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## **NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF CONDITIONAL LICENSE**

Electronic Delivery

March 7, 2025

Licensee

Caring Heart Home Healthcare  
1826 Maryland Avenue East  
Maplewood, MN 55119

RE: License Number 417422  
Health Facility Identification Number (HFID) 33972  
Project Number(s) SL33972015

Dear Licensee:

On February 5, 2025, The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) completed a follow-up survey of your facility to determine correction of orders found on the survey completed August 13, 2024. The follow-up survey found the facility to be in substantial compliance. Based on these findings, the condition(s) on the license were removed effective March 7, 2025.

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.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rick Michals'.

Rick Michals, J.D.  
**Executive Regional Operations Manager**

**Minnesota Department of Health**  
**Health Regulation Division**

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{0 000}	Initial Comments  *****ATTENTION*****  ASSISTED LIVING PROVIDER FOLLOW UP SURVEY INITIAL COMMENTS SL#SL33972015-2  On February 5, 2025, the Minnesota Department of Health conducted a follow-up survey at the above provider to follow-up on orders issued pursuant to a survey completed on October 28, 2024. At the time of the survey, there were 3 residents; 3 receiving services under the Assisted Living License. As a result of the follow-up survey, the licensee is in compliance.	{0 000}		
{0 480} SS=F	144G.41 Subdivision 1 Subd. 1a (a-b) Minimum requirements; required food services  (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;	{0 480}		

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{0 480}	<p>Continued From page 1</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(5) notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, parts 4626.1325, 4626.1335, and 4626.1360, item A, existing floor, wall, and ceiling finishes are allowed provided the facility keeps them clean and in good condition;</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(7) notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 4626.1390, toilet rooms are not required to be provided with a self-closing door.</p> <p>This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by:</p>	{0 480}	Not reviewed during this survey	
{0 680} SS=F	144G.42 Subd. 10 Disaster planning and emergency preparedness	{0 680}		

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{0 680}	<p>Continued From page 2</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by:</p>	{0 680}	Not reviewed during this survey	
{0 780} SS=F	<p>144G.45 Subd. 2 (a) (1) Fire protection and physical environment</p> <p>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</p>	{0 780}		

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{0 780}	Continued From page 3  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:	{0 780}	Not reviewed during this survey	
{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	{0 790}		

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{0 790}	Continued From page 4  by:	{0 790}	Not reviewed during this survey	
{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:	{0 800}	Not reviewed during this survey	
{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) 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	{0 810}	Not reviewed during this survey	

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{0 810}	Continued From page 5  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:	{0 810}	Not reviewed during this survey	
{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.	{01440}		

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{01440}	Continued From page 6  (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:	{01440}	Not reviewed during this survey	
{01620} SS=F	144G.70 Subd. 2 (c-e) Initial reviews, assessments, and monitoring  (c) Resident reassessment and monitoring must be conducted no more than 14 calendar days after initiation of services. Ongoing resident reassessment and monitoring must be conducted as needed based on changes in the needs of the resident and cannot exceed 90 calendar days from the last date of the assessment. (d) For residents only receiving assisted living services specified in section 144G.08, subdivision 9, clauses (1) to (5), the facility shall complete an individualized initial review of the resident's needs and preferences. The initial review must be completed within 30 calendar days of the start of services. Resident monitoring and review must be conducted as needed based on changes in the needs of the resident and cannot exceed 90 calendar days from the date of the last review. (e) A facility must inform the prospective resident of the availability of and contact information for long-term care consultation services under section 256B.0911, prior to the date on which a prospective resident executes a contract with a facility or the date on which a prospective	{01620}		

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{01620}	Continued From page 7  resident moves in, whichever is earlier.  This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by:	{01620}	Not reviewed during this survey	



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## NOTICE OF CONDITIONAL LICENSE

Electronically Delivered

December 13, 2024

Licensee

Caring Heart Home Healthcare  
1826 Maryland Avenue East  
Maplewood, MN 55119

RE: Conditional License Number 417422  
Health Facility Identification Number (HFID) 33972  
Project Number(s) SL33972015

Dear Licensee:

On October 28, 2024, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) completed a follow-up survey of your facility to determine correction of orders found on the survey completed on August 13, 2024. Based on the follow-up survey results you were found not to be in substantial compliance with the laws pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 144G.

