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)
I0552	PROVISION OF SERVICES CFR(s): 485.58(d)(7) All services must be provided consistent with accepted professional standards and practice. This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on interview and record review, the facility's Occupational Therapist (OT 1) provided one of 10 sampled patients (Patient 8) with physical agent modalities (PAMs, the application of light, water, temperature, sound, or electricity to produce a response in muscles or other soft tissue) without obtaining advanced practice certification from the California Board of Occupational Therapy (CBOT) and without appropriate supervision. This deficient practice resulted in OT 1 applying PAMs to Patient 8 without adequate competency and appropriate supervision, which could affect the provision of care. Findings: A review of Patient 8's Occupational Therapy (OT) Evaluation, dated 2/22/22, indicated Occupational Therapist 1 (OT 1) performed the OT evaluation. OT 1 indicated Patient 8's treatment plan included hot/cold packs as needed for stiffness and electrical stimulation (mild electrical pulses through the skin to help stimulate injured muscles or manipulate nerves to reduce pain) as needed for upper and lower back pain. A review of Patient 8's OT Discharge Summary, signed by OT 1 on 5/16/22, indicated Patient 8 was provided with skilled treatment intervention including hot/cold packs as needed for stiffness and electrical stimulation as needed for upper and lower back pain. A review of CBOT's Advanced Practice (https://www.bot.ca.gov/licensees/advanced.

	shtml) information indicated "Occupational therapists in the process of completing the requisite (required) education and training may provide advanced practice services, however, it must be under the supervision of an occupational therapist approved by the Board in the advanced practice area, a physical therapist (for hand therapy and/or physical agent modalities), a speech language pathologist (for swallowing assessment, evaluation and intervention), or a physician and surgeon." CBOT's Advanced Practice information also indicated "the supervisor and occupational therapist must have a written agreement outlining the plan of supervision and training in the advanced practice area. The level of supervision is determined by the supervisor whose responsibility it is to ensure that the amount, degree, and pattern of supervision is consistent with the knowledge, skill and ability of the occupational therapist, and appropriate for the complexity of client needs and number of clients for whom the occupational therapist is providing advanced practice services." A review of OT 1's California Board of Occupational Therapy (CBOT) license, dated 6/23/22, did not include any advanced practice certification in PAMs. A review of OT 1's personnel file included five continuing education certificates in PAMs. OT 1's personnel file did not include a written agreement outlining the plan of supervision and training in PAMs from the physical therapist, physician, or surgeon. During a telephone interview on 6/23/22, at 4:49 PM, OT 1 stated OT 1's application for advanced practice certification in PAMs was submitted to the CBOT but never received any approval. OT 1 stated OT 1 provided Patient 8 with a hot pack and electrical stimulation on the date of the OT evaluation on 2/22/22. OT 1 stated OT 1 could provide PAMs if a Physical Therapist was on the premises. During an interview and record review on 6/23/22, at 4:49 PM, the Administrator (ADM) stated the facility did not have any documentation that indicated a Physical Therapist supervised OT 1 performing PAMs with Patient 8. The ADM reviewed the facility's schedule for 2/2/22 and confirmed the Physical Therapist was not in the facility.