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CMS Certification Number (CCN): 245358

August 11, 2015

Mr. Fred Strzyk, Administrator
Hilltop Care Center
410 Luella Street
Watkins, Minnesota 55389

Dear Mr. Strzyk:

The Minnesota Department of Health assists the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) by surveying skilled nursing facilities and nursing facilities to determine whether they meet the requirements for participation. To participate as a skilled nursing facility in the Medicare program or as a nursing facility in the Medicaid program, a provider must be in substantial compliance with each of the requirements established by the Secretary of Health and Human Services found in 42 CFR part 483, Subpart B.

Based upon your facility being in substantial compliance, we are recommending to CMS that your facility be recertified for participation in the Medicare and Medicaid program.

Effective July 10, 2015 the above facility is certified for or recommended for:

50 Skilled Nursing Facility/Nursing Facility Beds

Your facility's Medicare approved area consists of all 50 skilled nursing facility beds.

You should advise our office of any changes in staffing, services, or organization, which might affect your certification status.

If, at the time of your next survey, we find your facility to not be in substantial compliance your Medicare and Medicaid provider agreement may be subject to non-renewal or termination.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate Johnston". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kate" and last name "Johnston" clearly legible.

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Mr. Fred Struzyk, Administrator
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410 Luella Street
Watkins, Minnesota 55389

RE: Project Number S5358024

Dear Mr. Struzyk:

On June 29, 2015, we informed you that we would recommend enforcement remedies based on the deficiencies cited by this Department for a standard survey, completed on June 19, 2015. This survey found the most serious deficiencies to be isolated deficiencies that constituted no actual harm with potential for more than minimal harm that was not immediate jeopardy (Level D) whereby corrections were required.

On August 3, 2015, the Minnesota Department of Health completed a Post Certification Revisit (PCR) by review of your plan of correction to verify that your facility had achieved and maintained compliance with federal certification deficiencies issued pursuant to a standard survey, completed on June 19, 2015. We presumed, based on your plan of correction, that your facility had corrected these deficiencies as of July 10, 2015. Based on our PCR, we have determined that your facility has corrected the deficiencies issued pursuant to our standard survey, completed on June 19, 2015, effective July 10, 2015 and therefore remedies outlined in our letter to you dated June 29, 2015, will not be imposed.

Please note, it is your responsibility to share the information contained in this letter and the results of this visit with the President of your facility's Governing Body.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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MEDICARE/MEDICAID CERTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL

ID: MT14

PART I - TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STATE SURVEY AGENCY

Facility ID: 00798

1. MEDICARE/MEDICAID PROVIDER NO. (L1) 245358 2. STATE VENDOR OR MEDICAID NO. (L2) 138450300	3. NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY (L3) HILLTOP CARE CENTER (L4) 410 LUELLE STREET (L5) WATKINS, MN (L6) 55389	4. TYPE OF ACTION: <u>7</u> (L8) 1. Initial 2. Recertification 3. Termination 4. CHOW 5. Validation 6. Complaint 7. On-Site Visit 9. Other 8. Full Survey After Complaint										
5. EFFECTIVE DATE CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP (L9) 05/01/2002 6. DATE OF SURVEY 08/03/2015 (L34) 8. ACCREDITATION STATUS: <u> </u> (L10) 0 Unaccredited 1 TJC 2 AOA 3 Other	7. PROVIDER/SUPPLIER CATEGORY <u>02</u> (L7) 01 Hospital 05 HHA 09 ESRD 13 PTIP 22 CLIA 02 SNF/NF/Dual 06 PRTF 10 NF 14 CORF 03 SNF/NF/Distinct 07 X-Ray 11 ICF/IID 15 ASC 04 SNF 08 OPT/SP 12 RHC 16 HOSPICE	FISCAL YEAR ENDING DATE: (L35) 12/31										
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16. STATE SURVEY AGENCY REMARKS (IF APPLICABLE SHOW LTC CANCELLATION DATE):												
17. SURVEYOR SIGNATURE <u>Brenda Fischer, Unit Supervisor</u> Date : 08/03/2015 (L19)	18. STATE SURVEY AGENCY APPROVAL <u>Kate JohnsTon, Program Specialist</u> 08/11/2015 (L20)											