As a result, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 144G.20, MDH is issuing a conditional assisted living facility license for 90-days, due to expire on **March 13, 2025**.

### 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 may be 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.

The total amount of **potential** fines that may be assessed related to these correction orders is \$500.00. **MDH is not imposing these fines against your license at this time.**

In accordance with Minn. Stat. § 144G.31 Subd. 4 (a), state correction orders issued pursuant to the last survey, completed on August 13, 2024, found not corrected at the time of the October 28, 2024, follow-up survey and/or subject to penalty assessment are as follows:

**0820 - Fire Protection And Physical Environment - 144g.45 Subd. 2 (g) - \$500.00**

The details of the violations noted at the time of this follow-up survey completed on October 28, 2024 (listed above), are on the attached State Form. Brackets around the ID Prefix Tag in the left hand column, e.g., {2 ----} will identify the uncorrected tags.

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 and immediately correct any reissued orders outlined on the state form; however, plans of correction are not required to be submitted for approval. **If corrections are not made, MDH may impose fines as described above and in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 144G.**

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 MDH 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>**

**CONDITIONAL LICENSE ISSUED:**

MDH will issue a conditional assisted living facility license for Caring Heart Home Healthcare, for 90 calendar days from the date of this notice. At an unannounced point in time, within the 90 calendar days, MDH will conduct a follow-up survey, as defined in Minn. Stat. § 144G.30, Subd. 6. Based on the results of the follow-up survey, MDH will determine if Caring Heart Home Healthcare is in substantial compliance.

The following conditions apply on the conditional assisted living facility license:

- a. **Health Facility Construction Permit:** Caring Heart Home Healthcare, will contact The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (MNDLI) or City with delegated authority to review and inspect State Licensed Facilities in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 326B.103, Subd. 13 and obtain a construction permit for a health facility. Within 21-days from the date of this notice, Caring Heart Home Healthcare, will provide MDH with a copy of the permit obtained from MNDLI or City with delegated authority.
- b. **General Contractor:** Caring Heart Home Healthcare must provide the following to Benjamin J. Zwart (Benjamin.Zwart@state.mn.us) via email within 21-days of the date of this notice:
  - i. Name
  - ii. License Number
  - iii. Contact Information
- c. **Egress Window Requirements:** Caring Heart Home Healthcare will replace at least one window in occupied resident sleeping rooms #1 and #2 meeting the minimum size requirements.
  - i. Must have a minimum openable width of no less than 20 inches
  - ii. Must have a minimum openable height of no less than 20 inches
  - iii. Must have a total openable area of no less than 648 square inches (4.5 square feet)
  - iv. Must have a windowsill height of no more than 48 inches from the floor to the clear opening
  - v. All measurements must be achieved under normal operation of opening window without the use of a key, tool or special knowledge

**RESULTS OF FOLLOW-UP EVALUATION DURING THE CONDITIONAL LICENSE PERIOD:**

MDH will determine if Caring Heart Home Healthcare is in substantial compliance based on the results of the follow up survey. MDH will make this determination within the 90-day conditional license period. If MDH determines Caring Heart Home Healthcare is in substantial compliance on the follow up survey, MDH will remove the conditions from Caring Heart Home Healthcare's assisted living facility license, and Caring Heart Home Healthcare will correct any outstanding violations identified during the survey. If Caring Heart Home Healthcare is not in substantial compliance on the follow-up survey, MDH may take additional enforcement action, up to and including immediate temporary suspension and revocation, as authorized by Minn. Stat. § 144G.20.

**REQUESTING A HEARING:**

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §144G.20, Subd. 18, the licensee may appeal an action against the license under this section. The licensee must request a hearing no later than 15 business days after licensee receives notice of the action.

To submit a hearing request, please visit:

<https://forms.web.health.state.mn.us/form/HRD-Appeals-Form>.

