain the chemical concentration of sanitizer in the three-compartment sink. The failed practices had the potential to affect 194 residents who received meals from the dietary department out of a total census of 199 residents.</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>Chapter 4 of the U.S. FDA 2022 Food Code indicated, ,d+[DATE].110 Mechanical Warewashing Equipment, Wash Solution Temperature (B) The temperature of the wash solution in spray-type warewashers that use chemicals to sanitize may not be less than 49 C [Celsius] (120 F. [Fahrenheit]). The Food Code also specified, ,d+[DATE].114 Manual and Mechanical Warewashing Equipment, Chemical Sanitation - Temperature, pH [potential of Hydrogen], Concentration, and Hardness. (A) A chlorine solution shall have a minimum temperature based on the concentration and the pH of the solution as listed in the following chart: For a concentration range of 25 to 49 milligrams per liter (mg/L), the chart indicated the minimum temperature was to be 49 degrees C or 120 degrees F.</p> <p>A continuous observation conducted on [DATE] from 2:30 PM to 2:42 PM revealed the following:</p> <p>Dietary Aide (DA) #21 was standing at the three-in-one compartment sink washing pots, pans, and serving utensils. Dietary #21 had the sanitizing portion of the sink filled with large baking pans submerged in a fuchsia-colored liquid. He indicated he did not know about the chemicals for the sink and had not checked them. Dietary Supervisor (DS) #23 walked over to the sink and stated she was responsible for checking the sanitizer. DS #23 used a chemical test strip to test the solution in the sanitizer. The test strip indicated 400 to 500 parts per million (PPM). DS #23 stated the concentration should be 200 PPM.</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 0812</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p> <p>Note: The nursing home is disputing this citation.</p>	<p>DS #23 then accompanied the surveyor to observe the dish machine. The manufacturer of the machine was unable to be determined at this time. DA #20 was using the dish machine to run a rack of miscellaneous dishes off the metal table. The temperature gauge on the dish machine registered 110 degrees F. during the final rinse cycle. DA #20 indicated he had not checked the temperature, had not been taught to do so, and that the DS was responsible for checking the temperatures.</p> <p>DS #23 used a chlorine testing strip to check the chemical concentration following a rack of dishes being run through the dish machine. The first test strip indicated the concentration of the solution in the dish machine was zero. DS #23 obtained another chemical test strip and placed it in the dish machine, and the test strip continued to indicate zero. Following third test strip reading zero, the surveyor requested the container of chlorine test strips, which revealed the expiration on the package was [DATE]. DS #23 indicated she did not know how the strips could be expired considering how many of the strips they used and asked DS #22 to obtain a new package. DS #22 retrieved a new unopened container of test strips and handed it to DS #23. DS #23 obtained a test strip from the new container, ran a rack of miscellaneous dishes through the dish machine, then dipped the test strip into the liquid solution inside the machine. The new test strip continued to indicate zero. DS #23 was asked what she would do next, and she stated she did not know, because this had never happened before. DS #23 and the surveyor checked the chemical dispenser for the machine and noted there was very little product remaining in the container.</p> <p>During an interview on [DATE] at 3:45 PM, the Regional Director of Clinical Compliance (RDCC) stated she was unable to obtain any policies or competencies for the staff for the dietary department because the Dietary Manager (DM) was not in the facility at that time.</p> <p>During a telephone interview on [DATE] at 4:05 PM, the DM stated he was not certain of how to identify the manufacturer of the dish machine if the information was not listed on the machine. He indicated the machine should reach a minimum temperature of 135 degrees F. for the final rinse cycle. The DM stated at times, the water in the dietary department did not get hot enough and that this had been repaired before. He stated the dish machine chlorine test strips should read between 50 and 100 PPM. The DM stated the three-in-one compartment sink sanitizer should be changed every two hours and that if the chemical concentration was greater than 200, the sink should be emptied and the solution redone and rechecked. He stated he needed to contact the Director of Nursing (DON) or Administrator to tell them the facility needed to start using disposable dishes until the dish machine was fixed.</p> <p>The facility Diet Type Report, dated [DATE], indicated there were 194 residents who received meals from the kitchen.</p> <p>During an interview on [DATE] at 12:50 PM, the RDCC stated the Administrator would be unavailable for any interviews. At 4:23 PM, the RDCC stated she had looked all over the dish machine and had been unable to determine the manufacturer of the machine.</p>		

