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)
I0585	MAINTENANCE CFR(s): 485.62(c)(1) The facility must establish a written preventive maintenance program to ensure that all equipment is properly maintained and equipment needing periodic calibration is calibrated consistent with the manufacturer's recommendations. This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, interview, and record review, the facility failed to ensure: a. Daily temperatures were taken for paraffin wax (machine that heats and holds paraffin wax for heat treatment for patients), hydrocollator (thermostatically controlled water heating device that stores heating pads for heat treatment), and top loading freezer with cold packs and were within acceptable temperature ranges; and b. The hydrocollator water line was filled to a proper water line level and all hydrocollator packs were fully submerged. These deficient practices had the potential to cause accidents and injuries to all patients and staff who used the machines for therapeutic treatment. Findings: a. During an observation on 6/22/22, at 10:00 AM, in the gym area, four modality (type of electrical, thermal, or mechanical energy that causes physiological changes) machines were observed: a paraffin wax bath machine, a top loading freezer containing cold packs, and two small hydrocollator machines. During an interview on 6/22/22, at 11:57 AM, the Administrator (ADM) stated the

temperatures for the paraffin wax, cold pack freezer, and two hydrocollators were taken daily and documented on facility logs.

A review of the June 2022 Hydrocollator Temperature Log indicated one log for Hydrocollator #2 and no log for Hydrocollator #1. The June 2022 Temperature Log for Hydrocollator #2 had missing temperatures from 6/8/22 to 6/23/22.

A review of the May 2022 Temperature Log for Hydrocollator #1 and #2 had missing temperatures for the following dates: 5/23/22 to 5/27/22, and 5/31/22. The temperatures recorded from 5/2/22 to 5/6/22 and 5/9/22 to 5/13/22 ranged from 140 degrees (did not indicate Fahrenheit or Celsius) to 150 degrees.

A review of the April 2022 Hydrocollator Temperature Log did not indicate which hydrocollator (#1 or #2) the log was for. The log had missing temperatures for the following dates: 4/1/22, 4/18/22 to 4/22/22, 4/25/22 to 4/29/22. The recorded temperatures from 4/12/22 to 4/16/22 ranged from 144 degrees to 145 degrees.

A review of the June 2022 Paraffin Bath Temperature Log indicated missing temperatures for 6/2/22, 6/7/22, 6/10/22, 6/13/22, 6/16/22, 6/22/22, 6/23/22. The recorded temperatures were 130 degrees.

A review of the May 2022 Paraffin Bath Temperature Log indicated missing temperatures for 5/26/22, 5/27/22, 5/31/22. The recorded temperatures ranged from 120 degrees to 132 degrees.

A review of the April 2022 Paraffin Bath Temperature Log indicated missing temperatures for 4/28/22 and 4/29/22. The recorded temperatures ranged from 120 degrees to 140 degrees.

A review of the May 2022 Cold Pack Freezer Temperature Log indicated recorded temperatures ranging from 20 degrees to 41 degrees.

A review of the April 2022 Cold Pack Freezer Temperature Log indicated recorded temperatures ranging from 17 degrees to 41 degrees.

A review of the March 2022 Cold Pack Freezer Temperature Log indicated recorded temperatures ranging from 20 degrees to 50 degrees.

During an interview and record review on 6/23/22, at 1:45 PM, Therapy Aide 1 (TA 1) reviewed all Hydrocollator, Paraffin Bath Wax, and Cold Pack Freezer Temperature Logs and confirmed the logs were missing documented temperatures. TA 1 stated he took the temperatures daily but documented the temperatures twice a week. TA 1 stated the temperature range for the cold pack freezer should be between 15 and 25 degrees Celsius. TA 1 stated the temperature range for the paraffin wax should be between 105 degrees Fahrenheit (F) and 115 degrees F. TA 1 stated the temperature range for the hydrocollator should be between 145 degrees F to 160 degrees F. TA 1 stated that if the temperatures were not within range, then he should notify the therapists and unplug the machine. TA 1 stated if the temperatures were out of range and the therapists used the modalities, then it could burn the patients.

During an interview and record review of the Hydrocollator, Paraffin Wax Bath, and Cold Pack Freezer Temperature Logs, the Administrator (ADM) confirmed the temperatures were not logged daily and that the temperatures for both hydrocollators,

	paraffin wax bath, and cold pack freezer were out of range. The ADM stated the temperature range for the cold pack freezer should be eight (8) degrees F to 20 degrees F. ADM stated the temperature range for the paraffin wax bath should be between 110 degrees F and 125 degrees F. ADM stated the temperature range for the hydrocollators should be between 160 degrees F to 165 degrees F. The ADM confirmed there were no facility policies and procedures for checking daily temperatures for modality equipment of paraffin wax, ice pack freezer, and hydrocollators. The ADM also stated there was no written guidelines on what the safe and acceptable temperature ranges should be for each modality for paraffin wax bath, cold pack freezer, and hydrocollators. The ADM stated it was important to have a policy and for staff to know what the temperature ranges should be so that all staff knew how to check the temperatures and what the safe temperatures were for the modalities to prevent burns and injuries to patients using the modalities. b. During an observation on 6/22/22, at 10:15 AM, there were two small hydrocollator machines (#1 and #2) located next to the treatment table. The water level inside Hydrocollator #1 was about two inches below the top. Four out of the four hot packs inside Hydrocollator #1 were not fully submerged in water. The water level inside Hydrocollator #2 was about two to three inches below the top. Two out of the three hot packs inside Hydrocollator #2 were not fully submerged in water. During an observation and interview on 6/22/22, at 11:57 AM, the Administrator (ADM) and Physical Therapy Assistant 1 (PTA 1) stated the water level for the hydrocollators should cover all the hot packs. The ADM and PTA 1 confirmed the hot packs inside Hydrocollator #1 and Hydrocollator #2 were not fully submerged in water. A review of the facility's policy and procedure, dated 10/1/18, titled, "Use of hydrocollator," indicated, "maintain water level over the top of the hot pack to avoid damage to the heating element, the stainless steel or the [hot pack]."