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January 2, 2025

Licensee

Total Care Connections Inc
9313 12 Avenue South
Bloomington, MN 55425

RE: Project Number(s) SL40628015

Dear Licensee:

This is your **official notice** that you have been **granted your assisted living facility license**. Your license effective and expiration dates remain the same as on your provisional license. Your updated status will be listed on the license certificate at renewal and **this letter serves as proof** in the meantime. If you have not received a letter from us with information regarding renewing your license within 60 days prior to your expiration date, please contact us at (651) 201-5273 or by email at Health.assistedliving@state.mn.us.

The Minnesota Department of Health completed an initial survey on December 4, 2024, for the purpose assessing compliance with state licensing statutes. At the time of the survey, the Minnesota Department of Health noted violations of the laws pursuant to Minnesota Statute, Chapter 144G.

The Department of Health concludes the licensee is in substantial compliance. State law requires the facility must take action to correct the state correction orders and document the actions taken to comply in the facility's records. The Department reserves the right to return to the facility at any time should the Department receive a complaint or deem it necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of residents in your care.

STATE CORRECTION ORDERS

The enclosed State Form documents the state correction orders. The Department of Health documents state correction orders using federal software. Tag numbers are assigned to Minnesota state statutes for Home Care Providers. The assigned tag number appears in the far left column entitled "ID Prefix Tag." The state statute number and the corresponding text of the state statute out of compliance are listed in the "Summary Statement of Deficiencies" column. This column also includes the findings that are in violation of the state statute after the statement, "This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by . . ."

In accordance with Minn. Stat. § 144G.31 Subd. 4, MDH may assess fines based on the level and scope of the violations; **however, no immediate fines are assessed for this survey of your facility.**

DOCUMENTATION OF ACTION TO COMPLY

Per Minn. Stat. § 144G.30, Subd. 5(c), the licensee must document actions taken to comply with the

correction orders within the time period outlined on the state form; however, plans of correction are not required to be submitted for approval.

The correction order documentation should include the following:

- Identify how the area(s) of noncompliance was corrected related to the resident(s)/employee(s) identified in the correction order.
- Identify how the area(s) of noncompliance was corrected for all of the provider's residents/employees that may be affected by the noncompliance.
- Identify what changes to your systems and practices were made to ensure compliance with the specific statute(s).

CORRECTION ORDER RECONSIDERATION PROCESS

In accordance with Minn. Stat. § 144G.32, Subd. 2, you may challenge the correction order issued, including the level and scope, and any fine assessed through the correction order reconsideration process. The request for reconsideration must be in writing and received by the Department of Health within 15 calendar days of the correction order receipt date.

To submit a reconsideration request, please visit:

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

The MDH Health Regulation Division (HRD) values your feedback about your experience during the survey and/or investigation process. Please fill out this anonymous provider feedback questionnaire at your convenience at this link: **<https://forms.office.com/g/Bm5uQEPhVa>**. Your input is important to us and will enable MDH to improve its processes and communication with providers. If you have any questions regarding the questionnaire, please contact Susan Winkelmann at susan.winkelmann@state.mn.us or call 651-201-5952.

You are encouraged to retain this document for your records. It is your responsibility to share the information contained in the letter and state form with your organization's Governing Body.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Renee L. Anderson, Supervisor
State Evaluation Team
Email: Renee.L.Anderson@state.mn.us
Telephone: 651-201-5871 Fax: 1-866-890-9290

