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November 1, 2023

Licensee
Empowerment Healthcare
924 Viceroy Drive Northeast
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

RE: Project Number(s) SL31788015

Dear Licensee:

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) completed a survey on October 20, 2023, for the purpose of evaluating and assessing compliance with state licensing statutes. At the time of the survey, the MDH 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 MDH 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 MDH 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 . . ."

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

In accordance with 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 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(s) 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 MDH within 15 calendar days of the correction order receipt date.

A state correction 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 reconsideration requests to: **Health.HRD.Appeals@state.mn.us**. Please attach this letter as part of your reconsideration request. Please clearly indicate which tag(s) you are contesting and submit information supporting your position(s).

Please address your cover letter for 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

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,



Jess Schoenecker, Supervisor
State Evaluation Team
Email: jess.schoenecker@state.mn.us
Telephone: 651-201-3789 Fax: 1-866-890-9290

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Minnesota Department of Health

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION		(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 31788	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. BUILDING: _____ B. WING _____		(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 10/20/2023
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER EMPOWERMENT HEALTHCARE			STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 924 VICEROY DRIVE NE SPRING LAKE PARK, MN 55432		
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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: SL#31788015 On October 16, 2023, through October 20, 2023, 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 4 active residents; 4 receiving services under the Assisted Living 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 licensed 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 Subd 1 (13) (i) (B) Minimum requirements	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 (13) offer to provide or make available at least the following services to residents: (B) food must be prepared and served according to the Minnesota Food Code, Minnesota Rules, chapter 4626; and 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 October 17, 2023, 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			
0 680 SS=F	144G.42 Subd. 10 Disaster planning and emergency preparedness (a) The facility must meet the following requirements:	0 680			

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0 680	Continued From page 2 (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 visitors, employees, 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 is 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	0 680			

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0 680	Continued From page 3 portion or all of the residents). The findings include: On October 16, 2023, at approximately 2:00 p.m., licensed assisted living director (LALD)-A provided a binder and indicated the contents were the licensee's EPP. The licensee's EPP undated, lacked documentation including all the required elements of: - missing resident quarterly review; -policies/procedures (P/P) on medical documents and volunteers; and -emergency prep testing as required per Appendix Z. On October 16, 2023, at approximately 3:30 p.m., owner (LALD)-A acknowledged the licensee's EPP lacked the above listed required content. No further 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 4 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 outside and in the immediate vicinity of all sleeping rooms throughout the facility and failed to provide smoke alarms that were interconnected so that the actuation of one alarm causes all alarms in the dwelling unit to actuate. 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). Findings include:	0 780		

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0 780	Continued From page 5 On October 16, 2023, approximately from 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., survey staff toured the facility with the licensed assisted living director (LALD)-A. It was observed that a smoke alarm was not installed outside and in the immediate area of the basement bedroom. The smoke alarm was over 21'-0" away from the sleeping area. It was also observed that the sleeping rooms that were equipped with smoke alarms were not interconnected with the other smoke alarms in the dwelling unit so the actuation of one alarm would cause all alarms to operate. LALD-A verified this deficient finding at the time of discovery. 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; (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	0 810		

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0 810	Continued From page 6 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 a record review and interview, the licensee failed to develop a fire safety and evacuation plan with all the required elements. This had the potential to affect all staff, residents, 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, 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). Findings include: A record review and interview were conducted on October 17, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. with the liscensed assisted living director (LALD)-A on the fire safety	0 810			

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0 810	Continued From page 7 and evacuation plan, fire safety and evacuation training, and evacuation drills for the facility. Record review of the available documentation indicated that the fire safety and evacuation plan did not include 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. The facility plan did include some provisions for the relocation of residents but did not specify how to move or evacuate residents or identify the unique and unusual needs of the residents. During interview, LALD-A verified that the fire safety and evacuation plan for the facility lacked these provisions. TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Twenty-one (21) days.	0 810			

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Food and Beverage Establishment Inspection Report

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Location:

Empower Health Care
924 Viceroy Drive NE
Spring Lake Park, MN
Hennepin County, 27

Establishment Info:

ID #: 0039424
Risk:
Announced Inspection: No

License Categories:

Expires on: / /

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.

4-300 Equipment Numbers and Capacities

4-302.13A **** Priority 2 ****

MN Rule 4626.0710A Provide a readily accessible temperature measuring device for measuring the washing and sanitizing temperatures in manual warewashing operations.

THE FACILITY DID NOT HAVE A WAY TO TEST THEIR SANITIZING DISHWASHER.

Comply By: 10/17/23

2-100 Supervision

2-102.12AMN

MN Rule 4626.0033A Employ a certified food protection manager (CFPM) for the establishment.

CURRENT CFPM CERTIFICATE IS SHARED ACROSS MULTIPLE HOMES. EACH HOME MUST HAVE A CFPM.

Comply By: 10/17/23

4-200 Equipment Design and Construction

4-201.11GMN

MN Rule 4626.0506G Discontinue serving TCS foods that are held for more than same-day service in an adult or child care center or boarding establishment or provide equipment that is certified or classified for sanitation by an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited certification program.

