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January 26, 2021

Administrator  
New Richland Care Center  
312 Northeast 1st Street  
New Richland, MN 56072

RE: CCN: 245316  
Cycle Start Date: January 4, 2021

Dear Administrator:

On January 4, 2021, a survey was completed at your facility by the Minnesota Department of Health 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 a pattern of deficiencies that constituted no actual harm with potential for more than minimal harm that was not immediate jeopardy (Level E), as evidenced by the electronically delivered CMS-2567, whereby significant corrections are required.

## **REMEDIES**

As a result of the survey findings and in accordance with survey and certification memo 16-31-NH, this Department recommended the enforcement remedy(ies) listed below to the CMS Region V Office for imposition. The CMS Region V Office concurs and is imposing the following remedy and has authorized this Department to notify you of the imposition:

- Discretionary Denial of Payment for new Medicare and/or Medicaid Admissions, Federal regulations at 42 CFR § 488.417(a), effective February 25, 2021.
- Directed plan of correction (DPOC), Federal regulations at 42 CFR § 488.424. Please see electronically attached documents for the DPOC.

The CMS Region V Office will notify your Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) that the denial of payment for new admissions is effective February 25, 2021. They will also notify the State Medicaid Agency that they must also deny payment for new Medicaid admissions effective February 25, 2021.

You should notify all Medicare/Medicaid residents admitted on, or after, this date of the restriction. The remedy must remain in effect until your facility has been determined to be in substantial compliance or your provider agreement is terminated. Please note that the denial of payment for new admissions includes Medicare/Medicaid beneficiaries enrolled in managed care plans. It is

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your obligation to inform managed care plans contracting with your facility of this denial of payment for new admissions.

This Department is also recommending that CMS impose:

- Civil money penalty (42 CFR 488.430 through 488.444). You will receive a formal notice from the CMS RO only if CMS agrees with our recommendation.

### **NURSE AIDE TRAINING PROHIBITION**

Please note that Federal law, as specified in the Act at §§ 1819(f)(2)(B) and 1919(f)(2)(B), prohibits approval of nurse aide training and competency evaluation programs and nurse aide competency evaluation programs offered by, or in, a facility which, within the previous two years, has operated under a § 1819(b)(4)(C)(ii)(II) or § 1919(b)(4)(C)(ii) waiver (i.e., waiver of full-time registered professional nurse); has been subject to an extended or partial extended survey as a result of a finding of substandard quality of care; has been assessed a total civil money penalty of not less than \$11,160; has been subject to a denial of payment, the appointment of a temporary manager or termination; or, in the case of an emergency, has been closed and/or had its residents transferred to other facilities.

If you have not achieved substantial compliance by February 25, 2021, the remedy of denial of payment for new admissions will go into effect and this provision will apply to your facility. Therefore, New Richland Care Center will be prohibited from offering or conducting a Nurse Aide Training and/or Competency Evaluation Program (NATCEP) for two years from February 25, 2021. You will receive further information regarding this from the State agency. This prohibition is not subject to appeal. Further, this prohibition may be rescinded at a later date if your facility achieves substantial compliance prior to the effective date of denial of payment for new admissions.

However, under Public Law 105-15, you may contact the State agency and request a waiver of this prohibition if certain criteria are met.

### **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. The failure to submit an acceptable ePOC can lead to termination of your Medicare and Medicaid participation (42 CFR 488.456(b)).

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.

## DEPARTMENT CONTACT

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

**Elizabeth Silkey, Unit Supervisor**  
**Mankato District Office**  
**Licensing and Certification Program**  
**Health Regulation Division**  
**Minnesota Department of Health**  
**12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite #2105**  
**Mankato, MN 56001**  
**Email: [elizabeth.silkey@state.mn.us](mailto:elizabeth.silkey@state.mn.us)**  
**Office: (507) 344-2742 Mobile: (651) 368-3593**

## 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 - Health Regulation Division staff and/or the Department of Public Safety, State Fire Marshal Division staff, if your ePoC for their 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 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 SIXTH MONTH AFTER THE LAST DAY OF THE SURVEY

