

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER / SUPPLIER / CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 425409	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. BUILDING _____ B. WING _____	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 07/29/2020
NAME OF PROVIDER OF SUPPLIER EASLEY PLACE-A CONTINUUM OF CARE COMMUNITY		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP 706 PELZER HIGHWAY EASLEY, SC 29642	
For information on the nursing home's plan to correct this deficiency, please contact the nursing home or the state survey agency.			
(X4) ID PREFIX TAG	SUMMARY STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES (EACH DEFICIENCY MUST BE PRECEDED BY FULL REGULATORY OR LSC IDENTIFYING INFORMATION)		
F 0880 Level of harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Some	<p>Provide and implement an infection prevention and control program.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</p> <p>Based on observation, interview, record review and review of the facility's policy, the facility failed to ensure an effective infection control program to prevent the spread of the coronavirus (COVID)-19 was implemented for two (2) out of six (6) residents on transmission-based precautions. Observation on 7/28/2020 revealed the Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant (COTA) and Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) entered Resident #1's and Resident #2's shared room without donning adequate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). The findings include: Review of the facility's policy titled, Novel Coronavirus Prevention and Response, reviewed/revise date 7/25/2020, revealed admitting residents would be placed on a 14 day quarantine and tested for COVID-19 when the 14 day quarantine is completed. Review of the facility's therapy department policy titled, Infection Control, dated 10/10/13, revealed that Reliant Rehabilitation employees and staff must observe standard precautions as determined by the Centers for Disease and Control (CDC) when there is any reasonable likelihood of exposure or contamination by any potentially infectious materials during the course of patient treatment. The summary of CDC guidelines stated to use masks and/or face protection to protect mucous membranes of your eyes, nose and mouth during procedures that may generate a splash or spray. Additionally, in the event of a known or suspected infection, observe the following procedures according to isolation category: staff consult with nursing staff or the patient's physician for isolation procedures for individualized patient care. Review of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Sequence for Putting on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), no date, revealed the following procedure for putting on PPE: 1. Gown fully cover torso from neck to knees, arms to end of wrists and wrap around the back, fasten in back of neck and waist. 2. Mask or respirator secure ties or elastic bands at middle of head and neck, fit flexible band to nose bridge, fit snug to face and below chin, and fit-check respirator. 3. Goggles or face shield place over face and eyes and adjust to fit. 4. Gloves extend to cover wrist of isolation gown. Review of the CMS-802 Roster Sample Matrix, printed on 7/29/2020, revealed six (6) residents were admitted within the past 30 days and placed on transmission-based precautions. Review of Resident #1's clinical record revealed he/she was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with [DIAGNOSES REDACTED]. Review of Resident #1's care plan dated 7/23/2020, revealed droplet isolation (use of a gown, face mask, face shield or goggles, and gloves are worn to prevent contact with mucus and other secretions from the nose and sinuses, throat, airways, and lungs) was to be implemented related to the facility protocol with an intervention to take out of isolation on day 15 and two (2) negative COVID lab nasal swabs. Review of Resident #2's clinical record revealed he/she was admitted to the facility on [DATE] with [DIAGNOSES REDACTED]. Review of Resident #2's Physician order [REDACTED]. Observation on 7/28/2020 at 12:35 p.m. and 12:40 p.m. revealed the COTA opened Resident #1's and #2's door (the residents shared a room) wearing a white lab coat and surgical face mask, without goggles or a face shield donned, then closed the door. Continued observation revealed the COTA and PTA opened the door, doffed the lab coats, hung them on the hook outside the door then sanitized their hands in the hallway. Further observation revealed a three-drawer container that contained gowns, gloves, shoe covers and face shields, located outside the door into the room. Continued observation revealed a droplet precautions sign was posted on the door of Resident #1's and #2's door. Interview on 7/28/2020 at 12:48 p.m. with the COTA, revealed he/she didn't wear goggles in the Resident #1's and #2's room while providing therapy. The COTA stated he/she was trained today on donning and doffing PPE, but he/she kept their goggles in his/her work bag and forgot to bring them with him/her to the resident's room. Continued interview revealed that the precautions were in place to protect the residents and staff from getting coronavirus. Interview on 7/28/2020 at 1:02 p.m. with the PTA revealed he/she had been off work for a month and didn't know that he/she was supposed to wear goggles for droplet precautions. Further interview revealed he/she didn't know that the three-drawer container outside of the residents' door contained PPE including face shields and didn't see the droplet precautions sign posted on the residents' door. The PTA stated he/she was trained by the Physical Therapy Supervisor that morning regarding donning and doffing PPE. The PTA stated he/she had been trained to put on the gown first, then put on the goggles or face shield and mask, then gloves. PTA stated he/she was given goggles to wear but left them in the therapy room. Further interview revealed that newly admitted residents were placed on droplet precautions for 14 days and it was important to wear the appropriate PPE to prevent the spread of infections. Review of the Reliant Rehabilitation In-Service Training Report, dated 4/1/2020, revealed the COTA and PTA received training on the proper technique to don and doff PPE by the Physical Therapy Supervisor. Review of the Reliant Rehabilitation In-Service Training Report, dated 4/7/2020, revealed the COTA and PTA received training on the use of PPE via webinar. Review of the Reliant Rehabilitation In-Service Training Report, dated 7/28/2020, revealed the COTA and PTA received training on donning and doffing PPE at 11:00 a.m. by the Physical Therapy Supervisor. Review of the facility's in-service sign in sheet, dated 5/22/2020, revealed the COTA and PTA received training on donning PPE. Interview with the Physical Therapy Supervisor on 7/28/2020 at 1:23 p.m. revealed he/she provided training at 11:00 a.m. today to the COTA, PTA and Speech Therapist on the CDC guidelines for donning and doffing PPE. He/she stated that the staff were given goggles to wear and they were stored in a locked cabinet in the therapy department. Continued interview revealed he/she expected staff to follow droplet precautions to protect residents and staff from any further spread of [MEDICAL CONDITION]. Interview with the Regional Therapy Supervisor on 7/29/2020 at 2:43 p.m., revealed that he/she was responsible for providing training and support to the therapy staff. The Regional Therapy Supervisor stated that the therapy staff were provided training on donning and doffing PPE that morning and were taught a mnemonic to help the remember the sequence for donning and doffing PPE. He/she stated that staff were expected to follow the CDC guidance on donning and doffing PPE and would develop a monitoring tool to ensure staff were doing it. Interview with the Director of Nursing (DON) (who also served as the Infection Control Preventionist) on 7/29/2020 at 3:14 p.m. revealed the contracted therapy agency Reliant was conducting their own infection control education. Continued interview revealed he/she expected all staff to follow the facility's droplet precautions policy and procedure to prevent the spread of any infections to themselves and others. Interview with the Executive Director on 7/29/2020 at 2:56 p.m., revealed staff had been taught to follow CDC guidance to properly apply and remove PPE. Continued interview with the Executive Director revealed it was his/her expectation that staff adhere to the infection control policy and follow the CDC droplet precautions. He/she stated the purpose of droplet precautions was to prevent the spread of infection to residents and staff.</p>		

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REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE

TITLE

(X6) DATE

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.