*Caring Heart Home Healthcare*

*December 13, 2024*

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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 Jess Schoenecker directly at: 651-201-3789.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Michals". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Rick Michals, J.D.

**Executive Regional Operations Manager**

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{0 000}	<p>Initial Comments</p> <p>*****ATTENTION*****</p> <p><b>ASSISTED LIVING PROVIDER LICENSING CORRECTION ORDER</b></p> <p>In accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 144G.08 to 144G.95, these correction orders are issued pursuant to a survey.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>INITIAL COMMENTS: SL#33972015-1</p> <p>On October 28, 2024, the Minnesota Department of Health conducted a revisit at the above provider to follow-up on orders issued pursuant to a survey completed on August 13, 2024. At the time of the survey, there were 2 active residents; 2 receiving services under the Assisted Living license. As a result of the revisit, the following orders were reissued and/or issued.</p>	{0 000}	<p>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 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT A PLAN OF CORRECTION FOR VIOLATIONS OF MINNESOTA STATE STATUTES.</p> <p>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.</p>	
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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.	{0 680}		

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{0 680}	Continued From page 2  This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: No further action required.	{0 680}		
{0 780} SS=F	<p>144G.45 Subd. 2 (a) (1) Fire protection and physical environment</p> <p>(a) Each assisted living facility must comply with the State Fire Code in Minnesota Rules, chapter 7511, and:</p> <p>(1) for dwellings or sleeping units, as defined in the State Fire Code:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) provide smoke alarms in each room used for sleeping purposes;</li> <li>(ii) provide smoke alarms outside each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of bedrooms;</li> <li>(iii) provide smoke alarms on each story within a dwelling unit, including basements, but not including crawl spaces and unoccupied attics;</li> <li>(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</li> <li>(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;</li> </ul> <p>This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: No further action required.</p>	{0 780}		
{0 790} SS=F	144G.45 Subd. 2 (a) (2)-(3) Fire protection and physical environment	{0 790}		

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{0 790}	Continued From page 3  (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: No further action required.	{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: No further action required.	{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	{0 810}		

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{0 810}	<p>Continued From page 4</p> <p>maintain fire safety and evacuation plans. The plans shall include but are not limited to:</p> <p>(1) location and number of resident sleeping rooms;</p> <p>(2) employee actions to be taken in the event of a fire or similar emergency;</p> <p>(3) fire protection procedures necessary for residents; and</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(d) Fire safety and evacuation plans shall be readily available at all times within the facility.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: No further action required.</p>	{0 810}		
{0 820} SS=F	144G.45 Subd. 2 (g) Fire protection and physical environment	{0 820}		

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{0 820}	<p>Continued From page 5</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, interview, and record review, the licensee failed to ensure physical facility elements did not constitute a distinct hazard to life. The licensee failed to provide resident bedrooms with the minimum window opening meeting the minimum state standard for egress. This had the potential to affect two residents and all staff.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>The findings include:</p> <p>On October 28, 2024, surveyor conducted a revisit to follow-up on orders issued pursuant to a</p>	{0 820}		

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{0 820}	<p>Continued From page 6</p> <p>survey completed on August 13, 2024.</p> <p>On October 28, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. per phone conversation, licensed assisted living director (LALD)-A stated the windows have not been replaced, were working with a contractor, and awaiting delivery of windows in about six to eight weeks to move forward with the window install. LALD-A also stated licensee implemented a fire watch and provided these fire watch records to the surveyor for review.</p> <p>On October 28, 2024, at 1:15 p.m. survey staff toured the facility with unlicensed personnel (ULP)-C. During the tour, survey staff asked ULP-C to open the windows in the resident bedrooms for measurement. The noncompliant measurements were as follows:</p> <p>Bedroom #1: window measured 21.25 inches clear width, 21.5 inches clear height, and 456 square inches total open area.</p> <p>Bedroom #2: window measured 21.25 inches clear width, 16.75 inches clear height, and 355 square inches total open area.</p> <p>The windows in bedrooms #1 did not meet the minimum requirements for total openable area. The window in bedroom #2 did not meet the minimum requirements for opening height and total openable area.</p> <p>Egress windows in existing sleeping rooms must have a minimum openable width of 20 inches and minimum openable height of 20 inches with no less than 648 square inches total of openable area (4.5 square feet) for the window.</p> <p>Survey staff explained to ULP-C and LALD-A that</p>	{0 820}		
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{0 820}	Continued From page 7  at least one window in each bedroom in a state-licensed facility must meet the minimum state fire code standard for an egress window to be a complying bedroom for resident occupancy. ULP-C and LALD-A verbally confirmed the findings.  No further information was provided.	{0 820}		
{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: No further action required.	{01440}		