PART II - TO BE COMPLETED BY HCFA REGIONAL OFFICE OR SINGLE STATE AGENCY

19. DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. Facility is Eligible to Participate <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Facility is not Eligible (L21)	20. COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT: _____	21. 1. Statement of Financial Solvency (HCFA-2572) 2. Ownership/Control Interest Disclosure Stmt (HCFA-1513) 3. Both of the Above : _____
22. ORIGINAL DATE OF PARTICIPATION 10/01/1986 (L24)	23. LTC AGREEMENT BEGINNING DATE (L41)	24. LTC AGREEMENT ENDING DATE (L25)
25. LTC EXTENSION DATE: (L27)	27. ALTERNATIVE SANCTIONS A. Suspension of Admissions: (L44) B. Rescind Suspension Date: (L45)	
26. TERMINATION ACTION: (L30) <u>VOLUNTARY</u> <u>00</u> 01-Merger, Closure 02-Dissatisfaction W/ Reimbursement 03-Risk of Involuntary Termination 04-Other Reason for Withdrawal	<u>INVOLUNTARY</u> 05-Fail to Meet Health/Safety 06-Fail to Meet Agreement <u>OTHER</u> 07-Provider Status Change 00-Active	
28. TERMINATION DATE:	29. INTERMEDIARY/CARRIER NO. 00140 (L28) (L31)	30. REMARKS
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Post-Certification Revisit Report

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(Y1) Provider / Supplier / CLIA / Identification Number 245358	(Y2) Multiple Construction A. Building B. Wing	(Y3) Date of Revisit 8/3/2015
Name of Facility HILLTOP CARE CENTER	Street Address, City, State, Zip Code 410 LUELLA STREET WATKINS, MN 55389	

This report is completed by a qualified State surveyor for the Medicare, Medicaid and/ or Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments program, to show those deficiencies previously reported on the CMS-2567, Statement of Deficiencies and Plan of Correction that have been corrected and the date such corrective action was accomplished. Each deficiency should be fully identified using either the regulation or LSC provision number and the identification prefix code previously shown on the CMS-2567 (prefix codes shown to the left of each requirement on the survey report form).

(Y4) Item	(Y5) Date	(Y4) Item	(Y5) Date	(Y4) Item	(Y5) Date
ID Prefix <u>F0241</u> Reg. # <u>483.15(a)</u> LSC _____	Correction Completed <u>07/10/2015</u>	ID Prefix <u>F0312</u> Reg. # <u>483.25(a)(3)</u> LSC _____	Correction Completed <u>07/10/2015</u>	ID Prefix <u>F0465</u> Reg. # <u>483.70(h)</u> LSC _____	Correction Completed <u>07/10/2015</u>
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Reviewed By _____ State Agency	Reviewed By BF/KJ	Date: 08/11/2015	Signature of Surveyor: 10562	Date: 08/03/2015
Reviewed By _____ CMS RO	Reviewed By	Date:	Signature of Surveyor:	Date:

Followup to Survey Completed on: 6/19/2015	Check for any Uncorrected Deficiencies. Was a Summary of Uncorrected Deficiencies (CMS-2567) Sent to the Facility? <table style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">YES</td> <td style="text-align: center;">NO</td> </tr> </table>	YES	NO
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17. SURVEYOR SIGNATURE		Date :	18. STATE SURVEY AGENCY APPROVAL		Date:
<u>Bruce Melchert, HFE NE II</u>		07/22/2015	<u>Kate JohnsTon, Program Specialist</u>		07/29/2015
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June 29, 2015

Mr. Fred Struzyk, Administrator
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RE: Project Number S5358024

Dear Mr. Struzyk:

On June 19, 2015, a standard survey was completed at your facility by the Minnesota Departments of Health and Public Safety to determine if your facility was in compliance with Federal participation requirements for skilled nursing facilities and/or nursing facilities participating in the Medicare and/or Medicaid programs. This survey found the most serious deficiencies in your facility to be isolated deficiencies that constitute no actual harm with potential for more than minimal harm that is not immediate jeopardy (Level D), as evidenced by the attached CMS-2567 whereby corrections are required. A copy of the Statement of Deficiencies (CMS-2567) is enclosed.

