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April 2, 2026

Administrator
Good Samaritan Society - Pine River
518 JEFFERSON AVENUE
PO BOX 29
PINE RIVER, MN 56474

RE: CCN:245476

Cycle Start Date: March 25, 2026

Dear Administrator:

On March 25, 2026, a survey was completed at your facility by the Minnesota Departments of Health and Public Safety, to determine if your facility was in compliance with Federal participation requirements for skilled nursing facilities and/or nursing facilities participating in the Medicare and/or Medicaid programs.

This survey found the most serious deficiencies in your facility to be isolated deficiencies that constituted no actual harm with potential for more than minimal harm that was not immediate jeopardy (Level D), as evidenced by the electronically attached CMS-2567 whereby corrections are required.

ELECTRONIC PLAN OF CORRECTION (ePoC)

Within **ten (10) calendar days** after your receipt of this notice, you must submit an acceptable ePOC for the deficiencies cited. An acceptable ePOC will serve as your allegation of compliance. Upon receipt of an acceptable ePOC, we will authorize a revisit to your facility to determine if substantial compliance has been achieved.

To be acceptable, a provider's ePOC must include the following:

- How corrective action will be accomplished for those residents found to have been affected by the deficient practice.

- How the facility will identify other residents having the potential to be affected by the same deficient practice.

What measures will be put into place, or systemic changes made, to ensure that the deficient practice will not recur.

- How the facility will monitor its corrective actions to ensure that the deficient practice is being corrected and will not recur.
- The date that each deficiency will be corrected.
- An electronic acknowledgement signature and date by an official facility representative.

The state agency may, in lieu of an onsite revisit, determine correction and compliance by accepting the facility's ePoC if the ePoC is reasonable, addresses the problem and provides evidence that the corrective action has occurred.

If an acceptable ePoC is not received within 10 calendar days from the receipt of this letter, we will recommend to the CMS Region V Office that one or more of the following remedies be imposed:

- Denial of payment for new Medicare and Medicaid admissions (42 CFR 488.417);
- Civil money penalty (42 CFR 488.430 through 488.444).
- Termination of your facility's Medicare and/or Medicaid agreement (488.456(b)).

DEPARTMENT CONTACT

Questions regarding this letter and all documents submitted as a response to the resident care deficiencies (those preceded by an "F" and/or an "E" tag), i.e., the plan of correction should be directed to:

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PRESUMPTION OF COMPLIANCE - CREDIBLE ALLEGATION OF COMPLIANCE

The facility's ePoC will serve as your allegation of compliance upon the Department's acceptance. In order for your allegation of compliance to be acceptable to the Department, the ePoC must meet the criteria listed in the plan of correction section

above. You will be notified by the Minnesota Department of Health, Licensing and Certification Program staff and/or the Department of Public Safety, State Fire Marshal Division staff, if your ePoC for the respective deficiencies (if any) is acceptable.

VERIFICATION OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE

Upon receipt of an acceptable ePoC, a Post Certification Revisit (PCR), of your facility will be conducted to validate that substantial compliance with the regulations has been attained in accordance with your verification.

If substantial compliance has been achieved, certification of your facility in the Medicare and/or

Medicaid program(s) will be continued and remedies will not be imposed. Compliance is certified as of the latest correction date on the approved ePoC, unless it is determined that either correction actually occurred between the latest correction date on the ePoC and the date of the first revisit, or correction occurred sooner than the latest correction date on the ePoC.

FAILURE TO ACHIEVE SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE BY THE THIRD OR SIXTH MONTH AFTER THE LAST DAY OF THE SURVEY

If substantial compliance with the regulations is not verified by June 25, 2026 (three months after the identification of noncompliance), the CMS Region V Office must deny payment for new admissions as mandated by the Social Security Act (the Act) at Sections 1819(h)(2)(D) and 1919(h)(2)(C) and Federal regulations at 42 CFR Section 488.417(b).

In addition, if substantial compliance with the regulations is not verified by September 25, 2026 (six months after the identification of noncompliance) your provider agreement will be terminated. This action is mandated by the Social Security Act at Sections 1819(h)(2)(C) and 1919(h)(3)(D) and Federal regulations at 42 CFR Sections 488.412 and 488.456.

Please note that this notice does not constitute formal notice of imposition of alternative remedies or termination of your provider agreement. Should the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services determine that termination or any other remedy is warranted, it will provide you with a separate formal notification of that determination.

INFORMAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION (IDR)

In accordance with 42 CFR 488.331 and Minnesota Statute 144A.10 subd 15, you have

one opportunity to question cited deficiencies through an informal dispute resolution process. You are required to send your written request, along with the specific deficiencies being disputed, and an explanation of why you are disputing those deficiencies, to: <https://forms.web.health.state.mn.us/form/NHDisputeResolution>

This request must be sent within the same ten calendar days you have for submitting an ePoC for the cited deficiencies. Please note that the failure to complete the informal dispute resolution process will not delay the dates specified for compliance or the imposition of remedies.

A copy of the Department's informal dispute resolution policies is posted on the MDH Information Bulletin website at:

https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/regulation/infobulletins/ib04_8.html

INDEPENDENT INFORMAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION (INDEPENDENT IDR)

In accordance with 42 CFR § 488.431 and Minnesota Statute 144A.10 subd 16, when a CMP subject to being collected and placed in an escrow account is imposed, you have one opportunity to question cited deficiencies through an Independent IDR process. You may also contest scope and severity assessments for deficiencies which resulted in a finding of SQC or immediate jeopardy. You are required to send your written request, along with the specific deficiencies being disputed, and an explanation of why you are disputing those deficiencies, to:

<https://forms.web.health.state.mn.us/form/NHDisputeResolution>

A facility may not use both IDR and independent IDR for the same deficiency citation(s) arising from the same survey unless the IDR process was completed prior to the imposition of the CMP. This request must be sent within ten calendar days of receipt of this offer. An incomplete Independent IDR process will not delay the effective date of any enforcement action.

Questions regarding all documents submitted as a response to the Life Safety Code deficiencies (those preceded by a "K" tag), i.e., the plan of correction, request for waivers, should be directed to:

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Health Care & Correctional Facilities
MN Department of Public Safety-Fire Marshal Division
445 Minnesota St., Suite 145
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Web: www.sfm.dps.mn.gov

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Feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,



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Minnesota Department of Health

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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTIONS	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 245476	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. BUILDING 01 - 1985 BUILDING A... B. WING	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 03/24/2026
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NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER Good Samaritan Society - Pine River	STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 518 JEFFERSON AVENUE PO BOX 29, PINE RIVER, Minnesota, 56474
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K0000	<p>INITIAL COMMENTS</p> <p>FIRE SAFETY</p> <p>An annual Life Safety recertification survey was conducted by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, State Fire Marshal Division on 03/24/2026. At the time of this survey, Good Samaritan Society-Pine River was found not in compliance with the requirements for participation in Medicare/Medicaid at 42 CFR, Subpart 483.70(a), Life Safety from Fire, and the 2012 edition of National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 101, Life Safety Code (LSC), Chapter 19 Existing Health Care and the 2012 edition of NFPA 99, Health Care Facilities Code.</p> <p>THE FACILITY'S POC WILL SERVE AS YOUR ALLEGATION OF COMPLIANCE UPON THE DEPARTMENT'S ACCEPTANCE. YOUR SIGNATURE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE FIRST PAGE OF THE CMS-2567 FORM WILL BE USED AS VERIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE.</p> <p>UPON RECEIPT OF AN ACCEPTABLE POC, AN ONSITE REVISIT OF YOUR FACILITY MAY BE CONDUCTED TO VALIDATE THAT SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH THE REGULATIONS HAS BEEN ATTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR VERIFICATION.</p> <p>PLEASE RETURN THE PLAN OF CORRECTION FOR THE FIRE SAFETY DEFICIENCIES (K-TAGS) TO:</p> <p>IF PARTICIPATING IN THE E-POC PROCESS, A PAPER COPY OF THE PLAN OF CORRECTION IS NOT REQUIRED.</p> <p>Healthcare Fire Inspections State Fire Marshal Division 445 Minnesota St., Suite 145 St. Paul, MN 55101-5145, OR</p> <p>By email to: FM.HC.Inspections@state.mn.us</p> <p>THE PLAN OF CORRECTION FOR EACH DEFICIENCY MUST INCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:</p>	K0000		04/15/2026
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K0000	Continued from page 1 1. A detailed description of the corrective action taken or planned to correct the deficiency. 2. Address the measures that will be put in place to ensure the deficiency does not reoccur. 3. Indicate how the facility plans to monitor future performance to ensure solutions are sustained. 4. Identify who is responsible for the corrective actions and monitoring of compliance. 5. The actual or proposed date for completion of the remedy. Good Samaritan Society of Pine River is a 1-story building with two basements. The building was constructed at five different times. In 1961 the nursing home was built and was determined to be of Type II(111) construction without a basement. In 1968 an addition was constructed to the north of the original building, that was determined to be of Type II(111) construction and has a basement. In 1985 an addition was constructed to the southwest of the 1961 building that was determined to be of Type II(111) construction and has a partial basement. In 1993 an addition was constructed to the west of the 1985 addition that was determined to be of Type II(111) construction. In 1996 the last addition was added to the west of the 1993 addition that was determined to be of Type II(111) construction. The building is divided into 7 smoke zones by one and two hour fire barriers. The facility is separated by 2-hour fire barriers form an outpatient physical therapy building. The facility is fully fire sprinkler protected and has a fire alarm system with smoke detection in the corridors and spaces open to the corridors, that is monitored for automatic fire department notification. The facility has a capacity of 33 beds and had a census of 31 at the time of the survey. The requirements at 42 CFR, Subpart 483.70(a), are NOT MET as evidenced by:	K0000		
K0353 SS = D Bldg. 01	Sprinkler System - Maintenance and Testing CFR(s): NFPA 101 Sprinkler System - Maintenance and Testing Automatic sprinkler and standpipe systems are	K0353	K0353- Maintenance & Testing The maintenance supervisor contacted Breth Zenzen company to schedule the replacement of sprinkler heads in the facility kitchen on 3/25/26.	04/15/2026

