

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER / SUPPLIER / CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 345351	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. BUILDING _____ B. WING _____	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 10/02/2020
NAME OF PROVIDER OF SUPPLIER AUTUMN CARE OF SALUDA		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP 501 ESSEOLA CIRCLE SALUDA, NC 28773	
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 - Few	<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 observations, staff interviews, and review of the facility's policy entitled Emergency Preparedness Plan - COVID 19 and Transmission-Based Precautions policy and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention guidance the facility failed to ensure Personal Care Aide (PCA) #1 donned a face shield and gown as part of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) used while in 1 of 1 resident room (D-8) placed under Enhanced Droplet-Contact Precautions. This failure occurred during a COVID-19 pandemic. Findings included: The facility's policy titled, Emergency Preparedness Plan - COVID 19 last updated 9/22/2020, under section 3.39 recommended the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) for health care settings. Health care workers or anyone crossing the threshold into a patient room on the observation unit were directed to wear PPE which included a gown and eye protection. The facility's policy and procedure titled, Transmission-Based Precautions last revised 03/24/2020, identified 3 categories which included contact and droplet precautions. The procedure of the policy provided instructions for undiagnosed respiratory illness use droplet and contact isolation until a definitive [DIAGNOSES REDACTED]. Under the section named, Droplet Precautions the noted intent was to prevent transmission of pathogens spread through close respiratory or mucous membrane contact with respiratory secretions and recommended eye protection be worn. Review of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website on 10/01/2020 under the section titled, Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Healthcare Personnel During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic under the section titled, Implement Universal Use of Personal Protective Equipment noted health care personnel (HCP) working in facilities located in areas with moderate to substantial community transmission are more likely to encounter asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic patients with [DIAGNOSES REDACTED]-CoV-2 (COVID-19) infection. The CDC guided HCP should follow standard precautions (and Transmission-Based Precautions if required based on the suspected diagnosis) and also wear eye protection in addition to their facemask to ensure the eyes, nose, and mouth are all protected. During an observation on 09/30/2020 at 4:58 PM PCA #1 was standing at the side of a bed occupied by a resident. The head of the bed was raised at approximately a 90-degree angle with PCA #1 standing in close proximity of the resident. PCA #1 was not wearing a gown or face shield. On the entry door of room D-8 a sign was posted and indicated enhanced droplet-contact precautions were to be used which included to wear a gown and eye protection when entering the room. PPE was available in multiple areas of D hall. During an interview on 09/30/2020 at 5:22 PM PCA #1 revealed he was trained on the use of PPE and identified rooms under enhanced droplet-contact precautions by the sign posted on the entry doors. PCA #1 indicated he seen the sign on the door of room D-8 but just forgot to don a gown and face shield before he entered the room. During an interview on 09/30/2020 at 5:38 PM the Infection Preventionist/Assistant Director of Nursing (IP/ADON) explained PCA #1 was a new employee and when first hired the facility provided education related to COVID 19 and the use of PPE. The IP/ADON indicated PCA #1 used a lack of judgement when he entered a room under enhanced droplet-contact precautions without the proper PPE and should have donned a gown and face shield.</p>		

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REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE

TITLE

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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.