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We will also recommend to the CMS Region V Office and/or the Minnesota Department of Human Services that your provider agreement be terminated by July 4, 2021 if your facility does not achieve substantial compliance. This action is mandated by the Social Security Act at § 1819(h)(2)(C) and 1919(h)(3)(D) and Federal regulations at 42 CFR § 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.**

## **APPEAL RIGHTS**

If you disagree with this action imposed on your facility, you or your legal representative may request a hearing before an administrative law judge of the Department of Health and Human Services, Departmental Appeals Board (DAB). Procedures governing this process are set out in 42 C.F.R. 498.40, et seq. You must file your hearing request electronically by using the Departmental Appeals Board's Electronic Filing System (DAB E-File) at <https://dab.efile.hhs.gov> no later than sixty (60) days after receiving this letter. Specific instructions on how to file electronically are attached to this notice. A copy of the hearing request shall be submitted electronically to:

**Tamika.Brown@cms.hhs.gov**

Requests for a hearing submitted by U.S. mail or commercial carrier are no longer accepted as of October 1, 2014, unless you do not have access to a computer or internet service. In those circumstances you may call the Civil Remedies Division to request a waiver from e-filing and provide an explanation as to why you cannot file electronically or you may mail a written request for a waiver along with your written request for a hearing. A written request for a hearing must be filed no later than sixty (60) days after receiving this letter, by mailing to the following address:

**Department of Health & Human Services  
Departmental Appeals Board, MS 6132  
Director, Civil Remedies Division  
330 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Cohen Building – Room G-644  
Washington, D.C. 20201  
(202) 565-9462**

A request for a hearing should identify the specific issues, findings of fact and conclusions of law with which you disagree. It should also specify the basis for contending that the findings and conclusions are incorrect. At an appeal hearing, you may be represented by counsel at your own expense. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Tamika Brown, Principal Program Representative by phone at (312) 353-1502 or by e-mail at [Tamika.Brown@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Tamika.Brown@cms.hhs.gov).

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

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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/ltc\\_idr.cfm](https://mdhprovidercontent.web.health.state.mn.us/ltc_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](https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/regulation/infobulletins/ib04_8.html)

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,



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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

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F 000	INITIAL COMMENTS  On 1/4/21, an abbreviated survey was completed at your facility to conduct complaint investigation. New Richland Care Center was found to be not in compliance with 42 CFR Part 483, Requirements for Long Term Care Facilities.  The following complaint was found to be unsubstantiated: #H5316028C.  As a result of the complaint investigation a deficiency was identified at F880.  The facility is enrolled in ePOC and therefore a signature is not required at the bottom of the first page of the CMS-2567 form. Your electronic submission of the POC will be used as verification of compliance upon the Department's acceptance. Upon receipt of an acceptable electronic POC, an on-site revisit of your facility may be conducted to validate that substantial compliance with the regulations has been attained in accordance with your verification.	F 000			
F 880 SS=E	Infection Prevention & Control CFR(s): 483.80(a)(1)(2)(4)(e)(f)  §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.  §483.80(a) Infection prevention and control program. The facility must establish an infection prevention and control program (IPCP) that must include, at	F 880		2/11/21	

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

TITLE

(X6) DATE

Electronically Signed

02/04/2021

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	Continued From page 1 a minimum, the following elements:  §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;  §483.80(a)(2) Written standards, policies, and procedures for the program, which must include, but are not limited to: (i) A system of surveillance designed to identify possible communicable diseases or infections before they can spread to other persons in the facility; (ii) When and to whom possible incidents of communicable disease or infections should be reported; (iii) Standard and transmission-based precautions to be followed to prevent spread of infections; (iv)When and how isolation should be used for a resident; including but not limited to: (A) The type and duration of the isolation, depending upon the infectious agent or organism involved, and (B) A requirement that the isolation should be the least restrictive possible for the resident under the circumstances. (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 (vi)The hand hygiene procedures to be followed by staff involved in direct resident contact.	F 880			

