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June 16, 2022

Administrator
Northern Pines Assisted Living
1305 8th Street Southwest
Pine City, MN 55063

RE: Project Number SL30292015

Dear Administrator:

The Minnesota Department of Health completed an evaluation on May 20, 2022, for the purpose of evaluating and assessing compliance with state licensing statutes. At the time of the evaluation, the Minnesota Department of Health noted violations of the laws pursuant to Minnesota Statute, Chapter 144G, Minnesota Food Code, Minnesota Rules Chapter 4626, Minnesota Statute 626.5572 and/or Minnesota Statute Chapter 260E.

The enclosed State Form documents the state licensing orders. The Department of Health documents state licensing correction orders using federal software. Tag numbers are 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 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 . . ."

IMPOSITION OF FINES

In accordance with Minn. Stat. § 144G.31, Subd. 4, fines and enforcement actions may be imposed based on the level and scope of the violations and imposed immediately with no opportunity to correct the violation first as follows:

Level 1: no fines or enforcement.

Level 2: a fine of \$500 per violation, in addition to any enforcement mechanism authorized in § 144G.20 for widespread violations;

Level 3: a fine of \$3,000 per violation per incident, in addition to any enforcement mechanism authorized in § 144G.20.

Level 4: a fine of \$5,000 per incident, in addition to any enforcement mechanism authorized in § 144G.20.

In accordance with Minn. Stat. § 144G.20, Subd. 4 (a)(5), the Department of Health imposes fine amounts of either \$1,000 or \$5,000 to licensees who are found to be responsible for maltreatment. The Department of Health imposes a fine of \$1,000 for each substantiated maltreatment violation

that consists of abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation according to Minn. Stat. § 626.5572, Subds. 2, 9, 17. The Department of Health also may impose a fine of \$5,000 for each substantiated maltreatment violation consisting of sexual assault, death, or abuse resulting in serious injury.

In accordance with Minn. Stat. § 144G.31, Subd. 4 (a)(5)(b), when a fine is assessed against a facility for substantiated maltreatment, the commissioner shall not also impose an immediate fine under this chapter for the same circumstance.

Therefore, in accordance with Minn. Stat. §§ 144G.01 to 144G.9999, the following fines are assessed pursuant to this evaluation:

St - 0 - 0510 - 144g.41 Subd. 3 - Infection Control Program - \$500.00

The total amount you are assessed is \$500.00. You will be invoiced after 15 days of the receipt of this notice, subject to appeal.

DOCUMENTATION OF ACTION TO COMPLY

Per Minn. Stat. § 144G.30, Subd. 5(c), the licensee must document any action taken to comply with the correction order by the correction order date. A copy of the provider's records documenting those actions may be requested for follow-up evaluations. The licensee is not required to submit a plan of correction 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 resident(s)/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.

A state licensing order under Minn. Stat. § 144G.91, Subd. 8, Free from Maltreatment is associated with a maltreatment determination by the Office of Health Facility Complaints. If maltreatment is substantiated, you will receive a separate letter with the reconsideration process under Minn. Stat. § 626.557. Please email general reconsideration requests to: **Health.HRD.Appeals@state.mn.us**.

Please address your cover letter for general
reconsideration requests to:

Reconsideration Unit
Health Regulation Division
Minnesota Department of Health
P.O. Box 64970
85 East Seventh Place
St. Paul, MN 55164-0970

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REQUESTING A HEARING

Alternatively, in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 144G.31, Subd. 5(d), an assisted living provider that has been assessed a fine under this subdivision has a right to a reconsideration or a hearing under this section and chapter 14. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 144G.20, Subd. 14 and Subd. 18, a request for a hearing must be in writing and received by the Department of Health within 15 business days of the correction order receipt date. Requests for hearing may be emailed to

Health.HRD.Appeals@state.mn.us.

To appeal fines via reconsideration, please follow the procedure outlined above. Please note that you may request a reconsideration or a hearing, but not both.