Please note that this notice does not constitute formal notice of imposition of alternative remedies or termination of your provider agreement. Should the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services determine that termination or any other remedy is warranted, it will provide you with a separate formal notification of that determination.

This letter provides important information regarding your response to these deficiencies and addresses the following issues:

Opportunity to Correct - the facility is allowed an opportunity to correct identified deficiencies before remedies are imposed;

Electronic Plan of Correction - when a plan of correction will be due and the information to be contained in that document;

Remedies - the type of remedies that will be imposed with the authorization of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) if substantial compliance is not attained at the time of a revisit;

Potential Consequences - the consequences of not attaining substantial compliance 3 and 6

months after the survey date; and

Informal Dispute Resolution - your right to request an informal reconsideration to dispute the attached deficiencies.

Please note, it is your responsibility to share the information contained in this letter and the results of this visit with the President of your facility's Governing Body.

DEPARTMENT CONTACT

Questions regarding this letter and all documents submitted as a response to the resident care deficiencies (those preceded by a "F" tag), i.e., the plan of correction should be directed to:

**Brenda Fischer, Unit Supervisor
Minnesota Department of Health
3333 West Division, #212
St. Cloud, Minnesota 56301
Telephone: (320)223-7338
Fax: (320)223-7348**

OPPORTUNITY TO CORRECT - DATE OF CORRECTION - REMEDIES

As of January 14, 2000, CMS policy requires that facilities will not be given an opportunity to correct before remedies will be imposed when actual harm was cited at the last standard or intervening survey and also cited at the current survey. Your facility does not meet this criterion. Therefore, if your facility has not achieved substantial compliance by July 29, 2015, the Department of Health will impose the following remedy:

- State Monitoring. (42 CFR 488.422)

ELECTRONIC PLAN OF CORRECTION (ePoC)

An ePoC for the deficiencies must be submitted within **ten calendar days** of your receipt of this letter. Your ePoC must:

- Address how corrective action will be accomplished for those residents found to have been affected by the deficient practice;
- Address how the facility will identify other residents having the potential to be affected by the same deficient practice;
- Address what measures will be put into place or systemic changes made to ensure that the deficient practice will not recur;
- Indicate how the facility plans to monitor its performance to make sure that solutions are

sustained. The facility must develop a plan for ensuring that correction is achieved and sustained. This plan must be implemented, and the corrective action evaluated for its effectiveness. The plan of correction is integrated into the quality assurance system;

- Include dates when corrective action will be completed. The corrective action completion dates must be acceptable to the State. If the plan of correction is unacceptable for any reason, the State will notify the facility. If the plan of correction is acceptable, the State will notify the facility. Facilities should be cautioned that they are ultimately accountable for their own compliance, and that responsibility is not alleviated in cases where notification about the acceptability of their plan of correction is not made timely. The plan of correction will serve as the facility's allegation of compliance; and,
- Submit electronically to acknowledge your receipt of the electronic 2567, your review and your ePoC submission.

The state agency may, in lieu of a revisit, determine correction and compliance by accepting the facility's ePoC if the ePoC is reasonable, addresses the problem and provides evidence that the corrective action has occurred.

If an acceptable ePoC is not received within 10 calendar days from the receipt of this letter, we will recommend to the CMS Region V Office that one or more of the following remedies be imposed:

- Optional denial of payment for new Medicare and Medicaid admissions (42 CFR 488.417 (a));
- Per day civil money penalty (42 CFR 488.430 through 488.444).

Failure to submit an acceptable ePoC could also result in the termination of your facility's Medicare and/or Medicaid agreement.