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K0353 SS = D Bldg. 01	<p>Continued from page 2 inspected, tested, and maintained in accordance with NFPA 25, Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintaining of Water-based Fire Protection Systems. Records of system design, maintenance, inspection and testing are maintained in a secure location and readily available.</p> <p>a) Date sprinkler system last checked _____</p> <p>b) Who provided system test _____</p> <p>c) Water system supply source _____</p> <p>Provide in REMARKS information on coverage for any non-required or partial automatic sprinkler system.</p> <p>9.7.5, 9.7.7, 9.7.8, and NFPA 25</p> <p>This STANDARD is NOT MET as evidenced by:</p> <p>Based on observation and staff interview, the facility failed to inspect and maintain the sprinkler system in accordance with NFPA 101 (2012 edition), Life Safety Code, sections 4.6.12, 9.7.5, 9.7.6, NFPA 25 (2011 edition) Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems, section(s), 5.2, 5.2.1.1.1, 5.2.1.1.2(5). This deficient finding could have an isolated impact on the residents within the facility.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>On 03/24/2026 at 2:00 PM, it was revealed by observation that 2 sprinkler heads in the kitchen were exhibiting signs of grease and debris loading.</p> <p>An interview with Maintenance Director and Administrator verified this deficient finding at the time of discovery.</p>	K0353	<p>Continued from page 2 All sprinkler heads will be checked to make sure they are compliant with NFPA requirements by 4/10/2026</p> <p>All maintenance staff were educated on how to audit sprinkler heads for grease or other debris on 4/03/2026</p> <p>Maintenance supervisor/designee will audit all sprinkler heads for grease or other debris by 4/10/26. Audits will be completed by the administrator or designee weekly x 4 monthly x 2. Results of the Audits will be completed by the QAPI committee.</p> <p>The facility scheduled for the kitchen sprinkler heads to be replaced by Breth Zenzen company on 4/15/2026.</p>	

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E0000	Initial Comments On 3/24/26-3/25/26, a survey for compliance with CFR §483.73, Appendix Z, Emergency Preparedness Requirements was conducted during a standard recertification survey. The facility was IN compliance. The facility is enrolled in ePOC and therefore a signature is not required at the bottom of the first page of the CMS-2567 form. Although no plan of correction is required, it is required that the facility acknowledge receipt of the electronic documents.	E0000		
F0000	INITIAL COMMENTS On 3/24/26-3/25/26, a federal recertification survey was conducted using the Risk-Based Survey (RBS) process at your facility. Your facility was not in compliance with §42 CFR 483, Subpart B, Requirements for Long Term Care Facilities. The facility's plan of correction (POC) will serve as your allegation of compliance upon the Department's acceptance. Because you are enrolled in ePOC, your signature is not required at the bottom of the first page of the CMS-2567 form. Your electronic submission of the POC will be used as verification of compliance. Upon receipt of an acceptable electronic POC, an onsite revisit of your facility may be conducted to validate substantial compliance with the regulations has been attained.	F0000		
F0880 SS = D	Infection Prevention & Control CFR(s): 483.80(a)(1)(2)(4)(e)(f) §483.80 Infection Control The facility must establish and maintain an infection prevention and control program designed to provide a safe, sanitary and comfortable environment and to help prevent the development and transmission of communicable diseases and infections.	F0880		