You are encouraged to retain this document for your records. It is your responsibility to share the information contained in this letter and the results of this visit with the President of your organization's Governing Body. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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0 000	Initial Comments Initial comments *****ATTENTION***** 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: SL30292015 On May 16 through May 23, 2022, the Minnesota Department of Health conducted a survey at the above provider, and the following correction orders are issued. At the time of the survey, there were 25 residents, all of whom recieved servcies under the provider's Assisted Living with Dementia Care license.	0 000	Minnesota Department of Health is documenting the State Licensing Correction Orders using federal software. Tag numbers have been assigned to Minnesota State Statutes for Assisted Living License 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 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 surveyors' 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 subd. 1, 2, and 3.	
0 510 SS=F	144G.41 Subd. 3 Infection control program (a) All assisted living facilities must establish and	0 510		

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

TITLE

(X6) DATE

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0 510	Continued From page 1 maintain an infection control program that complies with accepted health care, medical, and nursing standards for infection control. (b)The facility's infection control program must be consistent with current guidelines from the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for infection prevention and control in long-term care facilities and, as applicable, for infection prevention and control in assisted living facilities. (c) The facility must maintain written evidence of compliance with this subdivision. This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, interview, and record review, the licensee failed to establish and maintain an infection control program that complied with accepted health care, medical and nursing standards related to COVID-19. 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 of the residents). The findings include: On May 17, 2021, at approximately 10:00 a.m., the surveyor observed unlicensed personnel (ULP)-B sitting in the memory care dining area without a facemask covering. Once ULP-B noted surveyor in the area, ULP-B placed a facemask in the appropriate manner. ULP-B's record included an untitled document	0 510		

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0 510	Continued From page 2 dated April 10, 2020, which read, "I have been instructed and demonstrated how to use the following Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). I will use PPE whenever I am instructed to by the registered nurse (RN)/Administration," and included check marks for gloves, masks, face shield, and gowns. Additionally, ULP-B's Essential Caregiver Acknowledgement form dated July 26, 2020, indicated ULP-B had received and acknowledged understanding of the licensee's policy for PPE. On May 18, 2022, at approximately 11:00 a.m., licensed assisted living director (LALD)-C acknowledged ULP-B was required to wear a facemask at all times while in the licensee's facility. LALD-C indicated ULP-B had been trained and knew they should always have a facemask in place per the licensee's PPE policy and most current guidance from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and Center for Diseases Control (CDC) recommendations. The Minnesota Department of Health's COVID-19 PPE and Source Control Grids dated April 7, 2022, indicated all employees who work in a congregated health care setting, including assisted living facilities, are recommended to wear a face mask when in areas they could encounter residents. The licensee's PPE policy dated June 1, 2020, indicated the licensee would follow the most current guidance from the CDC and MDH. No further information provided. TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Seven (7) days	0 510		

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0 680	Continued From page 3	0 680		
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 tenant 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 with all the required content. This had the potential to impact all residents, staff, and visitors. This practice resulted in a level two violation (a	0 680		

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0 680	Continued From page 4 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 of the residents). The findings include: On May 16, 2022, at approximately 10:30 a.m., the surveyor requested the licensee's emergency disaster or preparedness plan. Director (D)-A stated a disaster or emergency preparedness plan for the licensee had not been created. The licensee's undated 9.01 Emergency Preparedness Plan - Appendix Z Compliance policy indicated the licensee would create and post an emergency preparedness plan with all required content related to Appendix Z. No additional information provided. TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Twenty-one (21) days	0 680		
0 780 SS=F	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	0 780		

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0 780	Continued From page 5 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 provide smoke alarms that complied with fire protection requirements. This had the potential to directly affect all residents and staff. 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 of the residents). The findings include: On May 20, 2022, between 10:45 a.m. and 1:10 p.m., survey staff toured the facility with the licensed assisted living director (LALD)-A. During the facility tour, survey staff observed that smoke alarms were not installed outside each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of bedrooms in some of the one-bedroom resident apartments.	0 780		

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0 780	Continued From page 6 During the tour interview, the LALD-A confirmed that smoke alarms were not provided outside each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of bedrooms in these one-bedroom resident apartments. TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Twenty-one (21) days	0 780		
0 790 SS=F	144G.45 Subd. 2 (a) (2)-(3) Fire protection and physical environment (2) install and maintain portable fire extinguishers in accordance with the State Fire Code; (3) install portable fire extinguishers having a minimum 2-A:10-B:C rating within Group R-3 occupancies, as defined by the State Fire Code, located so that the travel distance to the nearest fire extinguisher does not exceed 75 feet, and maintained in accordance with the State Fire Code; and This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation and interview, the licensee failed to maintain a portable fire extinguisher. This had the potential to directly affect all residents and staff. 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	0 790		