PRESUMPTION OF COMPLIANCE - CREDIBLE ALLEGATION OF COMPLIANCE

The facility's ePoC will serve as your allegation of compliance upon the Department's acceptance. Your signature at the bottom of the first page of the CMS-2567 form will be used as verification of compliance. In order for your allegation of compliance to be acceptable to the Department, the ePoC must meet the criteria listed in the plan of correction section above. You will be notified by the Minnesota Department of Health, Licensing and Certification Program staff and/or the Department of Public Safety, State Fire Marshal Division staff, if your ePoC for the respective deficiencies (if any) is acceptable.

VERIFICATION OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE

Upon receipt of an acceptable ePoC, an onsite revisit of your facility may be conducted to validate that substantial compliance with the regulations has been attained in accordance with your verification. A Post Certification Revisit (PCR) will occur after the date you identified that compliance was achieved

in your plan of correction.

If substantial compliance has been achieved, certification of your facility in the Medicare and/or Medicaid program(s) will be continued and remedies will not be imposed. Compliance is certified as of the latest correction date on the approved ePoC, unless it is determined that either correction actually occurred between the latest correction date on the ePoC and the date of the first revisit, or correction occurred sooner than the latest correction date on the ePoC.

Original deficiencies not corrected

If your facility has not achieved substantial compliance, we will impose the remedies described above. If the level of noncompliance worsened to a point where a higher category of remedy may be imposed, we will recommend to the CMS Region V Office that those other remedies be imposed.

Original deficiencies not corrected and new deficiencies found during the revisit

If new deficiencies are identified at the time of the revisit, those deficiencies may be disputed through the informal dispute resolution process. However, the remedies specified in this letter will be imposed for original deficiencies not corrected. If the deficiencies identified at the revisit require the imposition of a higher category of remedy, we will recommend to the CMS Region V Office that those remedies be imposed.

Original deficiencies corrected but new deficiencies found during the revisit

If new deficiencies are found at the revisit, the remedies specified in this letter will be imposed. If the deficiencies identified at the revisit require the imposition of a higher category of remedy, we will recommend to the CMS Region V Office that those remedies be imposed. You will be provided the required notice before the imposition of a new remedy or informed if another date will be set for the imposition of these remedies.

FAILURE TO ACHIEVE SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE BY THE THIRD OR SIXTH MONTH AFTER THE LAST DAY OF THE SURVEY

If substantial compliance with the regulations is not verified by September 19, 2015 (three months after the identification of noncompliance), the CMS Region V Office must deny payment for new admissions as mandated by the Social Security Act (the Act) at Sections 1819(h)(2)(D) and 1919(h)(2)(C) and Federal regulations at 42 CFR Section 488.417(b). This mandatory denial of payments will be based on the failure to comply with deficiencies originally contained in the Statement of Deficiencies, upon the identification of new deficiencies at the time of the revisit, or if deficiencies have been issued as the result of a complaint visit or other survey conducted after the original statement of deficiencies was issued. This mandatory denial of payment is in addition to any remedies that may still be in effect as of this date.

We will also recommend to the CMS Region V Office and/or the Minnesota Department of Human Services that your provider agreement be terminated by December 19, 2015 (six months after the

identification of noncompliance) if your facility does not achieve substantial compliance. This action is mandated by the Social Security Act at Sections 1819(h)(2)(C) and 1919(h)(3)(D) and Federal regulations at 42 CFR Sections 488.412 and 488.456.

INFORMAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION

In accordance with 42 CFR 488.331, you have one opportunity to question cited deficiencies through an informal dispute resolution process. You are required to send your written request, along with the specific deficiencies being disputed, and an explanation of why you are disputing those deficiencies, to:

Nursing Home Informal Dispute Process
Minnesota Department of Health
Health Regulation Division
P.O. Box 64900
St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0900

This request must be sent within the same ten days you have for submitting an ePoC for the cited deficiencies. All requests for an IDR or IIDR of federal deficiencies must be submitted via the web at: http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/fpc/profinfo/ltc/ltc_idr.cfm

You must notify MDH at this website of your request for an IDR or IIDR within the 10 calendar day period allotted for submitting an acceptable plan of correction. A copy of the Department's informal dispute resolution policies are posted on the MDH Information Bulletin website at: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/fpc/profinfo/infobul.htm>

