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March 26, 2026

Administrator
Mahnomen Health Center
414 WEST JEFFERSON AVENUE
MAHNOMEN, MN 56557

RE: CCN:245238

Cycle Start Date: March 11, 2026

Dear Administrator:

On March 11, 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 widespread deficiencies that constituted no actual harm with potential for more than minimal harm that was not immediate jeopardy (Level F), 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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Bemidji, Minnesota 56601-2933
Email: Jennifer.bahr@state.mn.us
Office: (218) 308-2104

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 11, 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 11, 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
St. Paul, MN 55101
Email: travis.ahrens@state.mn.us

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Cell: 1-507-308-4189

Feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,



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Health Regulation Division
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Office: 651-201-4112

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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 03/11/2026. At the time of this survey, Mahnomen Health Center Nursing Home 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>	K0000		03/30/2026
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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 reverse for further 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.

LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE	TITLE	(X6) DATE
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K0000	Continued from page 1 By email to: FM.HC.Inspections@state.mn.us THE PLAN OF CORRECTION FOR EACH DEFICIENCY MUST INCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:A detailed description of the corrective action taken or planned to correct the deficiency.Address the measures that will be put in place to ensure the deficiency does not reoccur.Indicate how the facility plans to monitor future performance to ensure solutions are sustained.Identify who is responsible for the corrective actions and monitoring of compliance.The actual or proposed date for completion of the remedy.Mahnomen Health Center (Nursing Home) was built at three different times. In 1969 the main building was added to the east of the Mahnomen Hospital. It is 1-story, without a basement and is Type II(111) construction. In 1996 an addition to the north of the kitchen was added, is 1-story, no basement and Type II (111) construction, In 2000, additions of 1-story, without basements and of Type II(000) construction were built to the west of the 1969 building and to the north of the 1996 building, The 1969 building is separated by a 2-hour fire barrier from the Hospital building and from the 2000 east addition. The facility has 3 smoke compartments separated by at least 30 minute fire barriers.The facility is protected with an automatic fire sprinkler system installed in accordance with NFPA 13 Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems with quick response heads. The facility has a fire alarm system with corridor smoke detection, sleeping room smoke detection, and smoke detection in common areas in accordance with NFPA 72 "The National Fire Alarm Code." The facility has a capacity of 32 beds and had a census of 29 at the time of the survey. The requirements at 42 CFR, Subpart 483.70(a), are NOT MET as evidenced by:	K0000		
K0372 SS = F	Subdivision of Building Spaces - Smoke Barrie CFR(s): NFPA 101 Subdivision of Building Spaces - Smoke Barrier Construction 2012 EXISTING Smoke barriers shall be constructed to a 1/2-hour fire resistance rating per 8.5. Smoke barriers shall be	K0372	The penetrations were sealed on 3-13-26 and again were inspected by facility director on 3-30-26, all were sealed.	03/13/2026

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K0372 SS = F	Continued from page 2 permitted to terminate at an atrium wall. Smoke dampers are not required in duct penetrations in fully ducted HVAC systems where an approved sprinkler system is installed for smoke compartments adjacent to the smoke barrier. 19.3.7.3, 8.6.7.1(1) Describe any mechanical smoke control system in REMARKS. This STANDARD is NOT MET as evidenced by: Based on observation and staff interview, the facility failed to maintain their smoke barrier per NFPA 101 (2012 edition), Life Safety Code, sections 19.3.7.1, 19.3.7.3, 8.5.2.2, and 8.5.6.5. These deficient findings could have a widespread impact on the residents within the facility. Findings include: On 03/11/2026 at following times, it was revealed by observation that there was a penetration running from one smoke compartment to another above the following doors. 1) at 1:28pm penetrations found above East Wing Doors 2) at 1:30pm penetrations found above South Wing Doors An interview with the Director of Maintenance verified these deficient findings at the time of discovery.	K0372		
K0761 SS = D	Maintenance, Inspection & Testing - Doors CFR(s): NFPA 101 Maintenance, Inspection & Testing - Doors Fire doors assemblies are inspected and tested annually in accordance with NFPA 80, Standard for Fire Doors and Other Opening Protectives. Non-rated doors, including corridor doors to patient rooms and smoke barrier doors, are routinely inspected as part of the facility maintenance program. Individuals performing the door inspections and testing possess knowledge, training or experience that demonstrates ability. Written records of inspection and testing are maintained and are available for review.	K0761	Facility Director acquired a new 13 point door inspection form. Facility director did a door inspection using the new form 3-30-26.	03/30/2026