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{01620} SS=F	<p><b>144G.70 Subd. 2 (c-e) Initial reviews, assessments, and monitoring</b></p> <p>(c) Resident reassessment and monitoring must be conducted no more than 14 calendar days after initiation of services. Ongoing resident reassessment and monitoring must be conducted as needed based on changes in the needs of the resident and cannot exceed 90 calendar days from the last date of the assessment.</p> <p>(d) For residents only receiving assisted living services specified in section 144G.08, subdivision 9, clauses (1) to (5), the facility shall complete an individualized initial review of the resident's needs and preferences. The initial review must be completed within 30 calendar days of the start of services. Resident monitoring and review must be conducted as needed based on changes in the needs of the resident and cannot exceed 90 calendar days from the date of the last review.</p> <p>(e) A facility must inform the prospective resident of the availability of and contact information for long-term care consultation services under section 256B.0911, prior to the date on which a prospective resident executes a contract with a facility or the date on which a prospective resident moves in, whichever is earlier.</p> <p>This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: No further action required.</p>	{01620}		



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September 12, 2024

Licensee  
Caring Heart Home Healthcare  
1826 Maryland Avenue East  
Maplewood, MN 55119

RE: Project Number(s) SL33972015

Dear Licensee:

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) completed a survey on August 13, 2024, for the purpose of evaluating and assessing compliance with state licensing statutes. At the time of the survey, 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.

### **STATE CORRECTION ORDERS**

The enclosed State Form documents the state correction orders. 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 MDH 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](mailto: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,



Jodi Johnson, Supervisor

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0 000	<p><b>Initial Comments</b></p> <p>*****ATTENTION*****</p> <p><b>ASSISTED LIVING PROVIDER LICENSING CORRECTION ORDER(S)</b></p> <p>In accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 144G.08 to 144G.95, these correction orders are issued pursuant to a survey.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>INITIAL COMMENTS:</b></p> <p><b>SL33972015-0</b></p> <p>On August 12, 2024, through August 13, 2024, the Minnesota Department of Health conducted a full survey at the above provider, and the following correction orders are issued. At the time of the survey, there were two residents; two receiving services under the provider's Assisted Living Facility license.</p>	0 000	<p>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.</p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT A PLAN OF CORRECTION FOR VIOLATIONS OF MINNESOTA STATE STATUTES.</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p>	
0 480 SS=F	<b>144G.41 Subd 1 (13) (i) (B) Minimum requirements</b>	0 480		

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LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE \_\_\_\_\_ (X6) DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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0 480	<p>Continued From page 1</p> <p>(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</p> <p>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 August 13, 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.</p>	0 480		
0 680 SS=F	<p>144G.42 Subd. 10 Disaster planning and emergency preparedness</p> <p>(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</p>	0 680		

