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Portable fire extinguishers are provided in all health care occupancies in accordance with 9.7.4.1, NFPA 10. 18.3.5.6

This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: NFPA 10, 4-4.3” Six-Year Maintenance. Every 6 years, stored-pressure fire extinguishers that require a 12-year hydrostatic test shall be emptied and subjected to the applicable maintenance procedures. The removal of agent from halon agent fire extinguishers shall only be done using a listed halon closed recovery system. When the applicable maintenance procedures are performed during periodic recharging or hydrostatic testing, the 6-year requirement shall begin from that date.

Based on observation and interview, it was determined fire extinguishers failed to have had their 6-year maintenance performed (NFPA 10, 4-4.3).

The findings include:

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Christian Care Center of Johnson City believes its current practices were in compliance with the applicable standard of care, but in order to respond to this citation from the surveyors, the facility is taking the following additional actions:

Corrective Actions for Targeted Areas:

The Maintenance Director contacted Premiere Fire on 3/5/14 and informed them of fire extinguisher compliance, and instructed them to replace fire extinguishers. Facility fire extinguishers were replaced on 3/7/14.

Identification of Other Areas with Potential to be Affected:

The Maintenance Director inspected the facility on 3/4/14 and found no other areas to be affected.

Systematic Changes:

The Maintenance Director was in-serviced immediately by the Administrator on 3/4/14 regarding 9.7.4.1, NFPA 10, 18.3.5.6 six year maintenance on stored pressure fire extinguishers. The Maintenance Director will inspect all fire extinguishers monthly for compliance with 9.7.4.1, NFPA 10, 18.3.5.6.
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Monitoring

Results of monthly fire extinguisher inspections will be presented by the Maintenance Director to the monthly Performance Improvement Committee for review and recommendations until desired threshold is met for three consecutive months; then quarterly. The Performance Improvement Committee consists of the Administrator, Director of Nursing, Assistant Director of Nursing, MDS Coordinator, Medical Records Director, Maintenance Director, Social Services Director, Dietary Manager, Housekeeping/Laundry Director, Activities Director, Business Office Manager, HR Manager, Medical Director and Consultant Pharmacist.

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