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(23) A negative air pressure shall be maintained in the soiled utility area, toilet room, janitor's closet, dishwashing and other such soiled spaces, and a positive air pressure shall be maintained in all clean areas including, but not limited to, clean linen rooms and clean utility rooms.

This Rule is not met as evidenced by:

Based on observation, it was determined the facility failed to maintain a negative air pressure in all toilet rooms.

The findings included:

Observations in the bathrooms of resident rooms 200 and 202 on 8/24/09 at 9:10 AM, revealed the exhaust fans did not operate, which would not maintain a negative air pressure as required.

1) What corrective action(s) will be accomplished for those residents found to have been affected by the deficient practice?

Exhaust fans in the bathrooms of rooms 200 and 202 were repaired by the facility Maintenance Director by 9/2/09. The exhaust fans were replaced with new ones to ensure required negative air pressure.

2) How will you identify other residents having the potential to be affected by the same deficient practice and what corrective action will be taken?

All residents have potential to be affected.

3) What measures will be put into place or what systematic changes will you make to ensure that the deficient practice does not recur?

All bathrooms will be checked weekly for three months and then monthly thereafter as part of the facility Preventive Maintenance schedule.

4) How will the corrective action(s) be monitored to ensure the deficient practice will not recur; i.e., what quality assurance program will be put into place?

Results of the checks will be presented to and reviewed by the PI Committee until 100% compliant for three consecutive months.