

## Department of Veterans Affairs State Veterans Home Survey Report

This survey report and the information contained herein, resulted from the State Veterans Home (SVH) Survey as a Summary Statement of Deficiencies. (Each Deficiency Must be Preceded by Full Regulatory or applicable Life Safety Code Identifying Information.) Title 38 Code of Federal Regulations Part 51 is applied for SVHs applicable by level of care.

**General Information:**

**Facility Name:** Yukio Okutsu Veterans Home

**Location:** 1180 Waiianuenue Avenue, Hilo, HI 96720

**Onsite/Virtual:** Onsite

**Dates of Survey:** 6/21/22 through 6/23/22

**NH / DOM / ADHC:** NH

**Survey Class:** Annual

**Total Available Beds:** 95

**Census on First Day of Survey:** 55

VA Regulation Deficiency	Findings
	<p>Initial Comments:</p> <p>A VA Annual Survey was conducted on from June 21, 2022, through June 23, 2022, at the Yukio Okutsu Veterans Home. The facility was not in compliance with Title 38 CFR Part 51 Federal Requirements for State Veterans Homes.</p>
<p><b>§51.140(c) Menu and nutritional adequacy</b>                      (c) Menus and nutritional adequacy. Menus must -                      (1) Meet the nutritional needs of residents in accordance with the recommended dietary allowances of the Food and Nutrition Board of the National Research Council, National Academy of Sciences.</p> <p>Level of Harm – No Actual Harm, with potential for more than minimal harm.                      Residents Affected - Some</p>	<p>Based on observations and interviews, the facility failed to provide a menu which met the requirements of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the grain/bread selection to meet the recommended dietary allowances. Failure to provide adequate servings of grains on the menus could result in residents not receiving adequate nutrition.</p> <p>The findings include:</p> <p>Review of the facilities policy “Food and Nutrition Services Menus and Therapeutic Diets,” dated 4/2022, documented: “Purpose: To have menus that are developed and prepared to meet resident choices while meeting their nutritional needs and in the appropriate form, as prescribed by a physician to support the resident’s treatment and plan of care, in accordance with his/her goals and preferences. Guidelines: 1. Facility menus will meet the nutritional needs of residents in accordance with established national guidelines.”</p>

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	<p>Review of the dietary guidelines, updated by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in 2020, (USDA was contracted by the National Academy of Sciences to update the guidelines) revealed that the recommended daily servings of bread and grains were six (6) to nine (9) servings for men over 60, which is the general population at the nursing home. Review of the four (4)-week menu cycle titled "Yukio Okutsu State Veterans Home," revealed that 19 out of 28 days were lacking in six (6) servings of grains as required by the USDA.</p> <p>On 6/22/22, at 12:30 p.m., in an interview with the Dietary Staff A, they stated that the residents would often ask for sandwiches as alternates and snacks. They also stated that they would look into the grains/breads that were offered on the menu and make needed corrections.</p> <p>On 6/23/22, at 12:00 p.m., in an interview with Dietary Staff B, they stated that they were making the corrections and adding gains/breads to reach six (6) servings daily.</p>
<p><b>§51.200(b) Emergency power</b></p> <p>(1) An emergency electrical power system must be provided to supply power adequate for illumination of all exit signs and lighting for the means of egress, fire alarm and medical gas alarms, emergency communication systems, and generator task illumination.</p> <p>(2) The system must be the appropriate type essential electrical system in accordance with the applicable provisions of NFPA 101, Life Safety Code and NFPA 99, Health Care Facilities Code.</p> <p>(3) When electrical life support devices are used, an emergency electrical power system must also be provided for devices in accordance with NFPA 99, Health Care Facilities Code.</p> <p>(4) The source of power must be an on site emergency standby generator of sufficient size to serve the connected load or other approved sources in accordance with NFPA 101, Life Safety Code and NFPA 99, Health Care Facilities Code.</p>	<p>Based on observation and interview, the facility failed to label the remote manual stop station for the emergency generator. The deficient practice affected eight (8) of eight (8) smoke compartments, staff, and all residents. The facility had a capacity for 95 beds with a census of 55 on the day of the survey.</p> <p>The findings include:</p> <p>Observation during the building inspection tour on 6/21/22, at 1:15 p.m., revealed the switch that Maintenance Staff A indicated was the remote manual stop station for the emergency generator was not labeled as such, as required by section 5.6.5.6.1 of NFPA 110, Standard for Emergency and Standby Power Systems.</p> <p>An interview at that time with Maintenance Staff A revealed that the facility was not aware the manual stop station was required to be labeled.</p> <p>The census of 55 was verified by Administrative Staff A on 6/21/22. The findings were acknowledged Administrative Staff A during the exit interview on 6/21/22.</p> <p><b>Actual NFPA Standard: NFPA 101, Life Safety Code (2012)</b>  <b>19.5 Building Services.</b>  <b>19.5.1 Utilities.</b>  <b>19.5.1.1 Utilities shall comply with the provisions of Section 9.1.</b>  <b>9.1.3 Emergency Generators and Standby Power Systems.</b></p>

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<p>Level of Harm – No Actual Harm, with potential for more than minimal harm. Residents Affected - Many</p>	<p>Where required for compliance with this Code, emergency generators and standby power systems shall comply with 9.1.3.1 and 9.1.3.2.</p> <p><b>9.1.3.1</b> Emergency generators and standby power systems shall be installed, tested, and maintained in accordance with NFPA 110, Standard for Emergency and Standby Power Systems.</p> <p><b>Actual NFPA Standard: NFPA 110, Standard for Emergency and Standby Power Systems (2010)</b></p> <p><b>5.6.5.6*</b> All installations shall have a remote manual stop station of a type to prevent inadvertent or unintentional operation located outside the room housing the prime mover, where so installed, or elsewhere on the premises where the prime mover is located outside the building.</p> <p><b>5.6.5.6.1</b> The remote manual stop station shall be labeled.</p>
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