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0 790	Continued From page 7 or has the potential to affect a large portion or all of the residents). The findings include: On May 20, 2022, between 10:45 a.m. and 1:10 p.m., survey staff toured the facility with the licensed assisted living director (LALD)-A. During the facility tour, survey staff observed a portable fire extinguisher in the hallway outside the kitchen pantry without an inspection tag. During the facility tour, the LALD-A confirmed that this portable fire extinguisher was not provided with an inspection tag. TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Twenty-one (21) days	0 790		
0 800 SS=F	144G.45 Subd. 2 (a) (4) Fire protection and physical environment (4) keep the physical environment, including walls, floors, ceiling, all furnishings, grounds, systems, and equipment in a continuous state of good repair and operation with regard to the health, safety, comfort, and well-being of the residents in accordance with a maintenance and repair program. This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation and interview, the licensee failed to provide the physical environment in a continuous state of good repair and operation with regard to the health, safety, and well-being of the residents. This had the potential to directly affect all residents and staff. This practice resulted in a level two violation (a violation that did not harm a resident's health or	0 800		

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0 800	Continued From page 8 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 of the residents). The findings include: On May 20, 2022, between 10:45 a.m. and 1:10 p.m., survey staff toured the facility with the licensed assisted living director (LALD)-A. During the facility tour, survey staff observed the following: 1. Exit doors were posted with signage indicating that exits were currently closed or not to be used. 2. The shower bench attached to the wall in resident room 13 was loose. 3. Two light fixtures were missing covers in the beauty salon. On May 20, 2022, during the facility tour, the LALD-A explained that signs had been placed on the exit doors to assist in controlling access in and out of the building due to COVID. The LALD-A confirmed that the signage on the exit doors required removal. The LALD-A confirmed that the shower bench needed to be repaired and that the beauty salon light fixtures required covers. TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Twenty-one (21) days	0 800		
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:	0 810		

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0 810	Continued From page 9 (1) location and number of resident sleeping rooms; (2) employee 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) Employees 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 employees 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, document review, and interview, the licensee failed to provide the required plans, training, and drills for fire safety and evacuation. This had the potential to directly affect all residents and staff. This practice resulted in a level two violation (a violation that did not harm a resident's health or	0 810		

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0 810	Continued From page 10 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 of the residents). The findings include: On May 20, 2022, between 10:45 a.m. and 1:10 p.m., survey staff toured the facility with the licensed assisted living director (LALD)-A. During the facility tour, it was observed that some of the room numbers posted for resident apartments did not match the numbers printed on the evacuation maps, which made identifying the location and number of resident sleeping rooms difficult. In an interview with the LALD-A during the facility tour, they confirmed that these resident room numbers were not correctly identified on the evacuation maps. On May 20, 2022, at approximately 1:10 p.m., the LALD-A provided documents for review. Documents were reviewed by survey staff on May 20, 2022, between 1:10 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. 1. The locations of some resident sleeping rooms were not correctly identified within the fire safety and evacuation plans. 2. The off-site evacuation location was blank in the Northern Pines Assisted Living and Memory Care Policies and Procedures document. 3. The plans failed to include the identification of unique or unusual resident needs for movement or evacuation. 4. One employee training log was provided dated 04-10-22 for fire safety and evacuation. The licensee failed to provide the required employee training frequency. 5. The licensee failed to provide annual fire safety and evacuation training for residents. Documentation was requested by survey staff but	0 810		