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0 680	<p>Continued From page 2</p> <p>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.</p> <p>This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by:            Based on observation, interview, and record review, the licensee failed to develop an all-hazards risk assessment emergency preparedness (EP) program and plan to include Appendix Z required elements. This had the potential to affect all residents, staff, and visitors.</p> <p>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 portion or all the residents).</p> <p>The findings include:</p>	0 680		
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0 680	<p>Continued From page 3</p> <p>On August 12, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. the surveyor reviewed the licensee's EP plan. The plan included some basic content but lacked completeness or facility specific details with the plan.</p> <p>The licensee lacked the following required information according to Emergency Preparedness: Appendix Z:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the license failed to review and update the EP program annually as required. (the signature page indicated the EP plan was developed on April 11, 2023; however, the review dates were blank).</li> <li>- the licensee had not completed a Hazard Vulnerability Assessment (the EP plan included the procedure to complete this but was not completed).</li> <li>- the licensee had a missing resident plan; however, had not reviewed on a quarterly basis;</li> <li>- a process for cooperation and collaboration with local, tribal, regional, State and Federal EP to maintain integrated response;</li> <li>- policy and procedure addressing whether evacuated or shelter in place for staff/residents for food, water, medical supplies, pharmaceutical supplies;</li> <li>- policy and procedure addressing alternate sources of energy to maintain temperatures to protect resident health/safety, safe and sanitary storage of provisions emergency lighting and sewage and waste disposal;</li> <li>- policy and procedure addressing system of medical documentation that preserves resident information, protects confidentiality, and secures/maintains availability of records;</li> <li>- policy and procedures addressing development of arrangements with other facilities/providers to receive residents in the event of</li> </ul>	0 680		

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0 680	<p>Continued From page 4</p> <p>limitations/cessation of operations to maintain the continuity of services to residents;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- communication plan which includes names/contact information: staff, entities providing services under agreement, residents' physicians, other facilities, volunteers;</li> <li>- communication plan which includes contact information for Federal, State, tribal, regional, and local EP staff; State Licensing and Certification Agency; and other sources of assistance;</li> <li>- communication plan which includes alternate means of communication with facility staff and Federal, State, tribal, regional, and local emergency management agencies;</li> <li>- communication plan which includes method for sharing information and medical documentation for residents under the facility's care, as necessary, with other health care personnel to maintain continuity of care; means, in event of evacuation, to release resident information as permitted under 45 CFR 164.510(b)(1)(ii); means of providing information about general condition/location of residents under facility's care as permitted under 45 CFR 164.510(b)(4);</li> <li>- communication plan which includes means to providing information about the facility occupancy, needs, and its ability to aid, to the authority having jurisdiction, the incident command center, or designee; and</li> <li>- communication plan which includes method for sharing information from the emergency plan, that the facility has determined appropriate, with residents and their families/representatives;</li> <li>- conduct exercises to test EP at least twice per year, including unannounced staff drills using EP, including participating in an annual full-scale exercise community based or annual individual facility based functional exercise or if facility experiences an actual emergency requiring evacuation of plan, facility is exempt from</li> </ul>	0 680		

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0 680	<p>Continued From page 5</p> <p>engaging in its next required full scale exercise; conduct an additional annual exercise that may include a second full scale exercise community based or an individual; facility based functional exercise or mock disaster drill or table top exercise.</p> <p>On August 13, 2024, at 12:50 p.m. licensed assisted living director (LALD)-A indicated she was still working on the facility's Emergency Plan and knew it was missing some content and had not completed a Hazard Vulnerability Assessment for the facility. LALD-A indicated she was not aware the missing resident policy/procedure required a review every 90 days.</p> <p>The licensee's Emergency preparedness Plan Appendix Z Compliance policy dated August 1, 2021, indicated [licensee name] emergency preparedness plan will include all required elements of appendix Z. The plan will be in writing and reviewed annually. The plan is based on our assisted living-based and community-based risk assessments, utilizing an all-hazards approach. Key elements of the plan include four primary components:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Risk assessment and planning</li> <li>2. Policies and procedures</li> <li>3. A communication plan</li> <li>4. Staff training and exercises/drills</li> </ol> <p>No further information was provided.</p> <p>TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Twenty-One (21) days</p>	0 680		
0 780 SS=F	144G.45 Subd. 2 (a) (1) Fire protection and physical environment	0 780		

