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Salina Presbyterian Manor health care center gets no deficiencies on focused infection control survey

SALINA, Kan. — The health care center at Salina Presbyterian Manor had zero-deficiencies in a focused infection control survey conducted on behalf of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) this week.

The Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) conducts the surveys on behalf of CMS, the federal agency that sets licensing and quality standards for nursing facilities. CMS announced in March that priority would be given to focused infection control surveys and gave states until July 31, 2020, to complete the surveys. In order to complete infection control surveys, annual surveys are delayed in an effort to ensure nursing homes are prepared to respond to the threat of disease caused by the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Zero deficiencies means Salina Presbyterian Manor met all the standards for infection control in the community's health care center.

"Our employees go above and beyond every day to provide the best care to our residents," said Christian Gilbert, executive director. "These survey results are tangible proof of our employees' commitment to providing quality senior care and services based on Christian values. This is an especially significant recognition during the COVID-19 pandemic."

Focused infection control surveys hone in on a nursing facility's adherence to Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and CMS guidance for infection control practices to prevent disease at the community. Communities are assessed on staff and resident education on hand hygiene and coughing/sneezing etiquette, cleaning, screening of employees and residents, effective transmission-based precautions, proper use/discarding of personal protective equipment and signage at entrances and resident rooms. Surveyors also examine the facility's policies and emergency preparedness related to a pandemic or outbreak.

Senior living communities are surveyed annually by their licensing agency for compliance of regulations established by the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) and CMS. These regulations are designed to ensure a standard of care is met. By meeting this standard, senior living communities are able to renew their licenses and continue to provide care.

Salina Presbyterian Manor is a continuing care retirement community (CCRC), or life plan community, offering independent living, assisted living, memory care, long-term health care and short-term rehabilitation.

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Salina Presbyterian Manor has served Saline County since 1980 with independent and assisted living, nursing home care, services for Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia, and short-term rehabilitation. Learn more at SalinaPresbyterianManor.org. Presbyterian Manors of Mid-America is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization with 16 locations and 2 hospices in Kansas and Missouri. Learn more at PresbyterianManors.org.