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0 810	Continued From page 11 not provided. 6. One fire drill report dated 04-01-2022 was provided for review. The licensee failed to provide the required frequency for evacuation drills. On May 20, 2022, at approximately 3:20 p.m., the LALD-A confirmed during an interview that the licensee failed to provide the required content within the fire safety and evacuation plans. They also confirmed that training and evacuation drill frequency was not met. No further information was provided. TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Twenty-one (21) days	0 810		
0 820 SS=F	144G.45 Subd. 2 (g) Fire protection and physical environment (g) Existing construction or elements, including assisted living facilities that were registered as housing with services establishments under chapter 144D prior to August 1, 2021, shall be permitted to continue in use provided such use does not constitute a distinct hazard to life. Any existing elements that an authority having jurisdiction deems a distinct hazard to life must be corrected. The facility must document in the facility's records any actions taken to comply with a correction order, and must submit to the commissioner for review and approval prior to correction. This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Surveyor: LEITINGER, MICHELLE Based on observation and interview, the licensee	0 820		

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0 820	Continued From page 12 provided an environment that constituted a distinct hazard to life. This had the potential to directly affect all residents and staff. 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 of the residents). The findings include: On May 20, 2022, between 10:45 a.m. and 1:10 p.m., survey staff toured the facility with the licensed assisted living director (LALD)-A. During the facility tour of the dementia care building, survey staff observed a gas fireplace in operation that was found to be very hot when touched by survey staff. The heat being produced was capable of causing burns. No barriers were in place to prevent residents from contacting the hot fireplace. On May 20, 2022, during the facility tour, the LALD-A confirmed that the fireplace was accessible to residents and should be turned off immediately. TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: one (1) day	0 820		
0 970 SS=F	144.50 Subd. 5 Waivers of liability prohibited The contract must not include a waiver of facility liability for the health and safety or personal property of a resident. The contract must not include any provision that the facility knows or should know to be deceptive, unlawful, or unenforceable under state or federal law, nor	0 970		

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0 970	Continued From page 13 include any provision that requires or implies a lesser standard of care or responsibility than is required by law. This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on interview and record review, the licensee failed to ensure the assisted living contract did not include language waiving the licensee's liability for the health, safety, or personal property of a resident for three of three residents (R1, R2, R3) with records reviewed. 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: On May 16, 2022, at approximately 10:00 a.m., licensed assisted living director (LALD)-C provided the licensee's Resident Agreement as the assisted living contract. LALD-C stated all residents sign the Resident Agreement and by signing, agree to section 8. Rules and Regulations included in Resident Handbook. The licensee's undated Resident Handbook provided by LALD-C read under 5.0 Housing Guidelines, "We do not carry property damage insurance coverage on the contents of your room. Therefore, we highly recommend that you obtain a renter's insurance policy to cover your property." This indicated the licensee was not responsible for the private property of the	0 970		

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0 970	Continued From page 14 residents who agree to the Resident Handbook as required in the assisted living contract required by the licensee. R1, R2, and R3's Service Plans all dated November 22, 2021, indicated R1, R2, and R3 received the licensee's Assisted Living Contract. On May 18, 2022, at approximately 11:00 a.m., LALD-C acknowledged the language included in the Resident Handbook indicated the licensee was not liable for the residents' personal property. LALD-C stated the licensee had removed all liability waiver language from the assisted living contract but missed the language in the handbook. LALD-C stated the language would need to be removed. No further information provided. TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Twenty-one (21) days	0 970		
01370 SS=F	144G.61 Subd. 2 (a) Training and evaluation of unlicensed personn (a) Training and competency evaluations for all unlicensed personnel must include the following: (1) documentation requirements for all services provided; (2) reports of changes in the resident's condition to the supervisor designated by the facility; (3) basic infection control, including blood-borne pathogens; (4) maintenance of a clean and safe environment; (5) appropriate and safe techniques in personal hygiene and grooming, including:	01370		

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01370	Continued From page 15 (i) hair care and bathing; (ii) care of teeth, gums, and oral prosthetic devices; (iii) care and use of hearing aids; and (iv) dressing and assisting with toileting; (6) training on the prevention of falls; (7) standby assistance techniques and how to perform them; (8) medication, exercise, and treatment reminders; (9) basic nutrition, meal preparation, food safety, and assistance with eating; (10) preparation of modified diets as ordered by a licensed health professional; (11) communication skills that include preserving the dignity of the resident and showing respect for the resident and the resident's preferences, cultural background, and family; (12) awareness of confidentiality and privacy; (13) understanding appropriate boundaries between staff and residents and the resident's family; (14) procedures to use in handling various emergency situations; and (15) awareness of commonly used health technology equipment and assistive devices. This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, interview and record review, the licensee failed to ensure one of one unlicensed personnel ((ULP)-B) received the required training/competency testing with record reviewed. 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	01370		

