Department of Veterans Affairs – STATE HOME INSPECTION (Standards – Domiciliary)

SURVEY CLASS	SURVEY YEAR	COMPLETION DATE
Annual Survey	2008	9/12/2008

NAME OF FACILITY	STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
YountvilleD		Yountville	CA	

SURVEYED BY (VHA Field Activity of Jurisdiction)

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206	G. The nutritional status of each patient is monitored on a regular basis.	(N) Not Met	Based on review of clinical records and interview of dietary staff, the facility failed to monitor the status of each patient on a regular basis. Findings include: Since April, 2008, Dietary Service has not been able to monitor nutritional status of patients on a regular basis due to staffing shortages. Presently, Dietary staff tried to provide services to patients with physician consults with telephone or written intervention, however, this is not even happening on a regular or consistent basis. No nutrition interventions have been documented since May 20, 2008.		11/14/08	The facility will provide Dietetic Services that meet the nutritional needs of patients and ensure that special dietary needs are met. Dietary staff provides nutrition monitoring for residents in unlicensed areas upon admission annually or bi-annually based upon diagnosis. Additional interventions are initiated through the primary care physician via consults and telephone or written interventions. The Clinical Dietitians will continue to follow the prioritization procedures for residents with high nutritional risks as vacant positions are filled. We currently have hired two Clinical Dietitians, one starting October 27, 2008, another in November 2008 as well as contracting out for two Clinical Dietitians to start November 2008 for the remainder of the Fiscal Year 08/09 or until the vacant positions are filled. Dietary staff will review and complete outstanding consults following the prioritization procedures. Dietary staff will then focus on outstanding annual nutrition reviews. The Director of Dietetics, Administration and Human Resources are working together with CDVA to develop a salary adjustment that is competitive with local, regional, and national positions for the recruitment and retention of Clinical Dietitians. **Responsible**: Director of Dietetics **Monitor**: Tracking tool will be continued documenting interventions and annual reviews due.	

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218	F. There is an established system for monitoring the outcome of drug therapy or treatment.	(N) Not Met	Based on interview and clinical record review, the facility failed to establish a system for monitoring the outcome of drug treatment and/or therapy. Finding include: Per the Chief Pharmacist, drug regimen reviews are only conducted on a yearly basis for domiciliary patients. There is no system in place to monitor drug treatment or therapy in between drug regimen reviews.		Ongoing	The presentation and analysis of drug therapy outcome studies is an ongoing function of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P & T) Committee. There have been such studies reported in the P & T Minutes at least quarterly which will continue. Select higher profile medications are monitored for outcome as part of the refill process (example HGB/HCT monitoring with erythropoietin). New medications will be added as critical parameters are identified. Findings for drug therapy outcome studies are presented to the medical staff for appropriate action. 11/28/08 Amendment *Digoxin, the most current efficacy study was presented to the P&T Committee September 2008.* **Responsible**: Chief of Pharmacy or designee	