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)
I0580	SANITARY ENVIRONMENT CFR(s): 485.62(b)(1) The facility must establish written policies and procedures designed to control and prevent infection in the facility and to investigate and identify possible causes of infection. This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, interview, and record review, the facility failed to maintain a sanitary environment when the facility failed to: a. Establish and implement written policies and procedures for cleaning patient modality (type of electrical, thermal, or mechanical energy that causes physiological changes) equipment for paraffin wax bath (machine that heats and holds paraffin wax for heat treatment) and cold pack freezer, and b. Clean and log modality equipment cleaning for paraffin wax bath, hydrocollator (thermostatically controlled water heating device that stores heating pads for heat treatment), and cold pack freezer machines according to manufacturer's recommendations. These deficient practices had the potential to contribute to the transmission and spread of infection among patients and staff who use the modality equipment. Findings: a. During an observation on 6/22/22, at 10:00 AM, in the gym area, a paraffin wax bath machine with melted wax inside had a rack on the bottom with brown-colored residue. A top loading freezer containing cold packs had about a half-inch (1/2-inch)

thick layer of ice from the middle to top portion of the freezer.

During an interview and record review of all facility policies and procedures on 6/23 /22, at 4:30 PM, the Administrator (ADM) confirmed there were no facility policies and procedures for cleaning and maintaining modality equipment for the paraffin wax bath machine and the cold pack freezer. The ADM stated there should be a policy and procedure developed so that all staff would know the procedure on how to clean each type of equipment and when to complete the cleaning. The ADM stated that the cold pack freezer and the paraffin wax bath machine should be cleaned at least once a month.

b. During an observation on 6/22/22, at 10:00 AM, in the gym area, a paraffin wax bath machine with melted wax inside had a rack on the bottom with brown-colored residue. A top loading freezer containing cold packs had about a half-inch (1/2-inch) thick layer of ice from the middle to top portion of the freezer. The were two small hydrocollator machines (#1 and #2) located next to the treatment table. Both machines (#1 and #2) had rust along the top edge of the hydrocollator cover. Hydrocollator #1 had four hot packs inside. Three of the four hot packs had brown stains on the top of the hot packs.

During an observation and interview on 6/22/22, at 11:57 AM, the Administrator (ADM) stated the cold pack freezer and paraffin bath wax machine should be cleaned once a month. The ADM confirmed there was rust along the top edge of both Hydrocollator #1 and Hydrocollator #2. The ADM stated the hydrocollators should be cleaned once a month.

During an interview and record review on 6/23/22, at 1:45 PM, Therapy Aide 1 (TA 1) stated the cold pack freezer should be defrosted every two weeks, the paraffin wax bath should be cleaned every two weeks, and the hydrocollators should be cleaned every two weeks. TA 1 reviewed the Hydrocollator Temperature Logs for the months of June 2022, May 2022, April 2022, March 2022, and January 2022 and stated the only documented evidence of cleaning the hydrocollators was on 4/8/22. TA 1 reviewed the Cold Pack Freezer and Paraffin Wax Bath Temperature Logs for the months of June 2022, May 2022, April 2022, and March 2022 and stated the logs had no documented evidence of any cleaning of the paraffin wax bath or the cold pack freezer. TA 1 stated he did not document when the paraffin wax bath and the cold pack freezer were cleaned. TA 1 stated it was important to document each cleaning to keep track of when the equipment was cleaned and to ensure it was completed every two weeks.

During an interview and record review of all facility policies and procedures on 6/23 /22, at 4:30 PM, the ADM confirmed the facility did not have any policies and procedures for cleaning and maintaining modality equipment for the paraffin wax bath machine and the cold pack freezer. The ADM stated there should be a policy and procedure developed so that all staff would know the procedure on how to clean each type of equipment and when to complete the cleaning.

A review of the facility's policy and procedure, dated 10/1/18, titled, "Use of hydrocollator," indicated, the "tank needs to be drained, cleaned and inspected at minimum intervals of every two weeks."