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K0761 SS = D	Continued from page 3 19.7.6, 8.3.3.1 (LSC) 5.2, 5.2.3 (2010 NFPA 80) This STANDARD is NOT MET as evidenced by: Based on a review of available documentation and staff interview, the facility failed to inspect fire doors per NFPA 101 (2012 edition), Life Safety Code section 8.3.3.1, and NFPA 80 (2010 edition), Standard for Fire Doors and Other Opening Protectives, section 5.2.1. This deficient finding could have an isolated impact on the residents within the facility. Findings include: On 03/11/2026 at 1:28pm, it was revealed by review of available documentation the required annual door inspection documentation was not available at the time of the survey. The facility was using the incorrect form. The facility needs to use an inspection form that represents the 13 required points. An interview with the Facility Maintenance Director verified this deficient finding at the time of discovery.	K0761		
K0918 SS = D	Electrical Systems - Essential Electric System CFR(s): NFPA 101 Electrical Systems - Essential Electric System Maintenance and Testing The generator or other alternate power source and associated equipment is capable of supplying service within 10 seconds. If the 10-second criterion is not met during the monthly test, a process shall be provided to annually confirm this capability for the life safety and critical branches. Maintenance and testing of the generator and transfer switches are performed in accordance with NFPA 110. Generator sets are inspected weekly, exercised under load 30 minutes 12 times a year in 20-40 day intervals, and exercised once every 36 months for 4 continuous hours. Scheduled test under load conditions include a complete simulated cold start and automatic or manual transfer of all EES loads, and are conducted by competent personnel. Maintenance and testing of stored energy power sources (Type 3 EES) are in accordance with NFPA 111. Main and feeder circuit breakers are inspected annually, and a program for periodically	K0918	Fuel sample was taken from the generator on 3-26-26 by Interstate power systems out of Fargo ND. A fuel sample will be taken annually when they complete the load bank test every year moving forward.	03/26/2026

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K0918 SS = D	Continued from page 4 exercising the components is established according to manufacturer requirements. Written records of maintenance and testing are maintained and readily available. EES electrical panels and circuits are marked, readily identifiable, and separate from normal power circuits. Minimizing the possibility of damage of the emergency power source is a design consideration for new installations. 6.4.4, 6.5.4, 6.6.4 (NFPA 99), NFPA 110, NFPA 111, 700.10 (NFPA 70) This STANDARD is NOT MET as evidenced by: Based on a review of available documentation and staff interview, the facility failed to maintain generators per NFPA 110 (2010 edition), Standard for Emergency and Standby Power Systems, sections 4.2. This deficient finding could have an isolated on the residents within the facility. Findings include On 03/11/2026 at 12:52pm, it was revealed by a review of available documentation at the time of the survey the facility could not provide a letter of reliability and/or a fuel testing document from a fuel company. An interview with the Facility Maintenance Director verified this deficient finding at the time of discovery.	K0918		
K0920 SS = D	Electrical Equipment - Power Cords and Extens CFR(s): NFPA 101 Electrical Equipment - Power Cords and Extension Cords Power strips in a patient care vicinity are only used for components of movable patient-care-related electrical equipment (PCREE) assembles that have been assembled by qualified personnel and meet the conditions of 10.2.3.6. Power strips in the patient care vicinity may not be used for non-PCREE (e.g., personal electronics), except in long-term care resident rooms that do not use PCREE. Power strips for PCREE meet UL 1363A or UL 60601-1. Power strips for non-PCREE in the patient care rooms (outside of vicinity) meet UL 1363. In non-patient care rooms, power strips meet other UL standards. All power strips are used with general precautions. Extension cords are not used as a substitute for fixed wiring of a structure. Extension cords used temporarily are removed immediately upon completion of the purpose for which it	K0920	Space heater was removed and education to staff was provided on 3-30-26, no space heaters are allowed.	03/12/2026