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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION		(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 40628	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. BUILDING: _____ B. WING _____		(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 12/04/2024
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER TOTAL CARE CONNECTIONS INC		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 9313 12 AVENUE SOUTH BLOOMINGTON, MN 55425			
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0 000	Initial Comments ASSISTED LIVING PROVIDER LICENSING CORRECTION ORDER(S) In accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 144G.08 to 144G.95, these correction orders are issued pursuant to a survey. Determination of whether violations are corrected requires compliance with all requirements provided at the Statute number indicated below. When Minnesota Statute contains several items, failure to comply with any of the items will be considered lack of compliance. INITIAL COMMENTS: SL40628015-0 On December 2, 2024, through December 4, 2024, the Minnesota Department of Health conducted a full survey at the above provider. At the time of the survey, there were three residents; three receiving services under the Provisional Assisted Living license.	0 000	Minnesota Department of Health is documenting the State Correction Orders using federal software. Tag numbers have been assigned to Minnesota State Statutes for Assisted Living Facilities. The assigned tag number appears in the far left column entitled "ID Prefix Tag." The state Statute number and the corresponding text of the state Statute out of compliance is listed in the "Summary Statement of Deficiencies" column. This column also includes the findings which are in violation of the state requirement after the statement, "This Minnesota requirement is not met as evidenced by." Following the evaluators ' findings is the Time Period for Correction. PLEASE DISREGARD THE HEADING OF THE FOURTH COLUMN WHICH STATES,"PROVIDER'S PLAN OF CORRECTION." THIS APPLIES TO FEDERAL DEFICIENCIES ONLY. THIS WILL APPEAR ON EACH PAGE. THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT A PLAN OF CORRECTION FOR VIOLATIONS OF MINNESOTA STATE STATUTES. THE LETTER IN THE LEFT COLUMN IS USED FOR TRACKING PURPOSES AND REFLECTS THE SCOPE AND LEVEL ISSUED PURSUANT TO 144G.31 SUBDIVISION 1-3.		
0 480 SS=F	144G.41 Subdivision 1 Subd. 1a (a-b) Minimum requirements; required food services	0 480			

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

TITLE

(X6) DATE

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0 480	Continued From page 1 (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), food must be prepared and served according to the Minnesota Food Code, Minnesota Rules, chapter 4626. (b) For an assisted living facility with a licensed capacity of ten or fewer residents: (1) notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 4626.0033, item A, the facility may share a certified food protection manager (CFPM) with one other facility located within a 60-mile radius and under common management provided the CFPM is present at each facility frequently enough to effectively administer, manage, and supervise each facility's food service operation; (2) notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 4626.0545, item A, kick plates that are not removable or cannot be rotated open are allowed unless the facility has been issued repeated correction orders for violations of Minnesota Rules, part 4626.1565 or 4626.1570; (3) notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 4626.0685, item A, the facility is not required to provide integral drainboards, utensil racks, or tables large enough to accommodate soiled and clean items that may accumulate during hours of operation provided soiled items do not contaminate clean items, surfaces, or food, and clean equipment and dishes are air dried in a manner that prevents contamination before storage; (4) notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 4626.1070, item A, the facility is not required to install a dedicated handwashing sink in its existing kitchen provided it designates one well of a two-compartment sink for use only as a handwashing sink; (5) notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, parts 4626.1325, 4626.1335, and 4626.1360, item A, existing floor, wall, and ceiling finishes are	0 480			

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0 480	Continued From page 2 allowed provided the facility keeps them clean and in good condition; (6) notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 4626.1375, shielded or shatter-resistant lightbulbs are not required, but if a light bulb breaks, the facility must discard all exposed food and fully clean all equipment, dishes, and surfaces to remove any glass particles; and (7) notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 4626.1390, toilet rooms are not required to be provided with a self-closing door. This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, interview, and record review, the licensee failed to ensure food was prepared and served according to the Minnesota Food Code. This practice resulted in a level two violation (a violation that did not harm a resident's health or safety but had the potential to have harmed a resident's health or safety) and was issued at a widespread scope (when problems are pervasive or represent a systemic failure that has affected or has the potential to affect a large portion or all the residents). The findings include: Please refer to the document titled, Food and Beverage Establishment Inspection Report (FBEIR) dated December 2, 2024 for the specific Minnesota Food Code violations. The Inspection Report was provided to the licensee within 24 hours of the inspection. TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Please refer to the FBEIR for any compliance dates.	0 480			

