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Topeka Presbyterian Manor earns zero-deficiency rating for health care, assisted living focused infection control surveys

TOPEKA, Kan. — Topeka Presbyterian Manor earned a zero-deficiency survey for two focused infection control surveys conducted by the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) in June.

Senior living communities are surveyed annually by their licensing agency for compliance of regulations established by KDADS and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). KDADS licenses adult care homes and CMS licenses skilled nursing facilities. 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.

A zero-deficiency survey means Topeka Presbyterian Manor met all the standards for infection control in both assisted living and health care.

CMS has directed states to complete surveys of all skilled nursing facilities by July 31, 2020. The Kansas Legislature directed KDADS to complete focused infection control surveys for all adult care homes in Kansas by September 30, 2020.

The focused infection control surveys hone in on an adult care home's adherence 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. It also examines the facility's policies and emergency preparedness related to a pandemic or outbreak.

"Every day I see our employees go above and beyond in the care they provide," said Heather Pilkinton, executive director. "These survey results demonstrate our commitment to providing quality senior care and services based on Christian values and recognize the hard work this team has put in throughout the COVID-19 crisis."

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

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Topeka Presbyterian Manor has been serving Shawnee County and the surrounding area since 1962. Learn more at TopekaPresbyterianManor.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 and a new community under development in Colorado Springs. Learn more at PMMA.org.