

F 0371 Store, cook, and serve food in a safe and

clean way Level of harm - Minimal harm or potential

for actual harm Residents Affected - Some

Based on observation and interview, the facility failed to dispose and replace expired food items stored in the facility's nutrition room and meant for resident consumption. This had the potential to affect all residents in the facility who may have consumed any of these expired food items.

Findings include:

During an observation of the facility's nutrition room (near the nurse's station off the main hall), on 9/28/17 at 9:35 a.m., the following food items were found in the cupboards over the counter:

1. A box of Honey Nut Cheerios labeled with a resident's name, an opened date of 6/2/17, and an outdate of 7 [DATE].
2. Ten 8 fluid oz. cartons of [MEDICATION NAME] R renal complete nutrition with use by dates of 11 [DATE]:01 p.m. and not labeled with any resident name. Another carton with the same dating was found in the refrigerator in the nutrition room.

The following food items were found on the cupboard:

1. One loaf of whole grain bread in an unlabeled clear plastic bag. The bag had been opened with slices of bread missing.
2. An unlabeled 8 in. x 10 in. clear commercial grade plastic food container with lid filled with a peanut butter and jelly mixture.
3. An unwrapped half of a bologna sandwich without any labeling.
4. An unlabeled round two cup plastic lidded container filled with soup.

During an interview on 9/28/17 at 9:35 a.m., staff member D said that it was the responsibility of the dietary department to dispose of the outdated food in the nutrition room. She was shown the above items in the nutrition room and informed of the outdates. She said she would dispose of them and proceeded to do so.

During an interview on 9/28/17 at 11:15 a.m., staff member H said that the renal nutrition liquid supplement [MEDICATION NAME] R was purchased by the nursing department and voiced concern that some of the residents being treated for [REDACTED]. A search was conducted of resident room refrigerators but no [MEDICATION NAME] R was found.

During an interview on 9/28/17 at 12:30 p.m., staff member G said that the dietary staff does routinely check the nutrition room refrigerators for expired foods and disposes of them if any is found. He said that the nurses buy and administer the renal liquid according to resident's physicians' orders. He also said that the dietary department does not check food items in the nutrition room cupboards as the nurses are the ones who stock them and distribute the food items to the residents.