

- The facility failed to ensure that staff properly disinfected reusable medical equipment (glucometers) and that staff sterilized the resident's injection site (a portal of entry for pathogenic microorganisms). N.J.A.C. 8:36-18.3(a)(7)- iv.
- The facility failed to ensure that staff performed proper hand hygiene after handling bodily fluids (between blood sugar checks). N.J.A.C. 8:36-18.4(j).

As a result of these violations, all residents in the facility are at an immediate and serious risk of harm.

DIRECTED PLAN OF CORRECTION

The Commissioner of the Department of Health hereby directs the following plan of correction:

1. The facility's Director of Nursing shall provide in-service training to certified medication aides as follows:
 - a. The scope of practice for certified medication aides, including limitations on the scope of practice.
 - b. Medication administration, including, but not limited to, sterilization of injection sites and timely documentation (i.e., documentation in real time).
2. The facility's Director of Nursing shall provide in-service training to all direct care staff, including, but not limited to, certified medication aides, as follows:
 - a. Hand hygiene.
 - b. Sterilization, disinfection, and cleaning practices and techniques for reusable medical equipment.
3. The facility shall complete the training delineated above within 14 days and shall provide the Department with evidence that the training was completed, staff were tested for competency and training was documented and signed off on by the Director of Nursing. The training documentation should be sent to Andrea.McCrayreid@doh.nj.gov and Erica.Barber@doh.nj.gov.
4. The facility's Director of Nursing shall conduct daily audits for two weeks following completion of training to ensure that 1) certified medication aides are acting within the scope of their practice, administering medication properly and timely documenting the administration and 2) all direct care staff are complying with infection control practices consistent with the hand hygiene and reusable medical equipment training. Documentation of the results of the daily audits should be sent to Andrea.McCrayreid@doh.nj.gov and Erica.Barber@doh.nj.gov.

Department staff will monitor facility compliance with this Directed Plan of Correction and whether corrective measures are implemented by the facility in a timely fashion. Failure to comply with these and any other applicable requirements, as set forth in pertinent rules and regulations, may result in the imposition of penalties.

The Directed Plan of Correction shall remain in place until the facility is otherwise notified in writing by a representative of this Department.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your anticipated cooperation. If you have any questions concerning the Directed Plan of Correction, please contact Nadine Jackman, Office of Program Compliance, at Nadine.Jackman@doh.nj.gov.

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Directed Plan of Correction
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gene Rosenblum". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Gene Rosenblum, Director
Office of Program Compliance
Division of Certificate of Need and Licensing

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