STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION

(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 345080

(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION
A. BUILDING __________________________
B. WING ____________________________

(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED: C 06/30/2020

NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER
BRIAN CENTER HEALTH & REHAB HICKORY VIEWMONT

STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE
220 13TH AVENUE PLACE NW
HICKORY, NC  28601

(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

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<td>An unannounced COVID-19 Focused Survey was conducted on 06/16/2020. The facility was found in compliance with 42 CFR §483.73 related to E-0024 (b)(6), Subpart-B-Requirements for Long Term Care Facilities. Event ID# 15WD11</td>
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<td>F 000</td>
<td>INITIAL COMMENTS</td>
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<td>The survey team entered the facility on 06/16/2020 to conduct an unannounced COVID-19 Focused Infection Control Survey and complaint investigation and exited on 06/16/2020. Additional information was obtained on 06/22/2020, 06/24/2020, and 06/30/2020. Therefore the exit date was changed to 06/30/2020.</td>
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| F 880 | Infection Prevention & Control | F 880 | §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 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 |

7/13/20 |

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

Electronically Signed

07/10/2020 |

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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<td>arrangement based upon the facility assessment conducted according to §483.70(e) and following accepted national standards;</td>
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§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.

§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
### Statement of Deficiencies and Plan of Correction

#### A. Building

**Provider/Supplier/CLIA Identification Number:**

345080

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#### B. Wing

**Statement of Deficiencies and Plan of Correction**

**Date Survey Completed:** 06/30/2020

**Printed:** 07/16/2020

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**Name of Provider or Supplier:**

**BRIAN CENTER HEALTH & REHAB HICKORY VIEWMONT**

**Address:**

220 13TH AVENUE PLACE NW

HICKORY, NC 28601

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### Summary Statement of Deficiencies

(Each deficiency must be preceded by full regulatory or LSC identifying information)

**ID** | **Prefix** | **Tag** | **Provider's Plan of Correction**
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§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, staff interview, and review of the facility's policies and procedures, the facility failed develop a policy that addressed when laundry staff were to perform hand hygiene and what PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) they were to wear. Additionally, a laundry aide was observed not wearing any PPE while handling clean and dirty laundry nor perform hand hygiene after touching soiled linen laundry for 1 of 1 staff observed processing laundry. These failures occurred during a COVID-19 pandemic and had the potential to affect all residents in the facility.

**Findings included:**

Review of the facility's policies and procedure revealed there were no policies that addressed when laundry staff were to perform hand hygiene or what PPE staff were required to wear when processing laundry.

According to the facility protocol document titled "Managing COVID-19 in your facility Tool Kit C" dated 4/23/20 and signed by the medical director on 05/29/20 indicated all staff must be meticulous with hand hygiene and the use of PPE.

An observation on 06/16/20 at 2:05PM revealed Laundry Aide #1, was working in the laundry department and was not wearing any PPE.

Laundry aide #1 was observed to use her bare hands to work in the facility with potential patient or resident contact.

Preparation, submission and implementation of this plan of correction does not constitute an admission of or agreement with the facts and conclusions set forth on the survey report. Our plan of correction is prepared and executed as a means to continuously improve the quality of care and to comply with all applicable state and federal regulatory requirements.

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**A Fish Bone Diagram: Root Cause Analysis** was conducted on 7-6-2020 and completed 7-8-2020 to identify the root cause of 1) the failure of the facility to develop a policy to address when laundry staff are to perform hand hygiene and wear PPE and 2) failure of laundry staff to wear PPE and perform hand hygiene when handling clean and dirty laundry.

The Root Cause Analysis was led by the District of Clinical Services with input by the Vice President of Clinical Services, Vice President of Operations, Nursing Home Administrator, Director of Nursing, Infection Preventionist, District Manager Account Manager and Environment Services Account Manager. The Results of the Root Cause Analysis were reviewed...
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<td>by the QAPI Committee on 7-10-2020 were incorporated into the facility plan of correction. The facility uses Healthcare Services Group (HCSG) Laundry Policies that address when staff are to perform hand hygiene and proper use of PPE. HCSG Environmental Services Operations Manual-Laundry Operations (Revised 6/16) was available on Sava Central at Ops Central. A copy of the HCSG Laundry Operations Manual was printed and placed in the facility laundry area on 7-10-2020. A copy of HCSG Laundry Operations Manual (Revised 6/16) was reviewed with the laundry staff on 7-10-2020 with in-service education completed by the facility Infection Preventionist. Additional laundry staff not present on 7-10-2020 will receive in-service education by the Infection Preventionist by 7-13-2020. An attestation statement by the Infection Preventionist verifying completion of in-service training will be completed by 7-13-2020. A copy of the HCSG-COVID-19 Checklist for HCSG Laundry Services Policy was printed and placed into the facility laundry area on 7-10-2020. A copy of HCSG-COVID-19 Checklist for HCSG Laundry Services Policy dated 4-6-2020 was reviewed with the laundry staff on 7-10-2020 with in-service education completed by the Infection Preventionist. Additional laundry staff not present on 7-10-2020 will receive in-service education by the Infection Preventionist by 7-13-20.</td>
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An interview was conducted on 06/16/20 at 2:07 PM with Laundry Aide #1 who acknowledged she did not use PPE during handling of linen on the dirty side of the laundry department. She stated she had arrived at work and began performing daily task before donning PPE and did not wash her hands after handling the dirty linens. She further revealed she should have worn a mask, apron, and gloves when handling all laundry on the dirty side of the laundry room followed by washing her hands.

