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A 000	<p>Initial Comments</p> <p>On August 20, 2025, an unannounced licensure survey was conducted for this 16 bed Specialty Care Assisted Living Facility (SCALF) with a census of 11.</p> <p>There were two (2) complaints investigated during this survey. LC#20240604016 and LC#20221227012 were investigated and unsubstantiated. There were no deficiencies cited as a result of the complaint investigations.</p> <p>A deficiency was cited during this survey for failure to operate in accordance with the Rules of the Alabama State Board of Health (SBOH), Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH), Chapter 420-5-20, Alabama Administrative Code, Specialty Care Assisted Living Facilities. The deficient practice resulted in the potential for harm to all residents and requires a plan of correction.</p>	A 000		
A 702	<p>420-5-20-.07 (2) Food Service.</p> <p>(2) Food Handling Procedures.</p> <p>(a) Dish and Utensils Washing, Disinfection, and Storage.</p> <p>1. Wash water shall be changed with sufficient frequency to avoid gross contamination, and final rinse water shall be kept clean and clear.</p> <p>2. Hand washed repeated service and multi-service utensils and dishes, after washing and rinsing, shall be sanitized by either of the following methods:</p> <p>(i) Utensils and dishes shall be</p>	A 702		

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A 702	<p>Continued From page 1</p> <p>completely immersed for a period of not less than 30 seconds in water that is at least 171 degrees Fahrenheit (pouring scalding water over utensils and dishes does not meet this requirement); or</p> <p>(ii) A cold water sanitizer: A sanitizing solution shall be used in accordance with the manufacturers' instructions. Utensils and dishes shall be completely immersed for a period of not less than 10 seconds in a clean solution containing not less than 50 ppm, and not more than 200 ppm, of available chlorine bleach or its equivalent or 30 seconds 12.5 ppm of iodine or the amount of time specified by the manufacturer in a 200 ppm quaternary ammonium solution. Water temperature must be at least 75 degrees Fahrenheit. Water temperatures and chemical concentrations shall be monitored and documented prior to dishwashing. A record of each test shall be maintained for at least three months.</p> <p>3. Dishes and utensils shall be allowed to air dry.</p> <p>4. After washing, rinsing, sanitizing, and air-drying, all repeated use service ware (utensils and dishes) shall be stored in a clean, dry place that is protected from pests, dust, splash, and other contaminants. Utensils shall be handled in such a way as to prevent contamination from hands and clothing.</p> <p>5. The results from the use of dishwashing machines shall be equivalent to those obtained from the method outlined above, as documented in material provided from the manufacturer and kept on file at the facility.</p>	A 702		

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A 702	<p>Continued From page 2</p> <p>(b) Ice. Crushed or chipped ice shall be protected from splash, drip, and hand contamination during storage and service. The ice scoop shall be stored in a holder inside the ice bin in a manner to prevent ice from coming into contact with the handle, or it may be stored in an airtight container outside the ice bin.</p> <p>(c) Protection of Food from Contamination.</p> <p>1. Food and food ingredients shall be stored, handled, and served so as to be protected from pests, dust, rodents, droplet infection, unsanitary handling, overhead leakage, sewage backflow, and any other contamination. Sugar, syrup, and condiment receptacles shall be provided with lids and shall be kept covered when not in use.</p> <p>2. Medications, biologicals, poisons, detergents, and cleaning supplies shall not be kept in the refrigerator nor in other areas used for storage of food.</p> <p>3. Food shall not be stored on the floor. All food and food ingredients stored on shelving must be placed on shelving that is at least six inches above the floor.</p> <p>4. Refrigerators shall maintain a maximum temperature of 41 degrees Fahrenheit. Freezers shall maintain at a maximum temperature of 0 degrees Fahrenheit. Thermometers shall remain in refrigerators and freezers at all times.</p> <p>5. All leftover foods shall be labeled and dated with a "use by date," so that it may be</p>	A 702		

