



## **Rehab Documentation Guidance for COVID-19**

Continued Skilled Care:

- Following a thorough review of patient clinical condition and complexities, rehab care plan and discharge goals, the IDT has determined the following to be in the best interest of the patient during COVID-19 pandemic:
  - Current therapy POC is essential to meet the patient's needs and remains medically necessary.
  - OR
  - Therapy POC will be modified, prioritizing the most essential needs of the patient in consideration with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Modified POC:

- Current unavoidable staffing circumstances in which licensed therapists are not able to care in more than one location, patient's POC modification is necessary to provide services in accordance with the CDC guidlelines and prevent spread of infection.
- The rehab POC will be placed on temporary hold as an infection control/prevention measure in compliance with a facility directed PPE conservation plan. The facility is currently experiencing PPE shortage, and existing supplies are being directed to critical care needs.

Discontinued POC:

- The patients medical needs supercede the established therapy POC at this time related to confirmed/suspected acute infection and the current POC will be discontinued.
- The IDT has determined in the best interest of safety and health of the residents during COVID-19 pandemic that the rehab POCs will be discontined.
- The patient's POC has been updated to accommodate the unavoidable absence of unavailable therapy staff during COVID-19 pandemic. The patient has been transitioned to RNP/ HEP/ FMP to reduce the risk of functional decline.

General Statements:

- Following COVID-19 protocol, therapy will continue to provide skilled rehab services while following CDC guidelines to prevent and minimize the spread of infection.
- As an infection control/ prevention intervention, the provider has recommended limiting movement between provider locations in accordance with CDC guidelines.
- In room sessions are being completed to accommodate suspected/confirmed COVID-19 infection