Please note that the failure to complete the informal dispute resolution process will not delay the dates specified for compliance or the imposition of remedies.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,



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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

PRINTED: 07/28/2015
FORM APPROVED
OMB NO. 0938-0391

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION		(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 245358	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. BUILDING _____ B. WING _____		(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 06/19/2015
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER HILLTOP CARE CENTER			STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 410 LUELLE STREET WATKINS, MN 55389		
(X4) ID PREFIX TAG	SUMMARY STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES (EACH DEFICIENCY MUST BE PRECEDED BY FULL REGULATORY OR LSC IDENTIFYING INFORMATION)	ID PREFIX TAG	PROVIDER'S PLAN OF CORRECTION (EACH CORRECTIVE ACTION SHOULD BE CROSS-REFERENCED TO THE APPROPRIATE DEFICIENCY)	(X5) COMPLETION DATE	
F 000	INITIAL COMMENTS The facility's plan of correction (POC) will serve as your allegation of compliance upon the Department's acceptance. Because you are enrolled in ePOC, your signature is not required at the bottom of the first page of the CMS-2567 form. Your electronic submission of the POC will be used as verification of compliance. Upon receipt of an acceptable electronic POC, an on-site revisit of your facility may be conducted to validate that substantial compliance with the regulations has been attained in accordance with your verification. A recertification survey was conducted and complaint investigation(s) were also completed at the time of the standard survey. An investigation of complaint H5358004 was completed. The complaint was unsubstantiated.	F 000			
F 241 SS=D	483.15(a) DIGNITY AND RESPECT OF INDIVIDUALITY The facility must promote care for residents in a manner and in an environment that maintains or enhances each resident's dignity and respect in full recognition of his or her individuality. This REQUIREMENT is not met as evidenced by: Based on interview and document review the facility failed to respond to a resident's health care related request in a dignified and prompt manner for 1 of 1 resident (R11) who had requested her ears be irrigated.	F 241	Corrective Action: The grievance policy has been updated. The policy has been reviewed with resident R11. A review of the grievance policy and procedure will be conducted at the 07/05/15 resident council and included in the minutes. The	7/10/15	

LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE

TITLE

(X6) DATE

Electronically Signed

07/07/2015

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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F 241	<p>Continued From page 1</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>R11's annual Minimum Data Set (MDS), dated 4/13/2015, indicated she had intact cognition. The MDS further indicated R11 could usually make herself understood to others, and that she had the ability to clearly understand what others were saying.</p> <p>During an interview on 6/17/2015 at 8:53 a.m., R11 stated that in March 2015, she had told registered nurse (RN)-A, "My ears are full of wax. Would you cleanse my ears?" R11 stated she had asked RN-A "a number of times" since to complete the irrigation. R11 said RN-A had responded to her unfulfilled requests with "....I didn't forget you," or "I don't have time right now." R11 stated she could not remember the exact date she requested to have her ears cleaned, but emphasized, "It's June 16th, and still not done."</p> <p>A review of the Hilltop Care Center Standing Orders, revised 4/14/14, and signed by R11's provider 7/9/14, indicated the following: "Ear Irrigation: Mineral Oil eardrops 5 drops BID (two times daily) to affected ear(s); for up to 4 days; follow with ear irrigation, may repeat."</p> <p>In an interview on 6/18/2015 at 1:18 p.m., RN-A was interviewed regarding R11's request for ear irrigation. RN-A stated, "She did ask, and I have not done it." RN-A also stated, R11's ear irrigation had been "a low priority, as far as the things I need to get done." RN-A could not recall exactly when R11 had first asked her to irrigate her ears. RN-A acknowledged, "...it's been a while and I should have gotten to it by now but haven't." RN-A verified there was a current standing order for ear irrigation for R11.</p>	F 241	<p>grievance procedure will be reviewed at the next family council. In addition, it will be posted for all residents/families/visitors to review.</p> <p>On-Going: The grievance procedure will be introduced during the admission process for all residents, then reviewed annually at the resident and family council meeting. All grievances received will be continued to be reviewed at daily standup meeting for resolution.</p> <p>All grievances/concerns opened and closed will be continued to be forwarded to QA committee.</p> <p>The administrator is responsible to verify the grievance procedure is available and for the implementation of the policy</p>		

