

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 225402	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 05/30/2025
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Clifton Rehabilitation Nursing Center		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 500 Wilbur Avenue Somerset, MA 02725	

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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>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on observation, interview, and record review, the facility failed to maintain an infection prevention and control program to help prevent the development and potential transmission of communicable diseases and infections. Specifically, the facility failed to maintain a water management program to prevent the growth of Legionella (bacteria that can cause legionellosis (illness caused by Legionella) including a pneumonia-type illness called Legionnaires' disease and a mild flu-like illness called Pontiac fever) and other opportunistic waterborne pathogens.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>Review of Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Memo QSO-17-30- Hospitals/CAHs/NHs, revised 7/6/2018, indicated but was not limited to the following:</p> <p>Facilities must have water management plans and documentation that, at a minimum, ensure each facility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Conducts a facility risk assessment to identify where Legionella and other opportunistic waterborne pathogens (e.g. Pseudomonas, Acinetobacter, Burkholderia, Stenotrophomonas, non-tuberculous mycobacteria, and fungi) could grow and spread in the facility water system. -Develops and implements a water management program that considers the ASHRAE industry standard and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) toolkit. -Specifies testing protocols and acceptable ranges for control measures and document the results of testing and corrective actions taken when control limits are not maintained. -Maintains compliance with other applicable Federal, State and local requirements. <p>Review of the facility's policy titled Legionella Surveillance, revised January 2025, indicated but was not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -It is the policy of this facility to establish primary and secondary strategies for the prevention and control of Legionella infections. -Legionella surveillance is used for reducing the risk of Legionella and other opportunistic pathogen in the facilities water systems. <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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