An interview was conducted on 06/16/20 at 2:15 PM with the Housekeeping Director who acknowledged the proper PPE including an apron, mask, and gloves should have been worn by all laundry staff when performing duties on the dirty side of the laundry room followed by hand hygiene. He stated the facility was doing all laundry including resident's personal items due to enforcement of no visitation during the pandemic. He further revealed the laundry staff scheduled for second shift, which included Laundry Aide #1, were also responsible for cleaning and sanitizing.
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<td>Continued From page 4 the main corridor of the building including resident halls 400 and 500 daily and by not wearing the proper PPE while handling linens in the laundry room increased the risk for the spread of infection during the COVID-19 pandemic to the residents and staff.</td>
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<td>An attestation statement by the Infection Preventionist verifying completion of in-service training will be completed by 7-13-2020. All Laundry Staff will received in-service education and training on HCSG Laundry Operations Policy (Revised 6/16) and HCSG-COVID-19 Checklist for HCSG Laundry Services (4/6/2020) upon hire and annually effective 7-10-2020. The facility will audit all Laundry Services in-service Education and Training weekly x four (4) then monthly x two (2) to ensure that all Laundry Services have received in-service education and training annually and upon hire of HCSG Laundry Operations Policy (Revised 6/16) and HCSG-COVID-19 Checklist for HCSG Laundry Services (4/6/20). On 7-7-2020 the Infection Control Nurse provided re-education to Laundry Aide#1 to wear proper PPE which includes mask, eye wear, gown / apron, gloves and the importance of hand hygiene when working in the soiled laundry area. All residents have the potential to be affected. On 7-6-2020 the Administrator, Infection Control Nurse, Environmental Services Account Manager, Director of Nursing, District Manager Account Manager, District Director of Clinical Services, Vice President of Clinical Services and Vice President of Operations conducted a root cause analysis regarding facility processes for</td>
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<td>handling laundry. Based on the results of this root cause analysis a QA plan was developed to include re-education of all current laundry aides regarding the laundry policies and procedures, handling of the laundry and using the proper PPE and the importance of hand hygiene.</td>
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<td>It was determined that the Laundry Aide #1 did not follow policy / procedure on the proper handling of the soiled and clean laundry. Issues that were also found was that the policy and procedures were not located in the laundry dept. The Adhoc completion date was 7-8-2020. Opportunities were corrected as identified.</td>
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<td>On 7-10-2020 the Infection Control Nurse re-educated Laundry Aide #1 and all other laundry aides to wear proper PPE which includes mask, shield, gown/apron, gloves and the importance of hand hygiene when working and handling soiled/clean laundry. Policies and procedures for handling of the laundry are located in the laundry dept as of 7/10/2020. Additional laundry staff not present on 7-10-2020 will receive in-service education by the Infection Preventionist by 7-13-2020. No additional issues were identified.</td>
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<td>The Infection Control Nurse / Designee will conduct weekly audits five times (5) a week.</td>
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- **Summary Statement of Deficiencies**: Procedures with handling soiled / clean laundry. The Environmental Services Account Manager / Designee will observe one laundry aide five (5) times a week x four (4) weeks then monthly times two (2) months or until compliance has been determined on wearing proper PPE and hand hygiene procedures with handling soiled / clean laundry. Opportunities will be corrected daily as identified.

- **Provider's Plan of Correction**: The Infection Control Nurse / Environmental Services Account Manager will report results of the audits in the facility's weekly and QAPI monthly meetings. The committee will evaluate effectiveness of the plan and make recommendations as required.

- **Completion Date**: Our completion date for the plan of correction is 7-13-2020.