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01370	Continued From page 16 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 May 17, 2022, the surveyor observed ULP-B propel R5 in a manual wheelchair from the dining area to the common living area without the use of foot pedals in place on R5's wheelchair. R5 was required to hold their feet up under their own power. R5 admitted on August 17, 2021, with diagnoses of Alzheimer's disease, anxiety, chronic pain, and spinal stenosis. ULP-B began employment on November 28, 2016. On May 17, 2022, at approximately 10:00 a.m., ULP-B stated they were trained by the registered nurse (RN) on wheelchair use during orientation at hire. ULP-B stated they did not remember the specific training but acknowledged wheelchair use was reviewed during their training. On May 18th, 2022, at approximately 11:00 a.m., licensed assisted living director (LALD)-C indicated ULP-B should have used footrest when propelling R5 in their wheelchair to prevent injury to R5. LALD-C acknowledged ULP-B's training related to wheelchair use was completed upon hire. The licensee's 5.02 Competency Training Evaluations policy dated August 1, 2021, indicated all ULPs would receive training on awareness of commonly used health technology	01370		

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01370	Continued From page 17 equipment and assistive devices. No further information provided. TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Seven (7) days	01370		
02040 SS=F	144G.81 Subdivision 1 Fire protection and physical environment An assisted living facility with dementia care that has a secured dementia care unit must meet the requirements of section 144G.45 and the following additional requirements: (1) a hazard vulnerability assessment or safety risk must be performed on and around the property. The hazards indicated on the assessment must be assessed and mitigated to protect the residents from harm; and (2) the facility shall be protected throughout by an approved supervised automatic sprinkler system by August 1, 2029. This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on document review and interview, the licensee failed to provide a hazard vulnerability or safety risk assessment that included hazards identified on and around the property. This had the potential to directly affect all residents and staff. 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	02040		

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02040	Continued From page 18 of the residents). The findings include: On May 20, 2022, at approximately 1:10 p.m., the LALD-A provided documents for review. Documents were reviewed by survey staff on May 20, 2022, between 1:10 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. A hazard vulnerability or safety risk assessment was not included. On May 20, 2022, at approximately 2:15 p.m., the LALD-A confirmed during an interview that the licensee had not completed a hazard vulnerability or safety risk assessment on and around the property. Survey staff discussed with the LALD-A that once a hazard vulnerability or safety risk assessment is completed, the hazards indicated on the assessment must be mitigated to protect residents from harm. No further information was provided. TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Twenty-one (21) days	02040		
02110 SS=F	144G.82 Subd. 3 Policies (a) In addition to the policies and procedures required in the licensing of all facilities, the assisted living facility with dementia care licensee must develop and implement policies and procedures that address the: (1) philosophy of how services are provided based upon the assisted living facility licensee's values, mission, and promotion of person-centered care and how the philosophy shall be implemented; (2) evaluation of behavioral symptoms and design of supports for intervention plans, including nonpharmacological practices that are	02110		

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02110	Continued From page 19 person-centered and evidence-informed; (3) wandering and egress prevention that provides detailed instructions to staff in the event a resident elopes; (4) medication management, including an assessment of residents for the use and effects of medications, including psychotropic medications; (5) staff training specific to dementia care; (6) description of life enrichment programs and how activities are implemented; (7) description of family support programs and efforts to keep the family engaged; (8) limiting the use of public address and intercom systems for emergencies and evacuation drills only; (9) transportation coordination and assistance to and from outside medical appointments; and (10) safekeeping of residents' possessions. (b) The policies and procedures must be provided to residents and the residents' legal and designated representatives at the time of move-in. This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on interview and record review, the licensee failed to ensure the assisted living facility with dementia care provided the required policies and procedures to three of three residents (R1, R2, R3) with records reviewed. This practice resulted in a level one violation (a violation that has no potential to cause more than a minimal impact on the resident and does not affect health or safety), 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).	02110		