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0 680 SS=F	144G.42 Subd. 10 Disaster planning and emergency preparedness (a) The facility must meet the following requirements: (1) have a written emergency disaster plan that contains a plan for evacuation, addresses elements of sheltering in place, identifies temporary relocation sites, and details staff assignments in the event of a disaster or an emergency; (2) post an emergency disaster plan prominently; (3) provide building emergency exit diagrams to all residents; (4) post emergency exit diagrams on each floor; and (5) have a written policy and procedure regarding missing residents. (b) The facility must provide emergency and disaster training to all staff during the initial staff orientation and annually thereafter and must make emergency and disaster training annually available to all residents. Staff who have not received emergency and disaster training are allowed to work only when trained staff are also working on site. (c) The facility must meet any additional requirements adopted in rule. This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on interview and record review the licensee failed to have a written emergency preparedness plan (EPP) with all the required content. This had the potential to affect all residents of the assisted living licensee, staff and visitors. This practice resulted in a level two violation (a violation that did not harm a resident's health or	0 680			

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0 680	Continued From page 4 safety but had the potential to have harmed a resident's health or safety, but was not likely to cause serious injury, impairment, or death), and was issued at a widespread scope (when problems are pervasive or represent a systemic failure that has affected or has potential to affect a large portion or all of the residents). The findings include: The licensee's emergency disaster preparedness plan, last reviewed July 1, 2024, lacked evidence of the following required content: - subsistence needs for staff and residents such as food, water, medical supplies and pharmaceutical supplies. On December 3, 2024, 1:00 p.m., licensed assisted living director (LALD)-B stated they were aware of the requirements for the EPP but did not know that the emergency supplies were not addressed in the emergency plan. LALD-B provided incomplete inventory of supplies for an emergency but stated that they had not completed the inventory and the supplies were not available. The licensee's Provision and Subsistence policy dated July1, 2024 indicted "An adequate supply of emergency items and equipment is maintained in appropriate quantities. And in accordance with all applicable regulations to accommodate the needs of residents, staff members, and volunteers for emergency situations req during sheltering-in-place or evacuation. Supplies and equipment shall be stored in clearly designated locations and easily accessible during a crisis or disaster situation." No further information was provided.	0 680			

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0 780 SS=F	TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Twenty-one (21) days 144G.45 Subd. 2 (a) (1) Fire protection and physical environment (a) Each assisted living facility must comply with the State Fire Code in Minnesota Rules, chapter 7511, and: (1) for dwellings or sleeping units, as defined in the State Fire Code: (i) provide smoke alarms in each room used for sleeping purposes; (ii) provide smoke alarms outside each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of bedrooms; (iii) provide smoke alarms on each story within a dwelling unit, including basements, but not including crawl spaces and unoccupied attics; (iv) where more than one smoke alarm is required within an individual dwelling unit or sleeping unit, interconnect all smoke alarms so that actuation of one alarm causes all alarms in the individual dwelling unit or sleeping unit to operate; and (v) ensure the power supply for existing smoke alarms complies with the State Fire Code, except that newly introduced smoke alarms in existing buildings may be battery operated; This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation and interview, the licensee failed to comply with the current Minnesota Fire Code provisions. These deficient conditions had	0 780			

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0 780	Continued From page 6 the ability to affect all staff and residents. This deficient condition had the ability to affect all staff and residents. This practice resulted in a level two violation (a violation that did not harm a resident's health or safety but had the potential to have harmed a resident's health or safety, but was not likely to cause serious injury, impairment, or death), and was issued at a widespread scope (when problems are pervasive or represent a systemic failure that has affected or has potential to affect a large portion or all of the residents). The findings include: On December 4, 2024, at approximately 9:00 a.m., survey staff toured the facility with licensed assisted living director (LALD)-B. During the tour, multiple openings were observed between the garage/house fire separation. The surveyor explained to LALD-B that the fire separation shall be continuous without openings. LALD-B stated they understood the requirements and will patch the openings. No further information was provided. TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Seven (7) days	0 780			
0 810 SS=F	144G.45 Subd. 2 (b-f) Fire protection and physical environment (b) Each assisted living facility shall develop and maintain fire safety and evacuation plans. The plans shall include but are not limited to: (1) location and number of resident sleeping rooms;	0 810			

