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July 7, 2020

Administrator
The Estates At Delano LLC
433 County Road 30
Delano, MN 55328

RE: CCN: 245336
Cycle Start Date: June 15, 2020

Dear Administrator:

On June 15, 2020, a survey was completed at your facility by the Minnesota Departments of Health and Public Safety, to determine if your facility was in compliance with Federal participation requirements for skilled nursing facilities and/or nursing facilities participating in the Medicare and/or Medicaid programs.

This survey found the most serious deficiencies in your facility to be widespread deficiencies that constituted no actual harm with potential for more than minimal harm that was not immediate jeopardy (Level F), as evidenced by the electronically attached CMS-2567 whereby corrections are required.

ELECTRONIC PLAN OF CORRECTION (ePoC)

Within **ten (10) calendar days** after your receipt of this notice, you must submit an acceptable ePOC for the deficiencies cited. An acceptable ePOC will serve as your allegation of compliance. Upon receipt of an acceptable ePOC, we will authorize a revisit to your facility to determine if substantial compliance has been achieved.

To be acceptable, a provider's ePOC must include the following:

- How corrective action will be accomplished for those residents found to have been affected by the deficient practice.
- How the facility will identify other residents having the potential to be affected by the same deficient practice.
- What measures will be put into place, or systemic changes made, to ensure that the deficient practice will not recur.
- How the facility will monitor its corrective actions to ensure that the deficient practice is being corrected and will not recur.
- The date that each deficiency will be corrected.
- An electronic acknowledgement signature and date by an official facility representative.

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The state agency may, in lieu of an onsite revisit, determine correction and compliance by accepting the facility's ePoC if the ePoC is reasonable, addresses the problem and provides evidence that the corrective action has occurred.

If an acceptable ePoC is not received within 10 calendar days from the receipt of this letter, we will recommend to the CMS Region V Office that one or more of the following remedies be imposed:

- Denial of payment for new Medicare and Medicaid admissions (42 CFR 488.417);
- Civil money penalty (42 CFR 488.430 through 488.444).
- Termination of your facility's Medicare and/or Medicaid agreement (488.456(b)).

DEPARTMENT CONTACT

Questions regarding this letter and all documents submitted as a response to the resident care deficiencies (those preceded by an "F" tag) and emergency preparedness deficiencies (those preceded by an "E" tag), i.e., the plan of correction should be directed to:

Susie Haben, Unit Supervisor
St. Cloud A Survey Team
Licensing and Certification Program
Health Regulation Division
Minnesota Department of Health
3333 West Division Street, Suite 212
St. Cloud, Minnesota 56301
Email: susie.haben@state.mn.us
Phone: 320-223-7356
Fax: 320-223-7348

PRESUMPTION OF COMPLIANCE - CREDIBLE ALLEGATION OF COMPLIANCE

The facility's ePoC will serve as your allegation of compliance upon the Department's acceptance. In order for your allegation of compliance to be acceptable to the Department, the ePoC must meet the criteria listed in the plan of correction section above. You will be notified by the Minnesota Department of Health, Licensing and Certification Program staff and/or the Department of Public Safety, State Fire Marshal Division staff, if your ePoC for the respective deficiencies (if any) is acceptable.

VERIFICATION OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE

Upon receipt of an acceptable ePoC, a Post Certification Revisit (PCR), of your facility will be conducted to validate that substantial compliance with the regulations has been attained in accordance with your verification.

If substantial compliance has been achieved, certification of your facility in the Medicare and/or

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Medicaid program(s) will be continued and remedies will not be imposed. Compliance is certified as of the latest correction date on the approved ePoC, unless it is determined that either correction actually occurred between the latest correction date on the ePoC and the date of the first revisit, or correction occurred sooner than the latest correction date on the ePoC.

FAILURE TO ACHIEVE SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE BY THE THIRD OR SIXTH MONTH AFTER THE LAST DAY OF THE SURVEY

If substantial compliance with the regulations is not verified by September 15, 2020 (three months after the identification of noncompliance), the CMS Region V Office must deny payment for new admissions as mandated by the Social Security Act (the Act) at Sections 1819(h)(2)(D) and 1919(h)(2)(C) and Federal regulations at 42 CFR Section 488.417(b).

In addition, if substantial compliance with the regulations is not verified by December 15, 2020 (six months after the identification of noncompliance) your provider agreement will be terminated. This action is mandated by the Social Security Act at Sections 1819(h)(2)(C) and 1919(h)(3)(D) and Federal regulations at 42 CFR Sections 488.412 and 488.456.

Please note that this notice does not constitute formal notice of imposition of alternative remedies or termination of your provider agreement. Should the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services determine that termination or any other remedy is warranted, it will provide you with a separate formal notification of that determination.

INFORMAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION (IDR) / INDEPENDENT INFORMAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION (IIDR)

In accordance with 42 CFR 488.331, you have one opportunity to question cited deficiencies through an informal dispute resolution process. You are required to send your written request, along with the specific deficiencies being disputed, and an explanation of why you are disputing those deficiencies, to:

Nursing Home Informal Dispute Process
Minnesota Department of Health
Health Regulation Division
P.O. Box 64900
St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0900

This request must be sent within the same ten days you have for submitting an ePoC for the cited deficiencies. All requests for an IDR or IIDR of federal deficiencies must be submitted via the web at: https://mdhprovidercontent.web.health.state.mn.us/lrc_idr.cfm

You must notify MDH at this website of your request for an IDR or IIDR within the 10 calendar day period allotted for submitting an acceptable electronic plan of correction. A copy of the Department's informal dispute resolution policies are posted on the MDH Information Bulletin website at: https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/regulation/infobulletins/ib04_8.html

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Please note that the failure to complete the informal dispute resolution process will not delay the dates specified for compliance or the imposition of remedies.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas Larson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Health Regulation Division
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION		(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 245336	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. BUILDING _____ B. WING _____		(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 06/15/2020
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER THE ESTATES AT DELANO LLC			STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 433 COUNTY ROAD 30 DELANO, MN 55328		
(X4) ID PREFIX TAG	SUMMARY STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES (EACH DEFICIENCY MUST BE PRECEDED BY FULL REGULATORY OR LSC IDENTIFYING INFORMATION)	ID PREFIX TAG	PROVIDER'S PLAN OF CORRECTION (EACH CORRECTIVE ACTION SHOULD BE CROSS-REFERENCED TO THE APPROPRIATE DEFICIENCY)	(X5) COMPLETION DATE	
E 000	Initial Comments A COVID-19 Focused Infection Control survey was conducted 6/15/2020, at your facility by the Minnesota Department of Health to determine compliance with Emergency Preparedness regulations § 483.73(b)(6). The facility was in full compliance. Because you are enrolled in ePOC, your signature is not required at the bottom of the first page of the CMS-2567 form. Although no plan of correction is requires, it is required that the facility acknowledge receipt of the electronic documents.	E 000			
F 000	INITIAL COMMENTS A COVID-19 Focused Infection Control survey was conducted 6/15/2020, at your facility by the Minnesota Department of Health to determine compliance with §483.80 Infection Control. The facility was not in full compliance. Because you are enrolled in ePOC, your signature is not required at the bottom of the first page of the CMS-2567 form. The facility's plan of correction (POC) will serve as your allegation of compliance upon the Department's acceptance. Upon receipt of an acceptable electronic POC, an revisit of your facility will be conducted to validate that substantial compliance with the regulations has been attained in accordance with your verification.	F 000			
F 880 SS=F	Infection Prevention & Control CFR(s): 483.80(a)(1)(2)(4)(e)(f)	F 880		7/21/20	

LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE

TITLE

(X6) DATE

Electronically Signed

07/14/2020

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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F 880	<p>Continued From page 1</p> <p>§483.80 Infection Control The facility must establish and maintain an infection prevention and control program designed to provide a safe, sanitary and comfortable environment and to help prevent the development and transmission of communicable diseases and infections.</p> <p>§483.80(a) Infection prevention and control program. The facility must establish an infection prevention and control program (IPCP) that must include, at a minimum, the following elements:</p> <p>§483.80(a)(1) A system for preventing, identifying, reporting, investigating, and controlling infections and communicable diseases for all residents, staff, volunteers, visitors, and other individuals providing services under a contractual arrangement based upon the facility assessment conducted according to §483.70(e) and following accepted national standards;</p> <p>§483.80(a)(2) Written standards, policies, and procedures for the program, which must include, but are not limited to:</p> <p>(i) A system of surveillance designed to identify possible communicable diseases or infections before they can spread to other persons in the facility;</p> <p>(ii) When and to whom possible incidents of communicable disease or infections should be reported;</p> <p>(iii) Standard and transmission-based precautions to be followed to prevent spread of infections;</p> <p>(iv) When and how isolation should be used for a resident; including but not limited to:</p> <p>(A) The type and duration of the isolation,</p>	F 880			