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0 780	<p>Continued From page 6</p> <p>(a) Each assisted living facility must comply with the State Fire Code in Minnesota Rules, chapter 7511, and:</p> <p>(1) for dwellings or sleeping units, as defined in the State Fire Code:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) provide smoke alarms in each room used for sleeping purposes;</li> <li>(ii) provide smoke alarms outside each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of bedrooms;</li> <li>(iii) provide smoke alarms on each story within a dwelling unit, including basements, but not including crawl spaces and unoccupied attics;</li> <li>(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</li> <li>(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;</li> </ul> <p>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, staff, and visitors.</p> <p>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</p>	0 780		
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0 780	<p>Continued From page 7</p> <p>or has the potential to affect a large portion or all of the residents).</p> <p>The findings include:</p> <p>On August 13, 2024, at 10:45 a.m., survey staff toured the facility with unlicensed personnel (ULP)-D. During the tour, survey staff observed the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A smoke alarm was not installed outside bedroom 3. There was wiring and an empty bracket on the ceiling for a smoke alarm.</li> <li>2. The basement smoke alarm installed outside the storage room was chirping, indicating a low battery.</li> </ol> <p>During the facility tour interview, ULP-D verified the smoke alarms were not properly maintained.</p> <p>TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Seven (7) days</p>	0 780		
0 790 SS=F	<p>144G.45 Subd. 2 (a) (2)-(3) Fire protection and physical environment</p> <p>(2) install and maintain portable fire extinguishers in accordance with the State Fire Code;</p> <p>(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</p>	0 790		

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0 790	<p>Continued From page 8</p> <p>This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation and interview, the licensee failed to install and maintain portable fire extinguishers as required by statute. This deficient condition had the potential to affect all residents, staff, and visitors.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>The findings include:</p> <p>On August 13, 2024, at 10:45 a.m., survey staff toured the facility with unlicensed personnel (ULP)-D. During the tour, survey staff observed the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The installed portable fire extinguishers were rated 1-A:10-B:C. During the facility tour interview, ULP-D verified these fire extinguishers did not meet the minimum rating.</li> <li>2. The portable fire extinguisher was not properly installed on the main floor. This fire extinguisher was stored on top of a storage rack inside the closet near the back door. Fire extinguishers must be properly installed to prevent them from being moved or damaged. Extinguishers must be installed at least 4 inches off the ground up to a maximum of 5 feet (the top of the fire extinguisher to be no more than 5 feet above the ground). Fire extinguishers need to be located along normal paths of travel, installed in visible locations, and readily available in an emergency.</li> <li>3. Tags or labels were not attached to the</li> </ol>	0 790		
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0 790	<p>Continued From page 9</p> <p>portable fire extinguishers showing annual maintenance had been performed by certified service personnel.</p> <p>4. Tags or labels were not attached to the portable fire extinguishers showing monthly inspections had been completed. Fire extinguisher inspections must be conducted every month to ensure that each extinguisher is in its designated place, that it has not been tampered with, and that there is no obvious physical damage or condition that would interfere with its use or operation.</p> <p>During the facility tour interview, ULP-D verified the fire extinguishers were not properly installed and maintained.</p> <p>TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Seven (7) days</p>	0 790		
0 800 SS=F	<p>144G.45 Subd. 2 (a) (4) Fire protection and physical environment</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>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</p>	0 800		

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0 800	<p>Continued From page 10</p> <p>affect all residents, staff, and visitors.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>The findings include:</p> <p>On August 13, 2024, at 10:45 a.m., survey staff toured the facility with unlicensed personnel (ULP)-D. During the tour, survey staff observed the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In unoccupied basement bedroom 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The handle was missing for the egress window. The window could not be opened during the facility tour.</li> <li>- The egress window well was obstructed by vegetation and the cover that had fallen into the window well.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Improperly maintained egress windows and window wells would delay exiting in the event of an emergency. During the facility tour interview, ULP-D verified the egress window was not operable and the window well obstruction.</li> <li>2. There were burnt cigarettes in a plastic bucket on the wooden deck at the back of the home. Improper disposal of smoking materials creates a fire hazard.</li> <li>3. One handrail was loose on the stairs for the deck.</li> <li>4. There was a hole in the wall outside the laundry room.</li> <li>5. Near the back door, a knob was missing from the closet door, making it difficult to open.</li> <li>6. The light fixture was soiled, making the lighting</li> </ol>	0 800		

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0 800	Continued From page 11  dim, in the shared resident bathroom on the main floor.  During the facility tour interview, ULP-D verified the above listed observations while accompanying on the tour.  TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Seven (7) 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: (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.	0 810		

