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Cleaning and Disinfecting Glucometers Between Resident Use

CFR 483.65 F441 reads that “The facility must establish and maintain an Infection Control Program designed to provide a safe, sanitary and comfortable environment and to help prevent the development and transmission of disease and infection.” Sharing of medical devices, personal items like towels, razors and tweezers can transmit disease.

According to the March 11, 2005, Centers for Disease Control Morbidity & Mortality Weekly Report, there are documented cases of transmission of the Hepatitis B virus in individuals receiving blood glucose monitoring in long term care facilities. One recommended practice to prevent the transmission of the Hepatitis B virus includes if glucometers are shared, the glucometer must be cleaned and disinfected between each resident use.

According to the APIC Position Paper: Safe Injection, Infusion and Medication Vial Practices in Healthcare: “Thoroughly clean all visible soil or organic material (e.g., Blood) from the glucometer prior to disinfection. Disinfect the exterior surfaces of the glucometer after each use following the manufacturer’s direction. Use an EPA-registered disinfectant effective against HBV, HCV, and HIV, or a 1:10 bleach solution (one part bleach to 9 parts water.)”

Homes should also contact the manufacturer of the glucometer they use and obtain documentation showing that the glucometer is for multi-use.

The March 11, 2005, MMWR is located at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5409a2.htm>

The APIC Position Paper is located at:

http://www.apic.org/Content/NavigationMenu/GovernmentAdvocacy/PublicPolicyLibrary/Safe_injection_policy_paper_06_2009.pdf

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3rd Quarter 2009 Exemplary Letter

FACILITY	CITY	TYPE	DATE
Cheney Golden Age Home	Cheney	SNF/NF	9/16/09

3rd Quarter 2009 Deficiency-Free Surveys

FACILITY	CITY	TYPE	DATE
Georgetown Village	Wichita	ALF	7/1/09
Heritage Estates Assisted Living	Harper	ALF	7/1/09
Arbor Home - Siefkin	Wichita	HP	7/2/09
Senior Care Home II LLC	Overland Park	HP	7/7/09
The Fountains	Andover	ALF	7/9/09
The Meadows	Burlington	ALF	7/13/09
Sterling House of Arkansas City	Arkansas City	ALF	7/13/09
Guest Home Estates	Caney	RHCF	7/15/09
Atchison House	Atchison	ICF/MR	7/16/09
Vintage Park at Fredonia	Fredonia	ALF	7/20/09
Atria Hearthstone West	Topeka	ALF	7/22/09
Lakepoint Nursing Center	Augusta	SNF/NF	7/27/09
Harmony Adult Home Plus	McPherson	HP	7/28/09
Liberal Springs	Liberal	ALF	7/28/09
Clare Bridge of Wichita	Wichita	RHCF	8/6/09
Memorial Living	Johnson City	ALF	8/6/09
Ottawa Retirement Plaza	Ottawa	ALF	8/12/09
Lighthouse Guesthouse	Hiawatha	HP	8/12/09
CRC The Village	Clearwater	ALF	8/18/09
Grace Gardens	Leawood	ALF	8/19/09
Joy Home	Oxford	HP	8/20/09
Bethesda Lutheran/Faith Village #1	Shawnee Mission	ICF/MR	8/25/09
Caring Hearts for Senior Living	Wichita	HP	8/25/09
Carriage House of Greensburg	Greensburg	ALF	9/9/09
Lakeside Terrace	Sabetha	ICF/MR	9/14/09
Trinity Nursing and Rehabilitation Center	Merriam	SNF/NF	9/16/09
Rolling Hills Assisted Living Apartments	Topeka	ALF	9/22/09
The Homestead of Topeka	Topeka	ALF	9/23/09
The Homestead of Olathe North	Olathe	ALF	9/24/09
Progressive Care Home Plus	Alton	HP	9/28/09
Vintage Park at Stanley	Stanley	ALF	9/29/09
Sterling House of Abilene II	Abilene	ALF	9/30/09

ALF: Assisted Living Facility; RHCF: Residential Health Care Facility; BCH: Boarding Care Home; HP: Home Plus; NF: Nursing Facility; SNF: Skilled Nursing Facility.