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F 880	<p>Continued From page 2</p> <p>depending upon the infectious agent or organism involved, and</p> <p>(B) A requirement that the isolation should be the least restrictive possible for the resident under the circumstances.</p> <p>(v) The circumstances under which the facility must prohibit employees with a communicable disease or infected skin lesions from direct contact with residents or their food, if direct contact will transmit the disease; and</p> <p>(vi)The hand hygiene procedures to be followed by staff involved in direct resident contact.</p> <p>§483.80(a)(4) A system for recording incidents identified under the facility's IPCP and the corrective actions taken by the facility.</p> <p>§483.80(e) Linens. Personnel must handle, store, process, and transport linens so as to prevent the spread of infection.</p> <p>§483.80(f) Annual review. The facility will conduct an annual review of its IPCP and update their program, as necessary. This REQUIREMENT is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, interview, and document review, the facility failed to ensure proper use and disinfection of face shields was implemented to prevent the spread of infection. In addition, the facility failed to ensure required contact times (time a disinfectant is in direct contact with the surface or item to be disinfected until complete drying has occurred.) were followed when disinfecting surfaces/equipment. This had the potential to affect all 35 residents who resided in the facility.</p>	F 880	<p>The facilities infection prevention and control program (IPCP)includes ongoing education of infection and preventive actions to ensure prevention and control occur.</p> <p>All staff Education in relation to face shield usage and chemical kill times occurred on 6/16/2020. Face shield education included how to properly clean face shield in step by step directions. Chemical kill time education took place at</p>		

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F 880	<p>Continued From page 3</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>When interviewed on 6/15/20, at 10:05 a.m. housekeeper (HSKP)-A stated high touch surfaces were cleaned with Comet Disinfectant with bleach which had a contact time of 10 seconds. HSKP-A stated they had been trained by the facility on contact time for cleaners used in the facility.</p> <p>On 6/15/20, at 10:55 a.m. nursing assistant (NA) -A was observed exiting a COVID positive room, removed blue with foam at forehead face shield, sprayed face shield with Spic and Span and immediately wipe off with blue rag. NA-A stated face shield was cleaned when leaving a COVID room, had received training by the facility on cleaning face shield with Spic and Span but was not aware of required contact time.</p> <p>When interviewed on 6/15/20, at 11:30 a.m. registered nurse (RN)-A stated the face shields that were blue with foam across the forehead were not to be worn in COVID rooms, there was heavy duty face shields inside the room that was to be worn. When leaving the room both the face shield worn inside the room and the one for outside of COVID rooms was to be cleaned with Spic and Span. Spic and span was to be sprayed on both sides of the face shields, was able to do a quick wipe so the cleaner was not dripping down the mask but needed to remain wet for 10 minutes. RN-A further stated that NA-A did not change face shields when entering a COVID room.</p> <p>When interviewed on 6/15/20, at 12:15 p.m. maintenance director stated face shields with foam on top was not to be used in COVID rooms,</p>	F 880	<p>the facility wide well as posted for staff behind the nurse's station, isolation rooms and covid-19 designated areas.</p> <p>To ensure sufficient face shield cleaning usage as well as proper chemical usage DON or Designee will complete ongoing audits and education x 4 weeks and then biweekly x 6 weeks. This information will be reviewed monthly at QAPI.</p> <p>IDT team members will audit the tracking and analysis weekly x 4 weeks, then biweekly for 6 weeks and then will be reviewing monthly at QAPI.</p> <p>Staff Education was provided to all staff on 6/16/20, regarding infection control in relation to face shield cleaning and chemical kill time.</p> <p>Infection Control audits and education s will be reported to the facility QAPI committee for review and follow-up. Deficient practices will be corrected upon identification.</p> <p>Date of completion is 7/21/20.</p>		

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F 880	<p>Continued From page 4</p> <p>there was heavy duty face shields in the COVID rooms to be used. Cleaners used in the facility were Comet Disinfecting Cleaner with Bleach with a one minute contact time and Spic and Span which had a 10 minute contact time.</p> <p>When interviewed on 6/15/20, at 12:29 p.m. NA-A stated they were unable to wear the face shields provided by the facility for inside of COVID rooms, the face shields did not fit properly which allowed the face shields to slide down the face.</p> <p>When interviewed on 6/15/20, at 1:00 p.m. administrator stated there was separate face shields that were to be used while in a COVID room, blue with foam face shields were for use in the hallways and non COVID rooms. Administrator stated staff had been trained on face shield use and cleaners used including contact time.</p> <p>Face Shield education effective 4/29/20 stated "Do NOT wear your personal face shield into the rooms of residents that are on isolation. You must use the designated isolation face shield located in their room for the entire time that you are with them." In addition, the education directed staff to sanitize the face shield by spraying down with Spic and Span then wipe clean with a rag.</p> <p>Undated Proctor and Gamble flow-sheet provided by facility indicated Comet Disinfecting Cleaner with Bleach contact times was 1 minute, Spic and Span contact time was 10 minutes.</p>	F 880			