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F 880	Continued From page 2  §483.80(a)(4) A system for recording incidents identified under the facility's IPCP and the corrective actions taken by the facility.  §483.80(e) Linens. Personnel must handle, store, process, and transport linens so as to prevent the spread of infection.  §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 follow Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines by appropriately implementing preventive measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This had the potential to affect all 30 residents residing in the facility as well as facility staff.  Findings include:  During observation on 01/04/21, at 1: 40 p.m. the director of nursing (DON) was observed in the facility hallway near the main entrance door, preparing to collect nasal specimens from facility staff for COVID-19 testing. The DON was wearing eye protection, face mask and gloves. The DON was not wearing a protective gown. The DON collected a nasal specimen with a swab from a facility staff. The DON continued to collect specimens from several staff in the same location throughout the day and without wearing a protective gown. The nasal collection site was located inside the facility where residents and	F 880	F880 <input type="checkbox"/> Infection Control  1. The deficient practice did not directly affect any resident or staff of the facility but had the potential to affect all residents and staff.  2. The Infection Preventionist and DON have been re-educated on the COVID Testing Policy. - The infection Preventionist and DON have been re-educated on the appropriate setting in which to conduct the COVID testing. - The Infection Preventionist and DON have been re-educated on the process to follow when conducting mass testing.  3. The QAPI committee will conduct a root cause analysis on the deficient practice related to COVID testing and develop a PDSA program to prevent recurrence of the deficient practice. - Policies and procedures for donning		

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F 880	<p>Continued From page 3</p> <p>staff were able to come and go. There was a resident observed waiting in the same area of the collection site, waiting to be picked up for an appointment. Offices were located in the area. The human resources (HR) office window was open while staff persons were in the office, while specimens were being collected. The office was within 6 feet of the collecting site. The DON did not sanitize the area surfaces after each collection, and the specimens were placed in a cooler unsupervised outside of the HR office.</p> <p>Interview with the DON on 1/4/20, at 2:30 p.m. confirmed the above observations. The DON stated it was the first time he had collected nasal specimens from staff for COVID-19 testing. The DON stated COVID supplies were placed near the HR office and assumed that was the location where specimens had been collected. The DON also stated he did not think a protective gown was required, when collecting nasal specimens. The DON verified staff and residents were able to come and go in the area, where specimens were being collected.</p> <p>Review of the facility policy COVID Testing Policy dated 12/2020, indicated staff should wear a N95 respirator mask or medical mask, eye protection, gloves and a protective gown during specimen collection.</p>	F 880	<p>and doffing PPE during COVID-19 with current guidelines, to include crisis standard of care, contingency standard of care, and standard of care will be reviewed and updated if needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Policy and procedure for source control masks will be developed/reviewed and implemented.</li> <li>- Policies and procedures regarding standard and transmission-based precautions will be reviewed and updated if needed.</li> <li>- A space will be designated for mass testing that is in an enclosed room with labeled entrance and exit.</li> <li>- Training will be provided to the Infection Preventionist, Director of Nursing, all staff providing direct care to the residents, and all staff entering resident's rooms covering infection control.</li> </ul> <p>Practices to include, but not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Transmission-based precautions</li> <li>b) Appropriate PPE use</li> <li>c) Donning and Doffing of PPE</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Infection Control and Prevention training will include competency testing.</li> <li>- Training will be provided to resident's and their representatives on the facilities infection control program, including transmission-based precautions, as it relates to them and to the degree possible consistent with the resident's capacity.</li> <li>- Training will be provided to all staff that is responsible for resident care equipment and the</li> </ul>		

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F 880	Continued From page 4	F 880	<p>4. PPE donning and doffing audits will be completed four times per week during all shifts for one week, then twice weekly for one week once compliance is met.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Source Control audits will be completed 4 times per week during all shifts for one week, then twice weekly for one week once compliance is met.</li> <li>- Real-time audits of aerosolized generating procedures will be conducted to ensure PPE is in use.</li> <li>- All audits indicated above will be reviewed at QAPI, the PDSA process will be implemented as indicated by the audits.</li> </ul> <p>5. Attached is a copy of the root cause analysis and action plan.</p> <p>6. This deficiency will be corrected by 2/11/21.</p>		



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Administrator  
New Richland Care Center  
312 Northeast 1st Street  
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Re: State Nursing Home Licensing Orders  
Event ID: XS2Q11

Dear Administrator:

The above facility was surveyed on January 4, 2021 through January 4, 2021 for the purpose of assessing compliance with Minnesota Department of Health Nursing Home Rules and Statutes. At the time of the survey, the survey team from the Minnesota Department of Health - Health Regulation Division noted one or more violations of these rules or statutes that are issued in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 144.653 and/or Minn. Stat. § 144A.10. If, upon reinspection, it is found that the deficiency or deficiencies cited herein are not corrected, a civil fine for each deficiency not corrected shall be assessed in accordance with a schedule of fines promulgated by rule and/or statute of the Minnesota Department of Health.