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02110	Continued From page 20 The findings include: Review of R1, R2, and R3's records included no documentation of receipt of the ten required policies and procedures to be provided at the time of resident move-in to the licensee's facility. On May 17th, 2022, at approximately 12:30 p.m., license assisted living director (LALD)-C stated no residents had received a copy of the required policies and procedures. LALD-C stated the licensee would only provide the policies and procedures upon request. LALD-C provided the ten policies and procedures but indicated no resident had been provided them. The licensee's 3.00 Assisted Living with Dementia Care Additional Required Policies policy dated August 1, 2021, indicated the ten identified policies and procedures would be provided to residents at the time of move in. No further information provided. TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Twenty-one (21) days	02110		
02350 SS=F	144G.91 Subd. 7 Courteous treatment Residents have the right to be treated with courtesy and respect, and to have the resident's property treated with respect. This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on interview and record review, the licensee failed to ensure the assisted living contract did not include language for termination	02350		

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02350	Continued From page 21 of an assisted living contract without reason or cause for three of three residents (R1, R2, R3) with records reviewed. 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: On May 16, 2022, at approximately 10:00 a.m., licensed assisted living director (LALD)-C provided the licensee's Resident Agreement as the assisted living contract. LALD-C stated all residents sign the Resident Agreement to be under the care of the licensee. The licensee's Resident Agreement read, "there will be a ninety (90) day adjustment period commencing upon the date of this agreement. During this period, either Northern Pines or the Resident may terminate this Agreement at any time with or without cause by giving seven (7) days written notice to the other party," and "Following the adjustment period, Northern Pines may terminate this Agreement at any time, with or without cause, by giving sixty (60) days prior written notice to the Resident, or the Resident's family or guardian if needed." R1, R2, and R3's Service Plans all dated November 22, 2021, indicated R1, R2, and R3 received the licensee's Assisted Living Contract. On May 20, 2022, at approximately 3:00 p.m.,	02350		

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02350	Continued From page 22 LALD-C acknowledged licensee's assisted living contract contained language for the termination of the contract by the licensee without reason. LALD-C stated the language would be removed from the contract. No further information provided. TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Twenty-one (21) days	02350		

Type: Full
Date: 05/18/22
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Food and Beverage Establishment Inspection Report

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Location:

Northern Pines Assisted Living - Main Kitchen
1305 8th Street Sw
Pine City, MN55063
Pine County, 58

Establishment Info:

ID #: 0038876
Risk:
Announced Inspection: No

License Categories:

Expires on: / /

Operator:

Phone #: 3206297272
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.

No NEW orders were issued during this inspection.

Surface and Equipment Sanitizers

Hot Water: = at 166 Degrees Fahrenheit
Location: DISH WASHER
Violation Issued: No

Quaternary Ammonia: = 400 PPM at Degrees Fahrenheit
Location: WIPING CLOTH BUCKET
Violation Issued: No

Quaternary Ammonia: = 400 PPM at Degrees Fahrenheit
Location: SPRAY BOTTLE
Violation Issued: No

Food and Equipment Temperatures

Process/Item: Upright Cooler
Temperature: 37 Degrees Fahrenheit - Location: ORANGE
Violation Issued: No

Process/Item: Upright Cooler
Temperature: 38 Degrees Fahrenheit - Location: MILK
Violation Issued: No

Process/Item: Hot Holding
Temperature: 182 Degrees Fahrenheit - Location: MEATLOAF
Violation Issued: No

Process/Item: Upright Freezer
Temperature: Degrees Fahrenheit - Location: ALL FOOD FROZEN
Violation Issued: No

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Northern Pines Assisted Living - Main Kitchen

Process/Item: Re-Heating

Temperature: 175 Degrees Fahrenheit - Location: MIXED VEGGIES

Violation Issued: No

Total Orders	In This Report	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
		0	0	0

COMMENTS:

PASTURISZED EGGS ON HAND.

DISCUSSED THE IMPORTANCE OF FREQUENT HAND WASHING BY ALL STAFF, AS WELL AS LIMITING BARE HAND CONTACT WITH ALL READY TO EAT FOODS. STAFF HAVE GLOVES AVAILABLE. USE GLOVES WITH ALL READY TO EAT FOODS AND CHANGE GLOVES FREQUENTLY AND ANY TIME TASKS ARE CHANGED.