FACILITY DOES NOT ALWAYS USE SAME DAY SERVICE. SPOKE WITH PERSON IN CHARGE ABOUT THE NEED FOR SAME DAY SERVICE IN FACILITIES USING HOUSE HOLD EQUIPMENT.

Comply By: 10/17/23

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

INSPECTION CONDUCTED AT THE REQUEST OF HRD STAFF AND FINDINGS SHARED AT THE END OF INSPECTION.

KITCHEN IS RESIDENTIAL WITH CABINETS THAT ARE WOOD WITH HALLOWED ENCLOSED BASES, LAMINATE COUNTER TOPS AND POPCORN TEXTURED CEILING. ALL ARE FOUND TO BE IN GOOD CONDITION AND WILL BE MONITORED AT FUTURE INSPECTIONS. IF AT ANY TIME THERE IS FOUND TO BE A RISK OF CONTAMINATION OR CONCERN THE PHYSICAL FACILITIES WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE BROUGHT UP TO CODE.

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 7994231194 of 10/17/23.

Certified Food Protection Manager: _____

Certification Number: _____ Expires: ____ / ____ / ____

Inspection report reviewed with person in charge and emailed.

Signed: _____

Establishment Representative

Signed:  _____

Crystal Elva
Public Health Sanitarian 3
St Paul
651-201-3981
Crystal.Elva@state.mn.us

Report #: 7994231194		Food Establishment Inspection Report					
	Minnesota Department of Health		No. of RF/PHI Categories Out		1	Date 10/17/23	
	625 Robert Street North St Paul		No. of Repeat RF/PHI Categories Out		0		
			Legal Authority MN Rules Chapter 4626				
Empower Health Care		Address 924 Viceroy Drive NE		City/State Spring Lake Park, MN		Zip Code	Telephone
License/Permit # 0039424		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	PIC knowledgeable; duties & oversight				
2	IN	OUT	N/A	Certified food protection manager, duties			
Employee Health							
3	IN	OUT	Mgmt/Staff;knowledge,responsibilities&reporting				
4	IN	OUT	Proper use of reporting, restriction & exclusion				
5	IN	OUT	Procedures for responding to vomiting & diarrheal events				
Good Hygienic Practices							
6	IN	OUT	N/O	Proper eating, tasting, drinking, or tobacco use			
7	IN	OUT	N/O	No discharge from eyes, nose, & mouth			
Preventing Contamination by Hands							
8	IN	OUT	N/O	Hands clean & properly washed			
9	IN	OUT	N/A	N/O	No bare hand contact with RTE foods or pre-approved alternate pprocedure properly followed		
10	IN	OUT		Adequate handwashing sinks supplied/accessible			
Approved Source							
11	IN	OUT		Food obtained from approved source			
12	IN	OUT	N/A	N/O	Food received at proper temperature		
13	IN	OUT		Food in good condition, safe, & unadulterated			
14	IN	OUT	N/A	N/O	Required records available; shellstock tags, parasite destruction		
Protection from Contamination							
15	IN	OUT	N/A	N/O	Food separated and protected		
16	IN	OUT	N/A		Food contact surfaces: cleaned & sanitized		
17	IN	OUT			Proper disposition of returned, previously served, reconditioned, & unsafe food		
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							
				COS		R	
Safe Food and Water							
30	IN	OUT	N/A	Pasteurized eggs used where required			
31				Water & ice obtained from an approved source			
32	IN	OUT	N/A	Variance obtained for specialized processing methods			
Food Temperature Control							
33				Proper cooling methods used; adequate equipment for temperature control			
34	IN	OUT	N/A	N/O	Plant food properly cooked for hot holding		
35	IN	OUT	N/A	N/O	Approved thawing methods used		
36				Thermometers provided & accurate			
Food Identification							
37				Food properly labeled; original container			
Prevention of Food Contamination							
38				Insects, rodents, & animals not present			
39				Contamination prevented during food prep, storage & display			
40				Personal cleanliness			
41				Wiping cloths: properly used & stored			
42				Washing fruits & vegetables			
Proper Use of Utensils							
43				In-use utensils: properly stored			
44				Utensils, equipment & linens: properly stored, dried, & handled			
45				Single-use/single service articles: properly stored & used			
46				Gloves used properly			
Utensil Equipment and Vending							
47	X			Food & non-food contact surfaces cleanable, properly designed, constructed, & used			
48	X			Warewashing facilities: installed, maintained, & used; test strips			
49				Non-food contact surfaces clean			
Physical Facilities							
50				Hot & cold water available; adequate pressure			
51				Plumbing installed; proper backflow devices			
52				Sewage & waste water properly disposed			
53				Toilet facilities: properly constructed, supplied, & cleaned			
54				Garbage & refuse properly disposed; facilities maintained			
55				Physical facilities installed, maintained, & clean			
56				Adequate ventilation & lighting; designated areas used			
57				Compliance with MCIAA			
58				Compliance with licensing & plan review			
Food Recalls:							
Person in Charge (Signature)							
Date: 10/19/23							
Inspector (Signature)							