

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 065359	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 09/19/2024
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Bent County Healthcare Center		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 810 3rd St Las Animas, CO 81054	

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<p>F 0925</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p>	<p>Make sure there is a pest control program to prevent/deal with mice, insects, or other pests.</p> <p>41032</p> <p>Based on observations, record review and interviews the facility failed to maintain an effective pest control program so the facility was free from pests and cockroaches, in one of one kitchen and one of two dining rooms.</p> <p>Specifically, the facility failed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Ensure an effective pest control program that eliminated the presence of live and dead cockroaches in the kitchen and dining room, food preparation area, storage area, serving and eating areas; -Ensure dead and decaying roaches were removed from the dining room lower cupboard space; and, -Ensure heavily occupied sticky pest traps, containing a large amount of trapped dead and decaying cockroaches were removed timely and when the traps were full. <p>Findings include:</p> <p>I. Professional references</p> <p>According to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Colorado Retail Food Establishment Regulations, effective 3/16/24, was retrieved on 9/25/24 from https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dehs</p> <p>Controlling Pests. The premises shall be maintained free of insects, rodents, and other pests. The presence of insects, rodents, and other pests shall be controlled to eliminate their presence on the premises by: routinely inspecting incoming shipments of food and supplies; routinely inspecting the premises for evidence of pests; using methods, if pests are found, such as trapping devices or other means of pest control; eliminating harborage conditions; and, removing dead or trapped insects and other pests.</p> <p>Dead or trapped insects and other pests shall be removed from control devices and the premises at a frequency that prevents their accumulation, decomposition, or the attraction of pests.</p> <p>According to the National Pest Management Association (NPMA) The Truth About Cockroaches and Health, 2024, was retrieved on 9/25/24 from https://www.pestworld.org/news-hub/pest-health-hub/the-truth-about-cockroaches-and-health/#</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>

Any deficiency statement ending with an asterisk (*) denotes a deficiency which the institution may be excused from correcting providing it is determined that other safeguards provide sufficient protection to the patients. (See instructions.) Except for nursing homes, the findings stated above are disclosable 90 days following the date of survey whether or not a plan of correction is provided. For nursing homes, the above findings and plans of correction are disclosable 14 days following the date these documents are made available to the facility. If deficiencies are cited, an approved plan of correction is requisite to continued program participation.

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