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K0920 SS = D	Continued from page 5 was installed and meets the conditions of 10.2.4. 10.2.3.6 (NFPA 99), 10.2.4 (NFPA 99), 400-8 (NFPA 70), 590.3(D) (NFPA 70), TIA 12-5 This STANDARD is NOT MET as evidenced by: Based on observation and staff interview, the facility failed to maintain the usage of electrical adaptive devices per NFPA 99 (2012 edition), Health Care Facilities Code, sections 10.5.2.3.1 and 10.2.4.2.1, NFPA 70, (2011 edition), National Electrical Code, sections 400-8, and UL 1363. This deficient finding could have an isolated impact on the residents within the facility. Findings include: On 03/11/2026, at 1:55pm, it was revealed by observation that there were an electrical appliance was plugged power-strips, multi-plug adapters and/or extension cords in the following area; Space heater plugged into power strip in office located next to room 45. An interview with the Facility Maintenance Director verified this deficient finding at the time of discovery.	K0920		
K0923 SS = F Bldg. 01	Gas Equipment - Cylinder and Container Storage CFR(s): NFPA 101 Gas Equipment - Cylinder and Container Storage Greater than or equal to 3,000 cubic feet Storage locations are designed, constructed, and ventilated in accordance with 5.1.3.3.2 and 5.1.3.3.3. >300 but <3,000 cubic feet Storage locations are outdoors in an enclosure or within an enclosed interior space of non- or limited-combustible construction, with door (or gates outdoors) that can be secured. Oxidizing gases are not stored with flammables, and are separated from combustibles by 20 feet (5 feet if sprinklered) or enclosed in a cabinet of noncombustible construction having a minimum 1/2 hr. fire protection rating. Less than or equal to 300 cubic feet In a single smoke compartment, individual cylinders	K0923	A 2nd Oxygen rack has been placed in the med room. One rack will be used for full cylinders and one for empty cylinders. Signage was hung above each rack indicating which tanks are full and which are empty. Education to nursing staff about how to store full and empty tanks was done 3-30-26	03/30/2026

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K0923 SS = F Bldg. 01	<p>Continued from page 6 available for immediate use in patient care areas with an aggregate volume of less than or equal to 300 cubic feet are not required to be stored in an enclosure. Cylinders must be handled with precautions as specified in 11.6.2.</p> <p>A precautionary sign readable from 5 feet is on each door or gate of a cylinder storage room, where the sign includes the wording as a minimum "CAUTION: OXIDIZING GAS(ES) STORED WITHIN NO SMOKING."</p> <p>Storage is planned so cylinders are used in order of which they are received from the supplier. Empty cylinders are segregated from full cylinders. When facility employs cylinders with integral pressure gauge, a threshold pressure considered empty is established. Empty cylinders are marked to avoid confusion. Cylinders stored in the open are protected from weather.</p> <p>11.3.1, 11.3.2, 11.3.3, 11.3.4, 11.6.5 (NFPA 99)</p> <p>This STANDARD is NOT MET as evidenced by:</p> <p>Based on observation and staff interview, the facility failed to store oxygen cylinders per Health Care Facilities Code NFPA 99 (2012 Edition), sections 11.3.2.3, 11.6.5.2 and 11.6.5.3. These deficient findings could have a widespread impact on the residents within the facility.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>On 03/11/2026 at 1:49pm, it was revealed by observation that empty and full oxygen cylinders are being stored mixed together.</p> <p>An interview with the Facility Maintenance Director verified this deficient finding at the time of discovery.</p>	K0923		