To assist in complying with the correction order(s), a "suggested method of correction" has been added. This provision is being suggested as one method that you can follow to correct the cited deficiency. Please remember that this provision is only a suggestion and you are not required to follow it. Failure to follow the suggested method will not result in the issuance of a penalty assessment. You are reminded, however, that regardless of the method used, correction of the order within the established time frame is required. The "suggested method of correction" is for your information and assistance only.

You have agreed to participate in the electronic receipt of State licensure orders consistent with the Minnesota Department of Health Informational Bulletin 14-01, available at [https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/regulation/infobulletins/ib04\\_8.html](https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/regulation/infobulletins/ib04_8.html). The State licensing orders are delineated on the Minnesota Department of Health State Form and are being delivered to you electronically. The Minnesota Department of Health is documenting the State Licensing Correction Orders using federal software. Tag numbers have been assigned to Minnesota state statutes/rules for Nursing Homes.

The assigned tag number appears in the far left column entitled "ID Prefix Tag." The state statute/rule number and the corresponding text of the state statute/rule out of compliance is listed in the "Summary Statement of Deficiencies" column and replaces the "To Comply" portion of the correction order. This column also includes the findings that are in violation of the state statute or rule after the statement, "This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by." Following the surveyors findings are

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the Suggested Method of Correction and the Time Period For Correction.

PLEASE DISREGARD THE HEADING OF THE FOURTH COLUMN WHICH STATES, "PROVIDER'S PLAN OF CORRECTION." THIS APPLIES TO FEDERAL DEFICIENCIES ONLY. THIS WILL APPEAR ON EACH PAGE.

THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT A PLAN OF CORRECTION FOR VIOLATIONS OF MINNESOTA STATE STATUTES/RULES.

Although no plan of correction is necessary for State Statutes/Rules, please enter the word "corrected" in the box available for text. You must then indicate in the electronic State licensure process, under the heading completion date, the date your orders will be corrected prior to electronically submitting to the Minnesota Department of Health. We urge you to review these orders carefully, item by item, and if you find that any of the orders are not in accordance with your understanding at the time of the exit conference following the survey, you should immediately contact:

**Elizabeth Silkey, Unit Supervisor**  
**Mankato District Office**  
**Licensing and Certification Program**  
**Health Regulation Division**  
**Minnesota Department of Health**  
**12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite #2105**  
**Mankato, MN 56001**  
**Email: elizabeth.silkey@state.mn.us**  
**Office: (507) 344-2742 Mobile: (651) 368-3593**

You may request a hearing on any assessments that may result from non-compliance with these orders provided that a written request is made to the Department within 15 days of receipt of a notice of assessment for non-compliance.

Please note it is your responsibility to share the information contained in this letter and the results of this visit with the President of your facility's Governing Body.

Please feel free to call me with any questions.



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2 000	<p>Initial Comments</p> <p>*****ATTENTION*****</p> <p><b>NH LICENSING CORRECTION ORDER</b></p> <p>In accordance with Minnesota Statute, section 144A.10, this correction order has been issued pursuant to a survey. If, upon reinspection, it is found that the deficiency or deficiencies cited herein are not corrected, a fine for each violation not corrected shall be assessed in accordance with a schedule of fines promulgated by rule of the Minnesota Department of Health.</p> <p>Determination of whether a violation has been corrected requires compliance with all requirements of the rule provided at the tag number and MN Rule number indicated below. When a rule contains several items, failure to comply with any of the items will be considered lack of compliance. Lack of compliance upon re-inspection with any item of multi-part rule will result in the assessment of a fine even if the item that was violated during the initial inspection was corrected.</p> <p>You may request a hearing on any assessments that may result from non-compliance with these orders provided that a written request is made to the Department within 15 days of receipt of a notice of assessment for non-compliance.</p> <p><b>INITIAL COMMENTS:</b> On 1/4/21, surveyors of this Department's staff visited the above provider and the following correction orders are issued.</p> <p>Minnesota Department of Health is documenting the State Licensing Correction Orders using federal software. Tag numbers have been</p>	2 000		

