Statement of Deficiencies	**(X1) Provider/Supplier/CLIA Identification Number**	**(X3) Date Survey Completed**
	054549	06/23/2022
Name of Provider or Supplier	**Street Address, City, State**	
Valley Corf Inc	18425 Burbank Blvd Suite 520, Tarzana, CA	

For information on the provider's plan to correct this deficiency, please contact the provider or the state survey agency.

(X4) ID Prefix Tag	**Summary Statement of Deficiencies** (Each deficiency should be preceded by full regulatory or LSC identifying information)
I0549	PROVISION OF SERVICES CFR(s): 485.58(d)(4) (d)(4) The services must be furnished by personnel that meet the qualifications of 485.70 and the number of qualified personnel must be adequate for the volume and diversity of services offered. Personnel that do not meet the qualifications specified in 485.70(a) through (m) may be used by the facility in assisting qualified staff. When a qualified individual is assisted by these personnel, the qualified individual must be on the premises, and must instruct these personnel in appropriate patient care service techniques and retain responsibility for their activities. Note: States that are not subject to the Interim Final Rule - 6 [CMS-3415-IFC], are not required to comply with requirements of 485.58 (d)(4). This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, interview, and record review, the facility failed to ensure qualified staff performed physical therapy services by failing to ensure that a therapy aide did not perform direct care physical therapy services for one of 10 sampled patients (Patient 2) when a supervising physical therapist was not present. This deficient practice resulted in Patient 2 receiving direct physical therapy services from an unlicensed staff. Findings: A review of Patient 2's Physical Therapy (PT) Evaluation, dated 6/8/22, indicated Patient 2 had gait abnormality (difficulty walking) and both lower leg weakness. The PT treatment plan included therapeutic exercise and balance training. The PT Evaluation included a short-term goal for Patient 2 to tolerate 30 to 40 minutes of exercises with minimal exertion.

	During an observation on 6/22/22, at 11:15 AM, in the gym area next to the parallel bars (apparatus with two bars that is used for therapy training), Therapy Aide 1 (TA 1) performed leg exercises with Patient 2, who was seated in a wheelchair. A review of Patient 2's Physical Therapy Daily Note, dated 6/22/22, indicated Patient 2 completed one set of 10 repetitions of leg strengthening exercises. During an interview on 6/23/22, at 2:15 PM, TA 1 stated he performed leg exercises with Patient 2 on 6/22/22 to help Patient 2 with increasing his leg strength. TA 1 stated that Physical Therapy Assistant 1 (PTA 1) was his supervisor and performed exercises with patients that PTA 1 informed him to complete. During an interview on 6/23/22, at 4:45 PM, the Administrator (ADM) stated TA 1 could not perform any exercises with a patient without direct supervision from a supervising physical therapist. The ADM stated that a physical therapy assistant could not supervise a therapy aide or instruct a therapy aide to perform direct patient care. A review of the California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Division 13.2 for the Physical Therapy Board of California, Article 6 titled Physical Therapy Aides, Section 1399 - Requirement for Use of Aides, indicated "(c)(3)(D) The physical therapist shall provide continuous and immediate supervision of the aide. The physical therapist shall be in the same facility as the aide and in immediate proximity to the location where the aide is performing patient related tasks ...When patient related tasks are provided to a patient by an aide the physical therapist shall at some point during the treatment day provide direct service to the patient as treatment ..." A review of the California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Division 13.2 for the Physical Therapy Board of California, Article 4 titled Physical Therapist Assistant, Section 1398.44 - Adequate Supervision Defined, indicated "(d)(7) A physical therapist assistant shall not: supervise a physical therapy aide performing patient-related tasks."