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<p>F 0880</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p> <p>Note: The nursing home is disputing this citation.</p>	<p>Provide and implement an infection prevention and control program.</p> <p><b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 51682</b></p> <p>Based on observation, record review, interview, facility policy review, review of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance, and review of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Quality, Safety and (&amp;) Oversight Group (QSOG) memoranda, the facility failed to ensure CDC guidance and the facility's infection prevention and control (IPC) policies were promptly and consistently implemented, as evidenced by:</p> <p>1) failure to ensure staff donned the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) while caring for 3 (Residents #1, #2, and #3) of 3 residents reviewed for enhanced barrier precautions (EBP).</p> <p>2) failure to ensure staff donned the appropriate PPE when entering the room to deliver and set up a meal tray for 1 (Resident #4) of 3 residents reviewed for transmission-based precautions and failed to perform appropriate hand hygiene between delivering meals to Residents #4, #5, and #6.</p> <p>3) failure to ensure a vaccination was promptly administered after consent was obtained for 1 (Resident #9) of 5 residents reviewed for vaccinations.</p> <p>4) failure to ensure a resident who was symptomatic for respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) was promptly tested upon receipt of a physician order for testing for 1 (Resident #11) of 8 residents reviewed for RSV.</p> <p>5) failure to correctly and consistently conduct and document contact tracing on residents and staff when 7 (Residents #12, #10, #14, #15, #16, #17, and #18) of 8 residents reviewed for COVID-19 tested positive for COVID-19.</p> <p>The failure to implement appropriate infection control measures had the potential to affect all 199 residents residing in the facility.</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>1. QSOG Memorandum QSO-24-08-NH, Enhanced Barrier Precautions in Nursing Homes, dated 03/20/2024, indicated, Enhanced Barrier Precautions (EBP) refer to an infection control intervention designed to reduce transmission of multidrug-resistant organisms that employs targeted gown and glove use during high contact resident care activities. The memo also specified, EBP are indicated for residents with any of the following:</p> <p>- Infection or colonization with a CDC-targeted MDRO [multidrug-resistant organism] when Contact Precautions do not otherwise apply; or</p> <p>- Wounds and/or indwelling medical devices even if the resident is not known to be infected or colonized with a MDRO.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0880</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p> <p>Note: The nursing home is disputing this citation.</p>	<p>1.a. An Admission Record indicated the facility admitted Resident #1 on 06/2018 and readmitted the resident on 07/2021. According to the Admission Record, the resident had a medical history that included diagnoses of obstructive and reflux uropathy, mechanical complication of nephrostomy catheter, and need for assistance with personal care.</p> <p>Resident #1's quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS), with an Assessment Reference Date (ARD) of 12/24/2024, revealed Resident #1 had a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) score of 10, which indicated the resident had moderate cognitive impairment. The MDS indicated the resident had an indwelling catheter and was dependent on staff for bathing, toileting hygiene, and bed-to-chair transfers.</p> <p>Resident #1's Care Plan Report included a focus area revised 09/19/2024 that indicated Resident #1 was at risk for infection requiring enhanced barrier precautions related to a nephrostomy. Interventions directed staff to use a gown and gloves during high-contact activities, such as dressing, hygiene, transferring, bathing/showering, changing linens, device care, wound care, and therapy and to perform hand hygiene prior to and after providing care to the resident.</p> <p>Resident #1's Kardex revealed the resident required enhanced barrier precautions and directed staff to wear a gown and gloves during high contact activities, such as dressing, hygiene, toileting, transferring, bathing/showering, changing linens, device care, wound care, and therapy and to perform hand hygiene prior to and after providing care.</p> <p>Resident #1's Order Summary Report included an order dated 10/20/2024 for enhanced barrier precautions related to a nephrostomy.</p> <p>During an observation on 03/08/2025 at 9:26 AM, unidentified staff members entered Resident #1's room without donning PPE. At 9:30 AM, a follow-up observation revealed Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) #7 in Resident #1's room assisting the resident to transfer from the bed to a wheelchair. During an interview conducted when CNA #7 exited Resident #1's room on 03/06/2025 at 9:33 AM, CNA #7 stated she had just completed morning care for Resident #1, which included incontinence care, bathing, dressing, and transferring. CNA #7 stated she should wear a gown and gloves when providing care to a resident on EBP, but since there was no basket (clarified to mean PPE cart) outside the resident's room, the EBP signage that was posted should have been taken down. She acknowledged that Resident #1 had a nephrostomy tube in place but stated she had not been instructed that the resident required EBP. She again stated Resident #1 did not have a basket, so she did not wear a gown while providing care to the resident.</p> <p>During a telephone interview on 03/08/2025 at 1:00 PM, the Director of Nursing (DON) stated staff who were providing direct care to residents on EBP were required to wear a gown and gloves. The DON indicated CNA #7 should have donned a gown and gloves before providing morning care to Resident #1.</p> <p>During an interview on 03/08/2025 at 12:50 PM, the Regional Director of Clinical Compliance (RDCC) stated the Administrator would be unavailable for any interviews.