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This plan of correction is submitted and required under Federal and State regulations and statutes applicable to long term care providers. The plan of correction does not constitute an admission of liability on the part of the facility and such liability is hereby specifically denied. The submission of this plan of correction does not constitute agreement by the facility that the surveyor's findings or conclusions are correct, that the findings constitute a deficiency, or that the scope or severity regarding any of the deficiencies cited is correctly applied.

**1. CORRECTIVE ACTION**

Water booster was removed by maintenance director, water lines were re-routed, and electrical box re-occupied all on 1/21/14. Floor boards were removed by maintenance director and area was thoroughly cleaned by kitchen staff on 1/21/14. State Inspector examined area later in day and found area to be in compliance.

**2. IDENTIFICATION OF OTHER RESIDENTS**

No other equipment was found to be defective by maintenance director on 1/21/14.

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**Summary Statement of Deficiencies**

- **F 000**
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- **F 456**
  - 483.70(c)(2) ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT, SAFE OPERATING CONDITION
  - The facility must maintain all essential mechanical, electrical, and patient care equipment in safe operating condition.

- **F 456**
  - This REQUIREMENT is not met as evidenced by:
  - Based on observation, review of facility policy, and interview, the facility failed to maintain essential kitchen equipment in safe operating condition.

  - The findings included:

    - Observation in the dietary department on January 21, 2013, at 11:30 a.m., revealed a foul odor present in the area adjacent to the hot water temperature booster and beneath the garbage disposal. Continued observation revealed three approximately ten inch sections of cut two by four boards lying on the floor beneath the garbage disposal. Continued observation revealed the boards and floor were coated in damp, black, debris. Continued observation revealed the presence of blackened debris present on the dishwasher control box.
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Review of facility policy, Preventative Maintenance Water and Plumbing System, revised March 2004 revealed "...maintenance personnel will perform preventative maintenance and corrective actions..."

Interview with the Dietary Manager on January 21, 2014, at 11:40 a.m., in the dietary department confirmed the hot water temperature booster was leaking and the floor beneath the garbage disposal was soiled after maintenance personnel recently attempted repair of the garbage disposal.

Interview with the Maintenance Director, on January 21, 2014, at 11:45 a.m., in the dietary department confirmed the boards were to have been removed, the floor beneath the garbage disposal cleaned after the repairs, and confirmed the facility had failed to maintain the water temperature booster which was leaking onto the kitchen floor.

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3. SYSTEMATIC CHANGES
   Kitchen equipment being inspected weekly by maintenance director for functionality and safety. Dishes now being sanitized by kitchen staff with chemical solution, rather than with water booster.

4. MONITORING OF CORRECTIVE ACTION
   Maintenance Director will inspect kitchen equipment weekly for four weeks and monthly for three months and present findings to QAPI committee for following 3 months. The Executive Director will monitor this process monthly to ensure continued compliance.