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2 000	<p>Continued From page 1</p> <p>assigned to Minnesota state statutes/rules for Nursing Homes. The assigned tag number appears in the far left column entitled " ID Prefix Tag." The state statute/rule out of compliance is listed in the "Summary Statement of Deficiencies" column and replaces the "To Comply" portion of the correction order. This column also includes the findings which are in violation of the state statute after the statement, "This Rule is not met as evidence by." Following the surveyors findings are the Suggested Method of Correction and Time period for Correction.</p> <p>You have agreed to participate in the electronic receipt of State licensure orders consistent with the Minnesota Department of Health Informational Bulletin 14-01, available at <a href="http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/fpc/profinfo/infol.htm">http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/fpc/profinfo/infol.htm</a> The State licensing orders are delineated on the attached Minnesota Department of Health orders being submitted to you electronically. Although no plan of correction is necessary for State Statutes/Rules, please enter the word "corrected" in the box available for text. You must then indicate in the electronic State licensure process, under the heading completion date, the date your orders will be corrected prior to electronically submitting to the Minnesota Department of Health.</p> <p>PLEASE DISREGARD THE HEADING OF THE FOURTH COLUMN WHICH STATES, "PROVIDER'S PLAN OF CORRECTION." THIS APPLIES TO FEDERAL DEFICIENCIES ONLY. THIS WILL APPEAR ON EACH PAGE. THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT A PLAN OF CORRECTION FOR VIOLATIONS OF MINNESOTA STATE STATUTES/RULES.</p>	2 000		

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21390	<p>MN Rule 4658.0800 Subp. 4 A-I Infection Control</p> <p>Subp. 4. Policies and procedures. The infection control program must include policies and procedures which provide for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. surveillance based on systematic data collection to identify nosocomial infections in residents;</li> <li>B. a system for detection, investigation, and control of outbreaks of infectious diseases;</li> <li>C. isolation and precautions systems to reduce risk of transmission of infectious agents;</li> <li>D. in-service education in infection prevention and control;</li> <li>E. a resident health program including an immunization program, a tuberculosis program as defined in part 4658.0810, and policies and procedures of resident care practices to assist in the prevention and treatment of infections;</li> <li>F. the development and implementation of employee health policies and infection control practices, including a tuberculosis program as defined in part 4658.0815;</li> <li>G. a system for reviewing antibiotic use;</li> <li>H. a system for review and evaluation of products which affect infection control, such as disinfectants, antiseptics, gloves, and incontinence products; and</li> <li>I. methods for maintaining awareness of current standards of practice in infection control.</li> </ul> <p>This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, interview and document review, the facility failed to follow Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines by appropriately implementing preventive measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This had the</p>	21390	<p>F880 <input type="checkbox"/> Infection Control</p> <p>1. The deficient practice did not directly affect any resident or staff of the facility but had the potential to affect all residents and staff.</p>	2/11/21