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0 810	<p>Continued From page 12</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, interview, and record review, the licensee failed to develop a fire safety and evacuation plan with the required content and provide required training and drills. This had the potential to directly affect all residents, staff, and visitors.</p> <p>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 potential to affect a large portion or all of the residents).</p> <p>The findings include:</p> <p>On August 13, 2024, at 10:45 a.m., survey staff toured the facility with unlicensed personnel (ULP)-D. During the tour, ULP-D verbally identified resident sleeping rooms as 1, 2, and 3. The surveyor observed room numbers were not posted on or adjacent to the door for each resident sleeping room. Survey staff observed the posted FSEP floor plans did not identify resident sleeping rooms or include number labels as verbally identified by ULP-D during the tour. Resident sleeping rooms must be identified and are required to be included on the fire safety and</p>	0 810		

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0 810	<p>Continued From page 13</p> <p>evacuation floor plan to provide efficient communication for exiting in the event of a fire or similar emergency. During the facility tour interview, ULP-D verified the resident sleeping rooms were not identified.</p> <p>On August 13, 2024, licensed assisted living director (LALD)-A provided documents on the fire safety and evacuation plan (FSEP), fire safety and evacuation training, and employee evacuation drills for the facility.</p> <p><b>FIRE SAFETY AND EVACUATION PLAN</b> Record review of the available documentation indicated the licensee had not developed a facility FSEP evident by the use of third-party template policies.</p> <p>Record review of the available documentation indicated the FSEP failed to provide specific employee actions to take in the event of a fire or similar emergency relative to the facility's building layout and environmental risks. The FSEP 9.06 fire policy dated August 1, 2021, inaccurately referenced smoke compartment doors, fire doors on magnetic holders, and a fire protection system wired directly to the fire station. This fire policy was a template designed for a building with life safety systems or a fire-resistant construction type.</p> <p>The FSEP failed to identify specific fire protection procedures necessary for residents evident by no instructions in the plan.</p> <p>The FSEP failed to provide specific procedures for resident movement and evacuation or relocation during a fire or similar emergency including individualized unique needs of residents evident by no procedures in the plan.</p>	0 810		

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0 810	<p>Continued From page 14</p> <p>During an interview on August 13, 2024, at 12:10 p.m., LALD-A verified the FSEP required revision.</p> <p><b>TRAINING</b> Record review of the available documentation indicated the licensee failed to provide training to employees on the FSEP upon hire and/or at least twice per year evident by the lack of training documentation. Post-tests, dated August 5, 2023, and July 13, 2024, for employee training on the handling of emergencies and use of emergency services were provided. No training records were provided to support employee training on the facility FSEP had been completed.</p> <p>Record review of the available documentation indicated the licensee failed to provide fire safety and evacuation training to residents at least once per year evident by the lack of training documentation to support this had been completed. During an interview on August 13, 2024, at 12:10 p.m., LALD-A verified no records were available and stated residents had been trained but it was not documented.</p> <p><b>DRILLS</b> Record review of the available documentation indicated the licensee failed to conduct evacuation drills for employees twice per year, per shift with at least one evacuation drill every other month evident by the lack of records to support these drills had been completed. Blank fire drill reports were stored in the emergency preparedness binder. During an interview on August 13, 2024, at 12:10 p.m., LALD-A verified no records were available and stated the old manager took all the drill records when they left.</p> <p><b>TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION:</b> Twenty-one</p>	0 810		

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0 810	Continued From page 15  (21) days	0 810		
0 820 SS=F	<p><b>144G.45 Subd. 2 (g) Fire protection and physical environment</b></p> <p>(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.</p> <p>This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, interview, and record review, the licensee failed to ensure physical facility elements did not constitute a distinct hazard to life. The licensee failed to provide resident bedrooms with the minimum window opening meeting the minimum state standard for egress. This had the potential to affect two residents and all staff.</p> <p>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).</p>	0 820		