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F 241	Continued From page 2 In an interview on 6/19/15 at 7:12 a.m., the director of nursing (DON) said she was "unable to respond" without talking to the nurse as to why R11's request had not yet been addressed. The DON said it was "unusual" for RN-A not to follow up on things and stated that ear irrigation could be completed "by any nurse" or could have been delegated. In a subsequent interview at 8:50 a.m., the DON said, "Bottom line, the nurse should have jotted it down," and that the nurse "honestly just forgot to do it." The facility policy, "Resident Grievance Procedure" undated, provided guidance to residents "...when a patient/resident issue cannot be resolved promptly by staff present." The policy did not address timely response of resident to day-to-day concerns or requests.	F 241			
F 312 SS=D	483.25(a)(3) ADL CARE PROVIDED FOR DEPENDENT RESIDENTS A resident who is unable to carry out activities of daily living receives the necessary services to maintain good nutrition, grooming, and personal and oral hygiene. This REQUIREMENT is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, interview, and document review, the facility failed to ensure nail care was completed for 1 of 1 resident (R35) reviewed for activities of daily living (ADLs) who was dependent on staff for care. Findings include:	F 312	Corrective Action: (R35) stated he was OK with his nail length on the CVA affected hand. However, all resident's nails have been assessed to ensure proper length based on diagnosis of resident. Resident's nails will continue to be cleaned on a daily basis and will be	7/10/15	

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F 312	<p>Continued From page 3</p> <p>R35's quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS) dated 2/27/15, identified R35 had no cognitive impairment, had "hemiplegia or hemiparesis [paralysis on one side of the body]", and required extensive assistance to complete personal hygiene.</p> <p>During observation on 6/17/15, at 8:35 a.m. R35 was seated in a wheelchair in the hallway. R35 had long fingernails noted on his right hand, and short fingernails on his left hand. R35 stated the nails on his right hand were "a little longer" than he liked them to be, and they should be trimmed. Further, R35 stated he just had a bath earlier that morning. During subsequent observations, on 6/17/15 at 2:35 p.m. and 6/18/15 at 7:06 a.m., R35 continued to have long fingernails on his right hand.</p> <p>When interviewed on 6/18/15, at 7:21 a.m. nursing assistant (NA)-D stated R35 was dependant on staff for his personal hygiene, and his fingernails are trimmed by the nurse because he is diabetic. NA-D added she was unaware of any desire by R35 to have long fingernails, and stated they should have been kept trimmed, "They are a little long."</p> <p>During interview on 6/18/15, at 7:53 a.m. NA-C stated she completed R35's bath the day prior (6/17/15) and did not trim his fingernails because he's diabetic, however she had forgotten to notify the nurse they were long and needed to be trimmed on his right hand, "They need cutting."</p> <p>When interviewed on 6/18/15, at 8:18 a.m. registered nurse (RN)-B stated R35's fingernails are scheduled to be trimmed every 4 weeks, and</p>	F 312	<p>scheduled to be clipped by nursing, if diagnosis requires, every three weeks instead of monthly. A review of the grievance procedure will be conducted at the 07/08/15 resident council , the next family council and posted for all residents/families/visitors to review</p> <p>Audits of fingernail length will be completed and brought to the quality assurance committee.</p> <p>The DON will be responsible to monitor for compliance</p>		