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0 810	Continued From page 7 (2) staff actions to be taken in the event of a fire or similar emergency; (3) fire protection procedures necessary for residents; and (4) procedures for resident movement, evacuation, or relocation during a fire or similar emergency including the identification of unique or unusual resident needs for movement or evacuation. (c) Staff of assisted living facilities shall receive training on the fire safety and evacuation plans upon hiring and at least twice per year thereafter. (d) Fire safety and evacuation plans shall be readily available at all times within the facility. (e) Residents who are capable of assisting in their own evacuation shall be trained on the proper actions to take in the event of a fire to include movement, evacuation, or relocation. The training shall be made available to residents at least once per year. (f) Evacuation drills are required for staff twice per year per shift with at least one evacuation drill every other month. Evacuation of the residents is not required. Fire alarm system activation is not required to initiate the evacuation drill. This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, interview, and record review, the licensee failed to develop the fire safety and evacuation plan with the required content. This had the potential to directly affect all residents, staff, and visitors. This practice resulted in a level two violation (a violation that did not harm a resident's health or safety but had the potential to have harmed a resident's health or safety) and was issued at a	0 810			

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0 810	Continued From page 8 widespread scope (when problems are pervasive or represent a systemic failure that has affected or has potential to affect a large portion or all of the residents). The findings include: On December 4, 2024, licensed assisted living director (LALD)-B provided documents on the fire safety and evacuation plan (FSEP), fire safety and evacuation training, and evacuation drills for the facility. FIRE SAFETY AND EVACUATION PLAN: The licensee's FSEP failed to include the following: The FSEP did not identify specific fire protection actions for residents. There was no section in the policy that addressed the responsibilities or basic evacuation procedures that residents should follow in case of a fire or similar emergency. The FSEP included standard resident evacuation procedures but failed to provide specific procedures for resident movement and evacuation or relocation during a fire or similar emergency including individualized unique needs of residents. The plan included instructions to evacuate residents but did not include any procedures for assisting residents during evacuation nor did it include instructions for staff to follow in case of relocation. On December 4, 2024, at 11:30 a.m., LALD-B stated they understood the areas of their policy that were incomplete and would work on bringing them into compliance.	0 810			

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	TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Twenty-one (21) days				
01440 SS=D	144G.62 Subd. 4 Supervision of staff providing delegated nurs (a) Staff who perform delegated nursing or therapy tasks must be supervised by an appropriate licensed health professional or a registered nurse according to the assisted living facility's policy where the services are being provided to verify that the work is being performed competently and to identify problems and solutions related to the staff person's ability to perform the tasks. Supervision of staff performing medication or treatment administration shall be provided by a registered nurse or appropriate licensed health professional and must include observation of the staff administering the medication or treatment and the interaction with the resident. (b) The direct supervision of staff performing delegated tasks must be provided within 30 calendar days after the date on which the individual begins working for the facility and first performs the delegated tasks for residents and thereafter as needed based on performance. This requirement also applies to staff who have not performed delegated tasks for one year or longer. This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, interview, and record review, the licensee failed to ensure the registered nurse (RN) supervised unlicensed personnel (ULP) within 30 calendar days of beginning to provide delegated tasks for one of one employee (ULP-C).	01440			

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01440	Continued From page 10 This practice resulted in a level two violation (a violation that did not harm a resident's health or safety but had the potential to have harmed a resident's health or safety, but was not likely to cause serious injury, impairment, or death) and was issued at an isolated scope (when one or a limited number of residents are affected or one or a limited number of staff are involved, or the situation has occurred only occasionally). The findings include: ULP-C was hired July 7, 2024, and began providing direct cares for residents. On December 3, 2024, at 8:30 a.m., ULP-C was observed administering medications to R1. ULP-C's employee file lacked documentation of direct supervision within 30 days of performing delegated tasks. On December 3, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., licensed assisted living director (LALD)-B stated ULP-C's record lacked documentation the RN performed a 30-day supervision for a delegated task. The licensee's Supervision of Unlicensed Personnel policy, undated, indicated RN supervision would be completed within 30 calendar days from the day the task was first delegated and would be documented in the employee's record. No further information was provided. TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Twenty-one (21) days	01440			