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21390	<p>Continued From page 3</p> <p>potential to affect all 30 residents residing in the facility as well as facility staff.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>During observation on 01/04/21, at 1: 40 p.m. the director of nursing (DON) was observed in the facility hallway near the main entrance door, preparing to collect nasal specimens from facility staff for COVID-19 testing. The DON was wearing eye protection, face mask and gloves. The DON was not wearing a protective gown. The DON collected a nasal specimen with a swab from a facility staff. The DON continued to collect specimens from several staff in the same location throughout the day and without wearing a protective gown. The nasal collection site was located inside the facility where residents and staff were able to come and go. There was a resident observed waiting in the same area of the collection site, waiting to be picked up for an appointment. Offices were located in the area. The human resources (HR) office window was open while staff persons were in the office, while specimens were being collected. The office was within 6 feet of the collecting site. The DON did not sanitize the area surfaces after each collection, and the specimens were placed in a cooler unsupervised outside of the HR office.</p> <p>Interview with the DON on 1/4/20, at 2:30 p.m. confirmed the above observations. The DON stated it was the first time he had collected nasal specimens from staff for COVID-19 testing. The DON stated COVID supplies were placed near the HR office and assumed that was the location where specimens had been collected. The DON also stated he did not think a protective gown was required, when collecting nasal specimens. The DON verified staff and residents were able to</p>	21390	<p>2. The Infection Preventionist and DON have been re-educated on the COVID Testing Policy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The infection Preventionist and DON have been re-educated on the appropriate setting in which to conduct the COVID testing.</li> <li>- The Infection Preventionist and DON have been re-educated on the process to follow when conducting mass testing.</li> </ul> <p>3. The QAPI committee will conduct a root cause analysis on the deficient practice related to COVID testing and develop a PDSA program to prevent recurrence of the deficient practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Policies and procedures for donning and doffing PPE during COVID-19 with current guidelines, to include crisis standard of care, contingency standard of care, and standard of care will be reviewed and updated if needed.</li> <li>- Policy and procedure for source control masks will be developed/reviewed and implemented.</li> <li>- Policies and procedures regarding standard and transmission-based precautions will be reviewed and updated if needed.</li> <li>- A space will be designated for mass testing that is in an enclosed room with labeled entrance and exit.</li> <li>- Training will be provided to the Infection Preventionist, Director of Nursing, all staff providing direct care to the residents, and all staff entering resident rooms covering infection control.</li> </ul>	

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21390	<p>Continued From page 4</p> <p>come and go in the area, where specimens were being collected.</p> <p>Review of the facility policy COVID Testing Policy dated 12/2020, indicated staff should wear a N95 respirator mask or medical mask, eye protection, gloves and a protective gown during specimen collection</p> <p><b>SUGGESTED METHOD OF CORRECTION:</b> The administrator could re-educate and audit facility staff to ensure nasal specimens are collected according to infection control practice. The administrator could report findings of the audits to the quality assurance committee for follow up to ensure ongoing compliance.</p> <p><b>TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION:</b> Twenty-one (21) days.</p>	21390	<p>Practices to include, but not limited to: Transmission-based precautions Appropriate PPE use Donning and Doffing of PPE - Infection Control and Prevention training will include competency testing. - Training will be provided to resident□s and their representatives on the facilities infection control program, including transmission-based precautions, as it relates to them and to the degree possible consistent with the resident□s capacity. - Training will be provided to all staff that is responsible for resident care equipment and the</p> <p>4. PPE donning and doffing audits will be completed 4 times per week during all shifts for one week, then twice weekly for one week once compliance is met. - Source Control audits will be completed 4 times per week during all shifts for one week, then weekly for one week once compliance is met. - Real-time audits of aerosolized generating procedures will be conducted to ensure PPE is in use. - All audits indicated above will be reviewed at QAPI, the PDSA process will be implemented as Indicated by the audits.</p> <p>5. This deficiency will be corrected by 2/11/21.</p>	

## **DIRECTED PLAN OF CORRECTION**

A Directed Plan of Correction (DPOC) is imposed in accordance with 42 CFR § 488.424. Your facility must include the following in their POC for the deficient practice cited at F880:

### **DIRECTED PLAN OF CORRECTION - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

- Address how corrective action will be accomplished for those residents found to have been affected by the deficient practice.
- Address how the facility will identify other residents having the potential to be affected by the same deficient practice.

### **POLICIES/PROCEDURES/SYSTEM CHANGES:**

- The facility's Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement Committee must conduct a root cause analysis (RCA) to identify the problem(s) that resulted in this deficiency and develop intervention or corrective action plan to prevent recurrence.

The Infection Preventionist and Director of Nursing, shall complete the following:

- Review policies and procedures for donning/doffing PPE during COVID-19 with current guidelines to include crisis standard of care, contingency standard of care and standard care.
- Develop and implement a policy and procedure for source control masks.
- Review policies regarding standard and transmission based precautions and revise as needed.