</p> <p>1.b. An Admission Record indicated the facility admitted Resident #2 on 04/2022 and readmitted the resident on 08/2023. According to the Admission Record, the resident had a medical history that included diagnoses of end stage renal disease and dependence on renal dialysis.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0880</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p> <p>Note: The nursing home is disputing this citation.</p>	<p>During an interview on 03/06/2025 at 10:28 AM, CNA #9 stated Resident #2 required dialysis and was on EBP. She stated staff were to wear a gown and gloves while caring for Resident #2.</p> <p>During a telephone interview on 03/08/2025 at 1:00 PM, the Director of Nursing (DON) stated staff who were providing direct care to residents on EBP were required to wear a gown and gloves. The DON indicated CNA #10 and CNA #13 should have donned a gown and gloves before providing care to Resident #2.</p> <p>During an interview on 03/08/2025 at 12:50 PM, the Regional Director of Clinical Compliance (RDCC) stated the Administrator would be unavailable for any interviews.</p> <p>1.c. A facility policy titled, Categories of Transmission-Based Precautions, revised 01/2025, included a section under each type of precautions that was titled, Resident Transport which indicated, If the resident is transported to another unit within Facility or to another facility, the Infection Control Coordinator (or designee) will notify the unit or facility of the type of precautions the resident is on and the resident's suspected or confirmed type of infection. Facility is also responsible for notifying transport staff of residents that require special care due to infectious conditions.</p> <p>An Admission Record indicated the facility admitted Resident #3 on 06/2012 and readmitted the resident on 06/2021. According to the Admission Record, the resident had a medical history that included diagnoses of end stage renal disease and dependence on renal dialysis.</p> <p>Resident #3's annual Minimum Data Set (MDS), with an Assessment Reference Date (ARD) of 02/05/2025, revealed Resident #3 had a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) score of 15, which indicated the resident had intact cognition. The MDS indicated the resident required supervision or touch assistance for bed-to-chair transfers and received dialysis while a resident.</p> <p>Resident #3's Care Plan Report included a focus area revised on 02/28/2025 that indicated Resident #3 was at risk for infection requiring enhanced barrier precautions related to colonization with a targeted multi-drug resistant organism (MDRO), an indwelling catheter, and a chronic wound. Interventions directed staff to wear a gown and gloves during high-contact activities, such as dressing, hygiene, transferring, bathing/showering, changing linens, device care, wound care, and therapy and to perform hand hygiene prior to and after providing care to the resident.</p> <p>Resident #3's Order Summary Report contained an order dated 02/28/2025 for enhanced barrier precautions related to MDRO colonization, an indwelling catheter, and a chronic wound.</p> <p>An observation on 03/06/2025 at 10:45 AM revealed Medical Transport Staff (MTS) #11 and MTS #12 entering Resident #3's room with a stretcher to transport the resident to the dialysis center. The two staff transferred Resident #3 from the bed to the stretcher wearing a surgical mask, gloves, and no gown. Resident #3's door had signage posted indicating the resident required EBP and that a gown and gloves were required for transfers.</p> <p>During an interview on 03/06/2025 at 10:50 AM, Medical Transport #11 and Medical Transport #12 stated they were familiar with Resident #3 and transported the resident to dialysis every week. They stated they were not required to follow the posted EBP signage. Both staff observed and acknowledged the EBP signage outside Resident #3's room and stated they were only required to don PPE above what would be required for standard precautions if a resident was COVID-19 positive.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		



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<p>F 0880</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p> <p>Note: The nursing home is disputing this citation.</p>	<p>Resident #4's admission Minimum Data Set (MDS), with an Assessment Reference Date (ARD) of 03/08/2025, revealed the resident's assessment was in progress. Section C of the assessment in progress indicated Resident #4 had a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) score of 14, which indicated the resident had intact cognition. Section I of the assessment in progress indicated Resident #4 had an active diagnosis of recurrent enterocolitis due to Clostridium difficile (C. diff).</p> <p>Resident #4's Care Plan Report included a focus area revised 03/05/2025 that indicated Resident #4 had a gastrointestinal (GI) infection related to C. diff. Intervention directed staff to maintain isolation precautions as indicated.</p> <p>Resident #4's Order Summary Report contained an order dated 03/05/2025 for transmission-based precautions (TBP)/contact precautions for C. difficile and for staff to wash hands prior to exiting the patient area.</p> <p>A continuous observation on 03/06/2025 from 11:27 AM to 11:33 AM revealed Hospitality Aide (HA) #16 delivering meal trays on a unit of the 500 Hall. HA #16 retrieved a meal tray from the service cart and entered Resident #4's room. Signage was posted outside the resident's room that indicated, Special Contact Precautions and that a gown and gloves were required to enter the room. Special instructions on the signage indicated hand hygiene must be performed using soap and water. Do not use hand sanitizer. HA #16 adjusted Resident #4's bedside table and set the meal tray in front of Resident #4 before exiting the room without washing her hands. HA #16 returned to the meal service cart without performing hand hygiene and retrieved Resident #5's meal tray, entered Resident #5's room, and placed the meal tray on the overbed table before exiting the room. Still without washing her hands, HA #16 returned to the service cart to retrieve Resident #6's meal tray, then entered Resident #6's room to deliver the resident's meal tray.