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F 312	Continued From page 4 they were last done on 5/27/15 (22 days prior) according to the Treatment Administration Record (TAR). RN-B viewed R35's long fingernails on his right hand. RN-B stated she spoke to R35, and R35 reported the staff often only trim the nails on his left hand. RN-B added R35's long fingernails should have been trimmed. During interview on 6/18/15, at 8:40 a.m. RN-A stated R35's nails should have been trimmed when they were noticed to be long. A facility Care of Fingernails/Toenails policy, dated 6/13, identified, "Nail care includes daily cleaning and regular trimming." Further, the policy identified, "Trimmed and smooth nails prevent the resident from accidentally scratching and injuring his or her skin."	F 312			
F 465 SS=C	483.70(h) SAFE/FUNCTIONAL/SANITARY/COMFORTABLE ENVIRON The facility must provide a safe, functional, sanitary, and comfortable environment for residents, staff and the public. This REQUIREMENT is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, interview, and document review, the facility failed to ensure all ventilation openings in the kitchen were clean of dust and debris. This had potential to affect all residents, staff and visitors who consumed food from the kitchen. Findings include:	F 465	Corrective Action: Road construction in front and building construction in back of the building, as confirmed by MDH Team Leader on 06/18/15 caused excessive dust. The range hood will be inspected weekly by maintenance or his designee until construction is complete. If build up occurs vent will be cleaned immediately and filters changed. Post construction,	7/10/15	

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F 465	<p>Continued From page 5</p> <p>During the initial tour of the facility kitchen with cook (CK)-C on 6/16/15, at 6:04 p.m. a Maxum stainless steel range hood was in use above where food was prepared. On the range hood, two large vents were labeled, "make-up air" and were visibly coated in a dark brown substance with numerous areas of clumped dust and black debris.</p> <p>When interviewed on 6/16/15, at 6:25 p.m. CK-C stated she was unaware when the vents were last cleaned. Further, CK-C stated the facility maintenance crew was responsible for cleaning the range hood vents, and they should not be soiled and have clumping dust stuck to them.</p> <p>During a subsequent observation of the facility kitchen on 6/17/15, at 10:23 a.m. the range hood vents remained visibly coated in a dark brown substance with numerous areas of clumped dust and black debris.</p> <p>When interviewed on 6/17/15, at 10:56 a.m. CK-D stated the vents are cleaned by "whoever has time." Further, CK-D stated the vents should be kept clean as air blows out of them, "Their a little dusty."</p> <p>During interview on 6/17/15, at 1:58 p.m. the maintenance director (MD) stated the vents were cleaned the month prior, but they should not be allowed to collect excessive build up. Further, the MD stated air blows out from the vents into the kitchen and they should be cleaned adding, "That is quite a bit of build up."</p> <p>A Preventive Maintenance: Exhaust Fans policy, dated 2015, directed staff to "check for proper operation" and included a procedure which</p>	F 465	<p>vent will be inspected weekly for four weeks for build up and clean as necessary.</p> <p>Monitoring: If no dust is built up after four weeks, vents will be continued to be cleaned on a monthly basis or sooner if needed as required by the routine Preventative Maintenance Program</p> <p>Monitoring: Maintenance will continue to check the vents monthly</p> <p>Administrator is responsible to verify the completion of the PM Program and weekly checks</p>		

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F 465	Continued From page 6 included, "Clean vents, using vacuum and air compressor to remove dust." Further, staff were directed to clean them on a monthly basis. The vents were last cleaned on "6-3-15" according to the schedule (13 days prior). A manufacturer's operation manual was requested from the facility, but none was provided.	F 465			

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K 000	<p>INITIAL COMMENTS</p> <p>FIRE SAFETY</p> <p>A Life Safety Code Survey was conducted by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, State Fire Marshal Division, on August 12, 2014. At the time of this survey, Hilltop Care Center was found in substantial compliance with the requirements for participation in Medicare/Medicaid at 42 CFR, Subpart 483.70(a), Life Safety from Fire, and the 2000 edition of National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 101, Life Safety Code (LSC), Chapter 19 Existing Health Care Occupancies.</p> <p>Hilltop Care Center was constructed in 1978, is one-story in height, has no basement, is fully fire sprinkler protected, and was determined to be of Type II (111) construction.</p> <p>The facility has a fire alarm system with smoke detection in corridors and spaces open to the corridors which is monitored for automatic fire department notification. The facility has a capacity of 50 beds and had a census of 49 at time of the survey.</p> <p>The requirement at 42 CFR Subpart 483.70(a) is MET as evidenced by:</p>	K 000			

LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE

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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.