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Administrator
Minnesota Veterans Home - Silver Bay
56 Outer Drive
Silver Bay, MN 55614

RE: CCN: 245628
Cycle Start Date: March 20, 2025

Dear Administrator:

On March 20, 2025, 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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Health Regulation Division
Minnesota Department of Health
11 East Superior Street, Suite 290
Duluth, MN 55082
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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 20, 2025 (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 20, 2025 (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>

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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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Feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,



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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

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FORM APPROVED
OMB NO. 0938-0391

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION		(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 245628	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. BUILDING _____ B. WING _____		(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED C 03/20/2025
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E 000	Initial Comments On 3/17/25 to 3/20/25, a survey for compliance with §483.73, Appendix Z, Emergency Preparedness Requirements for Long Term Care Facilities 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.	E 000			
F 000	INITIAL COMMENTS On 3/17/25-3/20/25, a standard recertification survey was conducted at your facility. A complaint investigation was also conducted. Your facility was IN in compliance with the requirements of 42 CFR 483, Subpart B, Requirements for Long Term Care Facilities. The following complaints were reviewed with NO deficiencies cited: H#: H56281100C MN#: 00106883 H#: H56281102C MN#: 00110397 H#: H56281101C MN#:00105433 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, the facility must acknowledge receipt of the electronic documents.	F 000			

LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE

TITLE

(X6) DATE

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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K 000	INITIAL COMMENTS FIRE SAFETY An annual Life Safety recertification survey was conducted by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, State Fire Marshal Division on 03/19/2025. At the time of this survey, Minnesota Veterans Home Silver Bay 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. 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. 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. PLEASE RETURN THE PLAN OF CORRECTION FOR THE FIRE SAFETY DEFICIENCIES (K-TAGS) TO: IF PARTICIPATING IN THE E-POC PROCESS, A PAPER COPY OF THE PLAN OF CORRECTION	K 000			

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K 000	Continued From page 1 IS NOT REQUIRED. Healthcare Fire Inspections State Fire Marshal Division 445 Minnesota St., Suite 145 St. Paul, MN 55101-5145, OR By email to: FM.HC.Inspections@state.mn.us THE PLAN OF CORRECTION FOR EACH DEFICIENCY MUST INCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: 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. Minnesota Veterans Home-Silver Bay is a one story building, partial basement original year of construction 1960's, and it was converted into a nursing home in the early 1990's. The original building and additions are all Type II(111) construction. The building is fully sprinkler protected. The facility	K 000			

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	has a complete fire alarm system with smoke detection in the corridors and spaces open to the corridor, that is monitored for automatic fire department notification.						
	The facility has a capacity of 83 beds and had a census of 80 at the time of the survey.						
	The requirements at 42 CFR, Subpart 483.70(a), are NOT MET as evidenced by:						
K 291 SS=F	Emergency Lighting CFR(s): NFPA 101			K 291			
	Emergency Lighting Emergency lighting of at least 1-1/2-hour duration is provided automatically in accordance with 7.9. 18.2.9.1, 19.2.9.1 This REQUIREMENT is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation the facility failed to maintain emergency lighting system per NFPA 101 (2012 edition), Life Safety Code sections 19.2.9.1 and 7.9.1.3. This deficient practice could have a patterned impact on the residents within the facility.						
	Findings include:						
	On 03/19/2025 between 9:30am and 1:00pm, it was revealed by observation that the facility failed to conduct the annual 90 minute required Emergency Lighting test.						
	An interview with the Director of Maintenance verified these deficient findings at the time of discovery.						

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K 372 K 372 SS=F	Continued From page 3 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 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 REQUIREMENT 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 03/19/2025 between 9:30am and 1:00pm, it was revealed by observation that there was a penetration running from one smoke compartment to another above in the Maple Housekeeping (Room 119) and at the main entrance to Maple Wing. Both penetrations had been fixed before survey was completed on 03/18/2025. An interview with the Director of Maintenance verified these deficient findings at the time of discovery.	K 372 K 372			

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K 712 SS=F	Fire Drills CFR(s): NFPA 101 Fire Drills Fire drills include the transmission of a fire alarm signal and simulation of emergency fire conditions. Fire drills are held at expected and unexpected times under varying conditions, at least quarterly on each shift. The staff is familiar with procedures and is aware that drills are part of established routine. Where drills are conducted between 9:00 PM and 6:00 AM, a coded announcement may be used instead of audible alarms. 19.7.1.4 through 19.7.1.7 This REQUIREMENT is not met as evidenced by: Based on a review of available documentation and staff interview, the facility failed to conduct fire drills under varied times and conditions per NFPA 101 (2012 edition), Life Safety Code, sections 19.7.1.6, 4.7.4, and 4.6.1.1. This deficient finding could have a widespread impact on the residents within the facility. Findings include: On 03/19/2025 between 9:30am and 1:00pm, it was revealed by a review of available documentation that fire drills did not meet the varying time requirement. Fire drills must be separated by a length of time so that staff can not predict when fire drills may happen. During survey it was noted that: 1) First Shift, all four (4) fire drills where conducted during the 10:00 am hour. 2) Second Shift, all four (4) fire drills where conducted during the 3:00pm hour. 3) Third Shift, three (3) of the four (4) required fire	K 712			

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K 712	Continued From page 5 drills where conducted during the 5:00am hour.	K 712			
K 761 SS=F	An interview with the Director of Maintenance verified these deficient findings at the time of discovery. 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. 19.7.6, 8.3.3.1 (LSC) 5.2, 5.2.3 (2010 NFPA 80) This REQUIREMENT 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 a widespread impact on the residents within the facility. Findings include: On 03/19/2025 between 9:30am and 1:00pm, it was revealed by observation that the following fire	K 761			

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K 761	Continued From page 6 doors and/or fire door frames were missing door rating tags. 1) Fire doors leading to Blue Spruce wing - missing tags on door and door frame 2) Fire doors leading to Evergreen wing - missing tags on door and door frame 3) Fire doors leading to Maple wing - missing tags on door and door frame 4) Fire doors leading to Birch wing - missing tags on door only An interview with the Director of Maintenance verified these deficient findings at the time of discovery.	K 761			
K 920 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) assemblies 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	K 920			

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K 920	Continued From page 7 purpose for which it 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 REQUIREMENT 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 03/19/2025 between 9:30am and 1:00pm, it was revealed by observation that there were several electrical appliances plugged power-strips, multi-plug adapters and/or extension cords in the following areas; 1) Power-strip in Activities Office (refrigerator) 2) Power-strip in Womens Lactation Room (refrigerator) 3) Extension cord in Warehouse Office (refrigerator) 4) Power-strip in Womens Lactation Room (Office 304F) An interview with the Director of Maintenance verified these deficient findings at the time of discovery.	K 920			