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Food, Pools, and Lodging Services
P.O. Box 64975
St. Paul, MN 55164-0975
651-201-4500

Type: Full
Date: 12/02/24
Time: 10:47:12
Report: 1050241265

Food and Beverage Establishment Inspection Report

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Location:

TOTAL CARE CONNECTIONS INC
9313 12TH AVENUE SOUTH
Bloomington, MN55420
Hennepin County, 27

Establishment Info:

ID #: 0043823
Risk:
Announced Inspection: No

License Categories:

Expires on: 12/31/24

Operator:

Phone #:
ID #:

The violations listed in this report include any previously issued orders and deficiencies identified during this inspection. Compliance dates are shown for each item.

The following orders were issued during this inspection.

3-300B Protection from Contamination: cross-contamination, eggs

3-302.11A(1) ** Priority 1 **

MN Rule 4626.0235A(1) Separate raw animal foods during storage, preparation, holding, and display from ready-to-eat foods to prevent cross-contamination.

OBSERVED EGGS STORED OVERTOP RTE FOOD INSIDE REACH-IN COOLER. DISCUSSED REMOVING ITEMS TO CREATE SEPARATION TO AVOID POTENTIAL CONTAMINATION. COMPLY WITH RULES ABOVE. CORRECTED ON SITE 12/2/24.

Comply By: 12/02/24

3-300C Protection from Contamination: equipment/utensils, consumers

3-304.12B

MN Rule 4626.0275B Store the food preparation and dispensing utensil in a food that is not TCS food with the handles above the top of the food within containers or equipment that can be closed such as bins of sugar, flour or cinnamon.

OBSERVED SCOOP USED IN FLOUR CONTAINER LEFT INSIDE. DISCUSSED STORING POSITION WITH HANDLE UPRIGHT OR REMOVING ENTIRELY. COMPLY WITH RULE ABOVE.

Comply By: 12/02/24

Food and Equipment Temperatures

Process/Item: Cold Holding/CHEESE

Temperature: 41F Degrees Fahrenheit - Location: REACH-IN COOLER

Violation Issued: No

Type: Full
Date: 12/02/24
Time: 10:47:12
Report: 1050241265

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Process/Item: Cold Holding/EGGS

Temperature: 40F Degrees Fahrenheit - Location: REACH-IN COOLER

Violation Issued: No

Total Orders	In This Report	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
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ANNOUNCED INSPECTION WAS CONDUCTED BY MDH ANDREW SPAULDING AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH MDH HEALTH REGULATORY DIVISION (HRD) SURVEY. INSPECTION CONDUCTED IN PRESENCE OF THE PERSON IN CHARGE.

DISCUSSED FOOD SERVICE AREA FLOORS, WALLS, CEILINGS, COUNTERTOPS, AND FINISH MATERIALS MUST BE NON-ABSORBANT, SMOOTH, DURABLE, AND EASILY CLEANABLE. CEILINGS CANNOT HAVE POPCORN TEXTURE.

CABINETS CANNOT HAVE HOLLOW BASES. EXPOSED WOOD IS NOT APPROVED FOR FOOD SERVICE AREAS. WOOD IS NOT AN APPROVED FOOD CONTACT SURFACE.

THESE TOPICS WERE DISCUSSED WITH THE PERSON IN CHARGE:

- EMPLOYEE ILLNESS EXCLUSION
- HAND WASHING PROCEDURE
- NO BARE HAND CONTACT WITH RTE FOOD
- VOMIT CLEAN UP PROCEDURE
- FULLY COOKING FOOD FOR HIGH RISK POPULATIONS

NOTE: Plans and specifications must be submitted for review and approval prior to new construction, remodeling or alterations.

I acknowledge receipt of the Minnesota Department Of Health inspection report number 1050241265 of 12/02/24.

Certified Food Protection Manager Abdulrahman Said Mohamed

Certification Number: FM122827 Expires: 04/17/27

Inspection report reviewed with person in charge and emailed.

Signed: _____

Abdulrahman Said Mohamed
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