DISCUSSED THE EMPLOYEE ILLNESS POLICY AND THE EXCLUSION OF EMPLOYEES SICK WITH SYMPTOMS OF VOMITING AND/OR DIARRHEA UNTIL 24 HOURS AFTER THEIR LAST SYMPTOM.

CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IF ANY EMPLOYEES ARE DIAGNOSED WITH SALMONELLA, SHIGELLA, SHIGA TOXIN-PRODUCING E. COLI, HEPATITIS A. VIRUS, NOROVIRUS, OR ANOTHER BACTERIAL, VIRAL OR PARASITIC PATHOGEN OR IF THERE ARE ANY CUSTOMER ILLNESS COMPLAINTS.

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 1016221098 of 05/18/22.

Certified Food Protection Manager: Susan M. Carlson

Certification Number: FM94108 Expires: 05/16/24

Signed: _____
Susan M. Carlson

Signed: 
Cliff LaVigne
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11 East Superior St.
Duluth

No. of RF/PHI Categories Out

0

Date 05/18/22

No. of Repeat RF/PHI Categories Out

0

Time In 11:30:00

Legal Authority MN Rules Chapter 4626

Time Out

Northern Pines Assisted Living
Main KitchenAddress
1305 8th Street SwCity/State
Pine City, MNZip Code
55063Telephone
3206297272License/Permit #
0038876

Permit Holder

Purpose of Inspection
Full

Est Type

Risk Category

FOODBORNE ILLNESS RISK FACTORS AND PUBLIC HEALTH INTERVENTIONS

Circle designated compliance status (IN, OUT, N/O, N/A) for each numbered item

Mark "X" in appropriate box for COS and/or R

IN= in compliance

OUT= not in compliance

N/O= not observed

N/A= not applicable

COS= corrected on-site during inspection

R= repeat violation

Compliance Status		COS	R
Supervision			
1	IN OUT		
2	IN OUT N/A		
Employee Health			
3	IN OUT		
4	IN OUT		
5	IN OUT		
Good Hygienic Practices			
6	IN OUT N/O		
7	IN OUT N/O		
Preventing Contamination by Hands			
8	IN OUT N/O		
9	IN OUT N/A N/O		
10	IN OUT		
Approved Source			
11	IN OUT		
12	IN OUT N/A N/O		
13	IN OUT		
14	IN OUT N/A N/O		
Protection from Contamination			
15	IN OUT N/A N/O		
16	IN OUT N/A		
17	IN OUT		

Compliance Status		COS	R
Time/Temperature Control for Safety			
18	IN OUT N/A N/O		
19	IN OUT N/A N/O		
20	IN OUT N/A N/O		
21	IN OUT N/A N/O		
22	IN OUT N/A		
23	IN OUT N/A N/O		
24	IN OUT N/A N/O		
Consumer Advisory			
25	IN OUT N/A		
Highly Susceptible Populations			
26	IN OUT N/A		
Food and Color Additives and Toxic Substances			
27	IN OUT N/A		
28	IN OUT		
Conformance with Approved Procedures			
29	IN OUT N/A		

Risk factors (RF) are improper practices or procedures identified as the most prevalent contributing factors of foodborne illness or injury. **Public Health Interventions (PHI)** are control measures to prevent foodborne illness or injury.

GOOD RETAIL PRACTICES

Good Retail Practices are preventative measures to control the addition of pathogens, chemicals, and physical objects into foods.

Mark "X" in box if numbered item is **not** in compliance

Mark "X" in appropriate box for COS and/or R

COS= corrected on-site during inspection

R= repeat violation

Compliance Status		COS	R
Safe Food and Water			
30	IN OUT N/A		
31			
32	IN OUT N/A		
Food Temperature Control			
33			
34	IN OUT N/A N/O		
35	IN OUT N/A N/O		
36			
Food Identification			
37			
Prevention of Food Contamination			
38			
39			
40			
41			
42			

Compliance Status		COS	R
Proper Use of Utensils			
43			
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46			
Utensil Equipment and Vending			
47			
48			
49			
Physical Facilities			
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Food Recalls:

Person in Charge (Signature)

Date: 05/20/22

Inspector (Signature)