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Administrator
St Francis Home
2400 St Francis Drive
Breckenridge, MN 56520

RE: CCN: 245265
Cycle Start Date: April 16, 2025

Dear Administrator:

On April 16, 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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Fergus Falls District Office
Health Regulation Division
Minnesota Department of Health
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Fergus Falls, MN 56537
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Office: (218) 332-5140 Mobile: (218) 403-1100

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 July 16, 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 October 16, 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:
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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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State Fire Safety Supervisor
Health Care & Correctional Facilities
MN Department of Public Safety-Fire Marshal Division
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St. Paul, MN 55101
Email: travis.ahrens@state.mn.us
Web: www.sfm.dps.mn.gov
Cell: 1-507-308-4189

Feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,



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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION		(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 245265	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. BUILDING _____ B. WING _____		(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 04/16/2025
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER ST FRANCIS HOME			STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 2400 ST FRANCIS DRIVE BRECKENRIDGE, MN 56520		
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E 000	Initial Comments On 4/14/25 to 4/16/25, 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 4/14/25 to 4/16/25, a standard recertification survey was completed at your facility by the Minnesota Department of Health to determine if your facility was in compliance with the requirements at 42 CFR Part 483, Subpart B, Requirements for Long Term Care Facilities. Your 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, 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 04/16/2025. At the time of this survey, St. Francis 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. 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 IS NOT REQUIRED.			K 000			

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K 000	Continued From page 1 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. This facility was surveyed as one building. St Francis Home is part of the St Francis Healthcare Campus. It was built in 2005, is a 1-story building, without a basement and was determined to be Type V (111) construction. It is separated from St Francis Healthcare Center with 3- hour fire barriers and is divided into 4 smoke zones with 1-hour fire barriers. The entire building is completely protected by an automatic fire sprinkler system equipped with	K 000			

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K 321	Continued From page 3 (exceeding 64 gallons) f. Combustible Storage Rooms/Spaces (over 50 square feet) g. Laboratories (if classified as Severe Hazard - see K322) This REQUIREMENT is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation and staff interview, the facility failed to maintain hazardous area enclosures per NFPA 101 (2012 edition), Life Safety Code, sections 19.3.2.1, 19.3.2.1.3, and 19.3.6.3.5. These deficient findings could have a widespread impact on the residents within the facility. Findings include: On 04/16/2025 between 9:30AM and 11:30 AM, it was revealed by observation that Rooms 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 866, 867, and 868 were being used to store combustible items and did not have a self-closing device on the doors. An interview with the Maintenance Director verified these deficient findings at the time of discovery.	K 321	Our Environmental of Care rounding attestation sheet has been updated to include making sure rooms are not being used as storerooms and those that are being used for storage will have self-closing hardware installed on them. We will monitor this monthly for the next three months and if no discrepancies are found we will move it to quarterly checks and again if no discrepancies are found we will move to semiannual checks. A Plan, Do, Check, Act (PDCA) plan has been initiated. This PDCA will be reported to the Quality Assurance Performance Improvement committee. Facility Manager or designee will monitor the Environmental of Care rounding attestation sheet to make sure that this code is complied with. This deficiency will be completed by May 16, 2025, by maintenance staff.		
K 363 SS=D	Corridor - Doors CFR(s): NFPA 101 Corridor - Doors Doors protecting corridor openings in other than required enclosures of vertical openings, exits, or hazardous areas resist the passage of smoke and are made of 1 3/4 inch solid-bonded core wood or other material capable of resisting fire for at least 20 minutes. Doors in fully sprinklered	K 363			4/16/25

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K 363	Continued From page 4 smoke compartments are only required to resist the passage of smoke. Corridor doors and doors to rooms containing flammable or combustible materials have positive latching hardware. Roller latches are prohibited by CMS regulation. These requirements do not apply to auxiliary spaces that do not contain flammable or combustible material. Clearance between bottom of door and floor covering is not exceeding 1 inch. Powered doors complying with 7.2.1.9 are permissible if provided with a device capable of keeping the door closed when a force of 5 lbf is applied. There is no impediment to the closing of the doors. Hold open devices that release when the door is pushed or pulled are permitted. Nonrated protective plates of unlimited height are permitted. Dutch doors meeting 19.3.6.3.6 are permitted. Door frames shall be labeled and made of steel or other materials in compliance with 8.3, unless the smoke compartment is sprinklered. Fixed fire window assemblies are allowed per 8.3. In sprinklered compartments there are no restrictions in area or fire resistance of glass or frames in window assemblies. 19.3.6.3, 42 CFR Parts 403, 418, 460, 482, 483, and 485 Show in REMARKS details of doors such as fire protection ratings, automatics closing devices, etc. This REQUIREMENT is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation and staff interview, the facility failed to maintain corridor doors per NFPA 101 (2012 edition), Life Safety Code, sections 19.3.6.3.1, and 19.3.6.3.5. This deficient finding could have an isolated impact on the residents within the facility.			K 363	Our Environmental of Care rounding attestation sheet has been updated to include; making sure all resident and patient rooms are positively latching. We will monitor this monthly for the next three months and if no discrepancies are found we will move it to quarterly checks and		

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K 363	Continued From page 5 Findings include: On 04/16/2025 between 9:30AM and 11:30 AM, it was revealed by observation that the door for resident room 926 did not latch when it was closed. An interview with the Maintenance Director verified this deficient finding at the time of discovery.	K 363	again if no discrepancies are found we will move to semiannual checks. A Plan, Do, Check, Act (PDCA) plan has been initiated. This PDCA will be reported to the Quality Assurance Performance Improvement committee. Facility Manager or designee will monitor the Environmental of Care rounding attestation sheet to make sure that this code is complied with. This deficiency was corrected by maintenance staff by replacing the strike plate for the latch on 4-16-2025.		