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F0880 SS = D	<p>Continued from page 1</p> <p>§483.80(a) Infection prevention and control program.</p> <p>The facility must establish an infection prevention and control program (IPCP) that must include, at a minimum, the following elements:</p> <p>§483.80(a)(1) A system for preventing, identifying, reporting, investigating, and controlling infections and communicable diseases for all residents, staff, volunteers, visitors, and other individuals providing services under a contractual arrangement based upon the facility assessment conducted according to §483.71 and following accepted national standards;</p> <p>§483.80(a)(2) Written standards, policies, and procedures for the program, which must include, but are not limited to:</p> <p>(i) A system of surveillance designed to identify possible communicable diseases or infections before they can spread to other persons in the facility;</p> <p>(ii) When and to whom possible incidents of communicable disease or infections should be reported;</p> <p>(iii) Standard and transmission-based precautions to be followed to prevent spread of infections;</p> <p>(iv) When and how isolation should be used for a resident; including but not limited to:</p> <p>(A) The type and duration of the isolation, depending upon the infectious agent or organism involved, and</p> <p>(B) A requirement that the isolation should be the least restrictive possible for the resident under the circumstances.</p> <p>(v) The circumstances under which the facility must prohibit employees with a communicable disease or infected skin lesions from direct contact with residents or their food, if direct contact will transmit the disease; and</p> <p>(vi) The hand hygiene procedures to be followed by staff involved in direct resident contact.</p> <p>§483.80(a)(4) A system for recording incidents identified under the facility's IPCP and the corrective</p>	F0880		

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F0880 SS = D	<p>Continued from page 2 actions taken by the facility.</p> <p>§483.80(e) Linens. Personnel must handle, store, process, and transport linens so as to prevent the spread of infection.</p> <p>§483.80(f) Annual review. The facility will conduct an annual review of its IPCP and update their program, as necessary.</p> <p>This REQUIREMENT is NOT MET as evidenced by: Based on observation, interview and document review the facility failed to ensure appropriate hand hygiene was used during personal cares for 1 of 1 resident (R3) reviewed for activities of daily living (ADL's).</p> <p>Findings include: R3's quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS) dated 2/20/26, identified R3 had severe cognitive impairment and diagnoses included dementia with mood disturbance, anxiety, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). R3 was always incontinent with bowel and bladder and was dependent on staff for activities of daily living (ADL's) including toileting and transfers.</p> <p>R3's care plan updated 2/16/26, identified R3 was non-ambulatory and required two staff and a total mechanical lift for transfers.</p> <p>During observation on 3/24/26 at 4:29 p.m., R3 was lying in bed while nursing assistant (NA)-A and NA-B were checking R3's brief. NA-A and NA-B were both wearing disposable gloves. NA-B assisted R3 to turn on his right side while NA-A cleaned feces from R3's skin with a disposable wipe and gloved hands. NA-A placed and fastened a clean brief on R3 and pulled up the R3's pants. NA-A failed to remove her dirty gloves after cleaning R3 and prior to assisting R3 with a clean brief and dressing. After R3 was fully dressed and ready for transfer NA-A removed the dirty gloves and washed her hands with soap and water in the bathroom.</p> <p>During interview on 3/24/26 at 4:45 p.m., NA-A stated she should have removed her dirty gloves and washed her hands right after cleaning feces from R3's skin. NA-A stated there was an increased risk of spreading bacteria when wearing dirty gloves and touching clean clothing and/or other surfaces.</p>	F0880		

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F0880 SS = D	Continued from page 3 During interview on 3/24/26 at 7:23 p.m., the director of nursing (DON) stated staff should have removed their dirty gloves and washed their hands prior to completing any other tasks. Staff were instructed in orientation to always wash their hands after performing a dirty task including incontinence cares. The facilities Hand Hygiene policy reviewed 11/13/25, identified the purpose of the policy was to establish hand hygiene as the single most important factor in preventing the spread of disease-causing organisms to patients and personnel in healthcare settings. The policy defined hand hygiene as a general term that applied to either handwashing or applying hand sanitizer. The policy further identified staff were to perform hand hygiene during times including upon entering a room, before a clean task, after bodily fluid/glove removal, and upon exiting a room.	F0880		