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A 702	<p>Continued From page 3</p> <p>consumed or discarded by that date, which is no more than three days from the date is was prepared.</p> <p>6. All food products shall be used by the manufacturer's indicated date or discarded.</p> <p>7. Food shall be prepared either in the licensed facility or another location even when that location is not part of the licensed facility. All food preparation areas used by the facility shall be subject to the same inspections as though part of the licensed facility. The licensed facility is responsible to ensure adequate equipment and measures are used so that food is not contaminated in transport and foods that are transported are held and served at the appropriate temperature at all times.</p> <p>8. Hot food shall be maintained at a minimum temperature of 135 degrees Fahrenheit and cold foods at a maximum temperature of 41 degrees Fahrenheit.</p> <p>9. Frozen food items (raw and cooked) shall be thawed under refrigeration or under running water prior to preparation. Frozen food may also be thawed as part of the cooking process when indicated by package directions. Raw meats shall be stored below and away from vegetables, fruits, and other foods to prevent contamination (meat juices dripping on other foods).</p> <p>10. Laundry shall not be brought through the food preparation or service area.</p> <p>(d) Storage and Service of Milk and Ice Cream.</p>	A 702		

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A 702	<p>Continued From page 4</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Milk and fluid milk products shall be served only from the original containers in which they were received from the distributor. This shall not apply to cream for coffee, cereals, and milk for milk drinks which may be dispensed from a readily cleanable container approved for such use. 2. Milk and fluid milk products shall be stored in such a manner that bottles or containers from which the milk or milk product is to be poured or drunk will not become contaminated from drip or contact with foods. Milk shall be maintained and stored at a maximum temperature of 41 degrees Fahrenheit and shall not be served at a temperature warmer than 45 degrees Fahrenheit unless specifically requested to be served at a warmer temperature by a resident. 3. Contaminating substances shall not be stored with or over open containers of ice cream. Ice cream dippers, spatulas, and other serving utensils shall be cleaned between uses. <p>(e) Kitchen Garbage and Trash Handling.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kitchen garbage and trash shall be placed in suitable containers with tight-fitting lids and properly stored pending removal. Kitchen garbage and trash shall not be allowed to accumulate in the kitchen and shall be removed from the premises at frequent intervals. 2. After being emptied, all garbage cans and trash cans shall be washed and dried before reuse. 	A 702		

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A 702	<p>Continued From page 5</p> <p>(f) Employees' Cleanliness.</p> <p>1. Employees engaged in the handling, preparation, and serving of food shall wear clean clothing at all times. Employees shall wear hair restraints, for example, hairnets, headbands, caps, or other adequate means to prevent contamination of food from hair. Employees whose duties include contact with residents shall change clothing or wear a clean covering over clothing before handling, preparing, or serving food.</p> <p>2. Employees handling food shall wash their hands thoroughly before starting work each day, immediately after contact with any soiled matter, and before returning to work after each visit to the rest room.</p> <p>3. Street clothing not worn by the employee shall be stored in lockers, dressing rooms, or closets designated for staff use.</p> <p>(g) Live Fowl or Animals. Live fowl or animals shall not be allowed in the food service area.</p> <p>(h) Smoking and Spitting. Smoking, other use of tobacco products, and spitting within the food service area shall be prohibited for all staff, residents, and visitors.</p> <p>(i) Dining in Kitchen. Dining in the kitchen shall not be permitted in Congregate assisted living facilities.</p> <p>(j) Paper for Food Wrapping. Only new paper, foil, or plastic wrap shall be used for</p>	A 702		

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A 702	<p>Continued From page 6</p> <p>wrapping of foods.</p> <p>(k) Laundering of clothing shall not be permitted in food preparation or service areas.</p> <p>This Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on record reviews and interviews, the facility failed to maintain proper sanitizer solution levels for sanitizing dishes. In addition, water temperatures were not documented prior to dishwashing.</p> <p>Findings:</p> <p>During a tour of the facility kitchen with Employee Identifier (EI#1), on August 19, 2025, logs containing documentation of sanitizer solution levels were reviewed. The parts per million (ppm) levels were not maintained between a level of 50 and 200. Also, water temperatures were not documented prior to dishwashing. On August 20, 2025, EI#4 provided an updated flow sheet for documenting water temperatures prior to dishwashing and acknowledged that sanitizer levels should be maintained between 50 and 200 ppm. EI#1 also stated that a dish machine would be obtained for sanitizing dishes.</p> <p>CONNIE CHERRY, REGISTERED NURSE</p>	A 702		