### **TRAINING/EDUCATION:**

As a part of corrective action plan, the facility must provide training for the Infection Preventionist, the Director of Nursing, all staff providing direct care to residents, and all staff entering resident's rooms, whether it be for residents' dietary needs or cleaning and maintenance services. The training must cover standard infection control practices, including but not limited to, transmission-based precautions, appropriate PPE use, and donning and doffing of PPE.

- The training may be provided by the Director of Nursing, Infection Preventionist, or Medical Director with an attestation statement of completion.
- The training must include competency testing of staff and this must be documented.
- Residents and their representatives should receive education on the facility's Infection Prevention Control Program as it related to them and to the degree possible/consistent with resident's capacity.
- Online infection prevention training courses may be utilized. The CDC and MDH websites have several infection control training modules and materials.

### **CDC RESOURCES:**

Infection Control Guidance: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control.html>

CDC: Isolation Precautions Guideline:

<https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/guidelines/isolation/index.html>

CDC: Guideline for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings (2007): <https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/guidelines/isolation/index.html>

CDC: Personal Protective Equipment: <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/ppe/>

Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control FAQs for COVID-19:

[https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/faq.html?CDC\\_AA\\_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fhcp%2Finfection-control-faq.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/faq.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fhcp%2Finfection-control-faq.html)

#### **MDH RESOURCES:**

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Infection Control:

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/patientsafety/infectioncontrol/ppe/index.html>

MDH Contingency Standards of Care for COVID-19: Personal Protective Equipment for Congregate Care Settings (PDF): <https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/ep/surge/crisis/ppegrid.pdf>

Interim Guidance on Facemasks as a Source Control Measure (PDF):

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/hcp/maskssource.pdf>

Interim Guidance on Alternative Facemasks (PDF):

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/hcp/masksalt.pdf>

Aerosol-Generating Procedures and Patients with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 (PDF):

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/hcp/aerosol.pdf>

Droplet Precautions:

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/patientsafety/infectioncontrol/pre/droplet.html>

Airborne Precautions:

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/patientsafety/infectioncontrol/pre/droplet.html>

#### **MONITORING/AUDITING:**

- The Director of Nursing, the Infection Preventionist, and other facility leadership will conduct audits of donning/doffing PPE with Transmission Based Precautions i.e. Droplet precautions.
- The Director of Nursing, Infection Preventionist, and other facility leadership will conduct routine audits on all shifts four times a week for one week, then twice weekly for one week once compliance is met. Audits should continue until 100% compliance is met on source control masking for staff, visitors and residents.
- The Director of Nursing, Infection Preventionist, and other facility leadership will conduct real time audits on all aerosolized generating procedures to ensure PPE is in use.
- The Director of Nursing, Infection Preventionist, or designee will review the results of audits and monitoring with the Quality Assurance Program Improvement (QAPI) program.

**In accordance with 42 CFR § 488.402(f), the DPOC remedy is effective 15 calendar days from the date of the enforcement letter. The DPOC may be completed before or after that date. A revisit will not be approved prior to receipt of documentation confirming the DPOC was completed. To successfully complete the DPOC, the facility must provide all of the following documentation identified in the chart below.**

**Documentation must be uploaded as attachments through ePOC to ensure you have completed this remedy.**

Imposition of this DPOC does not replace the requirement that the facility must submit a complete POC for all cited deficiencies (including F880) within 10 days after receipt of the Form CMS 2567.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Checklist: Documents Required for Successful Completion of the Directed Plan</b>
1	Documentation of the RCA and intervention or corrective action plan based on the results with signatures of the QAA Committee members and members of the Governing Body
2	Documentation that the interventions or corrective action plan that resulted from the RCA was fully implemented
3	Content of the training provided to staff, including a syllabus, outline, or agenda, as well as any other materials used or provided to staff for the training
4	Names and positions of all staff that attended and took the trainings
5	Staff training sign-in sheets
6	Summary of staff training post-test results, to include facility actions in response to any failed post-tests
7	Documentation of efforts to monitor and track progress of the interventions or corrective action plan

In order to speed up our review, identify all submitted documents with the number in the “Item” column.