</p> <p>Review of Resident #5's care plan and physician's orders revealed the resident was at risk for infection and required EBP related to a tracheostomy and PleurX catheter (a small tube inserted into the chest to drain fluid from around the lungs). Review of Resident #6's care plan and physician's orders revealed the resident was at risk for infection and required EBP related to a chronic wound.</p> <p>During an interview on 03/06/2025 at 11:28 AM, HA #16 stated she should have performed hand hygiene using alcohol-based hand rub (ABHR) when she exited Resident #4's room. She stated she did not need to wear a gown and gloves nor perform hand hygiene with soap and water before exiting the room because she was only delivering the meal tray. HA #16 then observed and acknowledged the signage posted outside Resident #4's door, which indicated staff were to don a gown and gloves before going into Resident #4's room and perform hand hygiene using soap and water when exiting. HA #16 also stated she should have performed hand hygiene using ABHR between delivering meal trays to Resident #5 and Resident #6.</p> <p>During an interview on 03/06/2025 at 11:34 AM, Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) #14 stated Resident #4 was on special contact precautions for C. diff and that HA #16 should have donned a gown and gloves before entering the room and washed her hands with soap and water. LPN #14 also stated meal trays for residents on TBP were supposed to be delivered last.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		



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<p>F 0880</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p> <p>Note: The nursing home is disputing this citation.</p>	<p>- A Discharge-return anticipated MDS, with an ARD of 06/27/2024, indicated the resident was discharged to a short-term general hospital on 06/27/2024.</p> <p>- An MDS with an ARD of 09/23/2024 indicated the resident's reentry date was 07/08/2024. There were no further MDS assessments that indicated subsequent hospitalization s until 01/06/2025.</p> <p>- A Discharge-return anticipated MDS, with an ARD of 01/06/2025, indicated the resident's most recent reentry date was 07/08/2024 and that the resident was discharged on [DATE] to a short-term general hospital. An Entry Tracking Record MDS with an ARD of 01/25/2025 indicated the resident returned to the facility on [DATE].</p> <p>During an interview on 03/08/2025 at 12:50 PM, the Regional Director of Clinical Compliance (RDCC) stated the Administrator would be unavailable for any interviews.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>4. A facility policy titled, Respiratory Syncytial Virus, Prevention and Control revised 01/2025 indicated 1. Residents who test positive for RSV infection should ideally be placed in a single person room. Limit transport and movement of the patient outside the room to medically essential purposes. 2. Residents who test positive for RSV infection should be placed on contact precautions for the duration of illness. The decision to discontinue transmission-based precautions should be made in consultation with infection preventionist and/or physician once symptoms have resolved.</p> <p>CDC online guidance titled, Viral Respiratory Pathogens Toolkit for Nursing Homes, dated 01/08/2025 and available at <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/long-term-care-facilities/hcp/respiratory-virus-toolkit/index.html">https://www.cdc.gov/long-term-care-facilities/hcp/respiratory-virus-toolkit/index.html</a>, indicated, Test and Treat - Develop plans to provide rapid clinical evaluation and intervention to ensure residents receive timely treatment and/or prophylaxis when indicated. The policy also indicated, ACTION: RESPOND when a resident or HCP [healthcare personnel] develops signs or symptoms of a respiratory viral infection. When an acute respiratory infection is identified in a resident or HCP, it is important to take rapid action to prevent the spread to others in the facility. While decisions about treatment, prophylaxis, and the recommended duration of isolation vary depending on the pathogen, IPC [infection prevention and control] strategies, such as placement of the resident in a single-person room, use of a facemask for source control, and physical distancing, are the same regardless of the pathogen.</p> <p>An Admission Record indicated the facility admitted Resident #11 on 12/2024. According to the Admission Record, the resident had a medical history that included a diagnosis of end stage renal disease.</p> <p>Resident #11's admission Minimum Data Set (MDS), with an Assessment Reference Date (ARD) of 12/20/2024, revealed the resident had a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) score of 13, which indicated the resident was cognitively intact.</p> <p>A Nursing Progress Note, dated 01/22/2025 at 7:06 PM, indicated Resident #11 complained of a cough and a loose bowel movement. According to the note, the resident was seen by the physician and new orders were received for a respiratory viral panel, COVID, and influenza testing.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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