

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 315483	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 06/05/2025
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Plaza Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 456 Rahway Avenue Elizabeth, NJ 07202	

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<p>F 0880</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Many</p>	<p>Provide and implement an infection prevention and control program.</p> <p>Based on observation, interview, and a review of facility documentation, it was determined that the facility failed to ensure laundry staff had the proper personal protection equipment (PPE) necessary to handle linens to prevent the spread of infection.</p> <p>This deficient practice was evidenced by the following:</p> <p>On 6/4/25 at 11:10 AM, the surveyor toured the laundry room along with the Infection Preventionist (IP). Upon entry to the clean laundry area, two laundry aides were emptying a dryer. The laundry room consisted of an area with two front loading washers, both which were running. There was another area with three dryers and room for folding laundry. The surveyor asked the laundry aides, what they needed to do when loading the dirty laundry into the washers. The aide explained that sometimes she finds disposable briefs in the wash when emptying the washer into the dryer. She further stated that if a brief was found, she removed them and disposed of them in the garbage. The surveyor asked if she needed to wear anything to protect her when handling the dirty linens. She repeated her comments about the disposable briefs. The surveyor did not observe any gowns or aprons in the laundry area.</p> <p>On 6/4/25 at 11:20 AM, the surveyor interviewed the Food Service Director/Housekeeping Director (FSD/HD) regarding if any PPE was needed when handling soiled linen. She stated, Not that I know of. The IP was present and stated the staff should wear PPE when handling the soiled linens into the washers.</p> <p>On 6/4/25 at 11:29 AM, the IP showed the surveyor a laundry bag that disintegrates when it hits water. She stated that we use these bags, so they (the laundry staff) aren't touching soiled linens.</p> <p>On 6/4/25 at 11:40 AM, the surveyor interviewed two certified nursing assistants (CNAs) on the 1st floor. The surveyor observed CNA#1 with a clear plastic bag (not biodegradable) and asked what that bag was for. CNA#1 she stated it was for the dirty laundry. The surveyor asked if those laundry bags were also used for isolation. CNA#2 stated they used different bags for isolation, the kind that go right into the washer.</p> <p>On 6/4/25 at 11:50 am, the surveyor requested a policy from the FSD/HD regarding infection control in the laundry room. She stated she was looking for a policy but couldn't find one. She further stated that she googled it, and it does say staff was supposed to wear PPE when handling soiled linen. The surveyor asked what site she googled. She showed the surveyor her phone's screen which was on an AI (artificial intelligence) overview. She also stated that this was her first time doing laundry and housekeeping.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>

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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