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# Assisted Living Residences Comprehensive Personal Care Homes Assisted Living Programs

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Deficiencies cited from 4/20-8/21



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#### **Objectives**

- Enhance professional development
- Update the facilities on survey trends and findings
- Share with partners



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#### Regulation

#### A310-Administration

The administrator or designee shall be responsible for but not limited to ensuring the development, implementation, and enforcement of all policies and procedures.



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# **Deficient Practices**

Examples of deficiencies cited for A310 Administration:

- Group activities were not cancelled
- Communal dining not cancelled
- Residents were not socially distanced
- Residents were not wearing face masks when out of their rooms
- Temperature checks were only taken q shift when full vital signs should have been assessed
- Vital signs were only checked when the residents were symptomatic
- Residents were not quarantined per facility policy



#### **Deficient Practices Continued**

#### A310-Administration

- Policy did not address cancellation of group activities
- Policy not developed to ensure the implementation of resident screening during phase 0
- New admissions/readmissions not placed on transmission-based precautions
- Non-essential personnel not prohibited from entering the facility during an outbreak
- Not screening healthcare providers/surveyors upon entrance to the facility
- PPE not used properly during Covid-19 testing



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#### **Deficient Practices Continued**

#### A310-Administration

- Improper handwashing
- Failed to wait the required time for Covid-19 test results and failed to disinfect table used for testing in between testing



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#### Regulation

**A1271-Infection Prevention and Control Services** 

The facility shall develop and implement an infection prevention and control program



#### **Deficient Practices**

Examples of deficiencies cited for A1271 Infection Prevention and Control Services:

- Screening not done for staff
- Private duty aide did not wear a mask or face covering
- Newly admitted residents not cohorted
- The facility failed to implement an Infection Prevention Program
- The facility failed to hire or enter a contract with an Infection Control Preventionist by 10/30/20



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#### **Deficient Practices Continued**

A1271-Infection Prevention and Control Services

- Healthcare workers failed to wear surgical masks while working in a patient care area
- Staff failed to ensure masks covered their nose
- The facility failed to have an emergency stockpile of PPE
- The facility failed to implement the facility's cleaning and infection control protocol
- The facility failed to ensure that PPE was readily available for staff use for residents that were PUI
- Residents not wearing face masks



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#### **Deficient Practices Continued**

- A1271-Infection Prevention and Control Services
- Covid-19 testing not done according to the positivity rate
- The facility failed to develop an outbreak response plan
- Handwashing technique not done according to CDC guidelines



#### Regulation

#### **A1273-Infection Prevention and Control Services**

The licensed professional nurse, in coordination with the administrator, shall be responsible for the direction, provision, and quality of infection control services. The health care services director, in coordination with the administrator, shall be responsible for, but not limited to, developing and maintaining written objectives, a policy and procedure manual, and an organizational plan for the infection prevention and control service.



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#### **Deficient Practices**

Examples of deficiencies cited for A1273-Infection Prevention and Control Services:

- Wellness Director failed to coordinate with the facility Administrator to develop and implement policies and procedures to address, manage, and control the spread of Covid-19
- The facility failed to retain a qualified Infection Preventionist for the management of the Infection Prevention and Control Program



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#### Regulation

#### A1297-Infection Prevention and Control Services

Written policies and procedures shall be established and implemented regarding infection prevention and control, including, but not limited to, policies and procedures for the following: Surveillance techniques to minimize sources and transmission of infection.



#### **Deficient Practices**

Examples of deficiencies cited for A1297-Infection Prevention and Control Services:

- Facility failed to screen visitors for Covid-19 prior to entrance to the facility
- Failed to screen residents daily for S/S of Covid-19
- Failed to screen employees for Covid-19 prior to entrance to the facility
- Failed to screen surveyor for Covid-19 prior to entrance to the facility



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#### Regulation

#### **A1299-Infection Prevention and Control Services**

Written policies and procedures shall be established and implemented regarding infection prevention and control, including, but not limited to, policies and procedures for the following:

Techniques to be used during each resident contact, including handwashing before and after caring for a resident.



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# Deficient Practices

Examples of deficiencies cited for A1299-Infection Prevention and Control Services:

- Facility failed to ensure the proper use of PPE while caring for residents
- Facility failed to ensure the development and implementation of policies and procedures for techniques used during resident contact to prevent the spread of Covid-19
- Staff failed to perform hand hygiene after touching their masks and/or caring for residents
- Facility failed to ensure transmission-based precautions signage was posted on the residents' room door to inform staff of the type of isolation and PPE requirements



# Questions About Assisted Living Deficiencies?



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Thank you

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Long Term Care Survey & Certification Program "Most cited deficiencies 2021"

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## **Objectives**

- Understanding of 2021 most cited deficiencies
- Share with partners





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#### 2021-Most cited Deficiency Summary

- Most cited deficiencies cited of 2021/ Number of times cited
  - 0884 Reporting National Health Safety Network- 232
  - 0880 Infection Prevention & Control- 135
  - 0658 Services Provided Meet Professional Standards- 63
  - 0812 Food Procurement, Store/Prepare/Serve-Sanitary- 50
  - 0689 Free of Accident Hazards/Supervision/Devices-22
  - 0761 Label/Store Drugs and Biologicals -22
  - 0755 Pharmacy Services/Procedures/Pharmacist/Records -21
  - 0609 Reporting of Alleged Violations -20
  - 0842 Resident Records Identifiable Information- 16
  - 0584 Safe/Clean/Comfortable/Homelike Environment-15



#### F884

- F884 is a CMS automatically generated deficiency-not generated by the State Agency/NJ Department of Health
- NHSN data must be submitted at least once every 7 days
- Register with SAMS (Security Access Management System)
- NHSN data must be accurate
- Correct your submitted data if you find errors
- F884 deficiency tags will be automatically issued for noncompliance by CMS; CMP fines maybe levied



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## F880-Examples

- Failure to implement Transmission based Precautions (TBP), in accordance with CDC guidance
- Failure to perform contact tracing and identify residents exposed to Covid-19 as persons under investigation, in accordance with CDC guidance
- Improper handwashing



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#### F658-Examples

- Failure to follow professional standards
- Failure to administer medications in accordance with physician's orders
- Failure to administer CPR in accordance with physician's orders
- Failure to follow physician's orders



#### F812-Examples

- Handling food items without wearing gloves
- Store potentially hazardous foods in a manner to ensure safe food temperatures are maintained
- Store foods in a manner to ensure items are not used beyond safe use by dates
- Holding foods in <u>danger zone temperatures</u> (between 41 degrees F and 135 degrees F). PHF/TCS foods should have their temperatures monitored periodically during meal service and on the tray line to ensure proper hot/cold holding temperatures are being maintained.

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#### 2021-Survey Requirments

- Continued with recertification surveys with Covid-19 Focused Infection Control Surveys
- Continued with standalone Covid-19 Focused Infection Control surveys



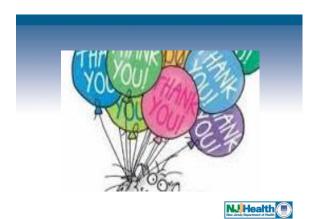


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# Resources

- CMS Appendix PP
- Long Term Care Survey Process(LTCSP) Procedure Guide
- The Quality, Safety & Oversight Letters (formerly known as *Survey and Certification Letters*) <u>www.cms.gov</u>



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