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0 820	<p>Continued From page 16</p> <p>The findings include:</p> <p>On August 13, 2024, at 10:45 a.m., survey staff toured the facility with unlicensed personnel (ULP)-D. During the tour, ULP-D opened the egress windows in resident bedrooms for measurements. Survey staff measured the clear openable area of the windows. The windows in bedrooms 1 and 2 did not meet the minimum requirements for safe egress.</p> <p>Egress window measurements: Occupied bedroom 1 - the clear openable area of the window measured 21 1/4 inches width, 21 1/2 inches height, total clear area 456 square inches.</p> <p>Occupied bedroom 2 - the clear openable area of the window measured 21 1/4 inches width, 16 3/4 inches height, total clear area 355 square inches.</p> <p>One window in each resident bedroom must meet the minimum window opening size of at least 20 inches in width and, a minimum height of 20 inches, with a total clear area of at least 648 square inches (4.5 square feet).</p> <p>During the facility tour interview, ULP-D verified the egress window measurements.</p> <p>During an interview on August 13, 2024, at 11:50 a.m., licensed assisted living director (LALD)-A stated they measured the windows after a survey at a different location. Measurements by the licensee confirmed the windows did not meet the minimum requirements for egress. LALD-A stated they implemented a fire watch and provided these fire watch records to the surveyor for review.</p> <p>TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Seven (7)</p>	0 820		

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01440 SS=D	<p><b>144G.62 Subd. 4 Supervision of staff providing delegated nurs</b></p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, interview, and record review, the licensee failed to ensure direct supervision of one of one unlicensed personnel (ULP-C) performing delegated tasks was provided within 30 calendar days after the date on which the individuals began working for the licensee.</p>	01440		

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01440	<p>Continued From page 18</p> <p>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).</p> <p>The findings include:</p> <p>ULP-C was hired on September 16, 2020, to provide direct care services.</p> <p>On August 12, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. ULP-C was observed to administer oral medications to R2.</p> <p>ULP-C's employee file lacked evidence the licensee's registered nurse (RN) completed a 30-day supervisory visit.</p> <p>On August 12, 2024, at 2:15 p.m. licensed assisted living director (LALD)-A stated the licensee was trying to get caught up on this requirement and ULP-C's record did not appear to include a 30-day RN supervisory visit.</p> <p>The licensee's Supervision of Staff-Delegated Services policy dated August 1, 2021, indicated direct supervision of home health aides performing delegated tasks would be provided within 30 days after the individual begins working for the assisted living provider and thereafter as needed, based on performance.</p> <p>No further information was provided.</p> <p>TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Twenty-one (21) days</p>	01440		

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01620 SS=F	<p><b>144G.70 Subd. 2 (c-e) Initial reviews, assessments, and monitoring</b></p> <p>(c) Resident reassessment and monitoring must be conducted no more than 14 calendar days after initiation of services. Ongoing resident reassessment and monitoring must be conducted as needed based on changes in the needs of the resident and cannot exceed 90 calendar days from the last date of the assessment.</p> <p>(d) For residents only receiving assisted living services specified in section 144G.08, subdivision 9, clauses (1) to (5), the facility shall complete an individualized initial review of the resident's needs and preferences. The initial review must be completed within 30 calendar days of the start of services. Resident monitoring and review must be conducted as needed based on changes in the needs of the resident and cannot exceed 90 calendar days from the date of the last review.</p> <p>(e) A facility must inform the prospective resident of the availability of and contact information for long-term care consultation services under section 256B.0911, prior to the date on which a prospective resident executes a contract with a facility or the date on which a prospective resident moves in, whichever is earlier.</p> <p>This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on interview and record review, the licensee failed to ensure the registered nurse (RN) completed a reassessment not to exceed 90 days for one of one resident (R1)</p> <p>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</p>	01620		
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01620	<p>Continued From page 20</p> <p>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).</p> <p>The findings include:</p> <p><b>R1</b> R1 was admitted to the licensee under the Assisted Living Facility (ALF) license on May 6, 2022.</p> <p>R1's Service Agreement dated August 3, 2023, indicated R1 received services including medication administration and assistance with blood sugar monitoring.</p> <p>On August 13, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. unlicensed personnel (ULP)-D was observed to administer R1's medications and observed R1 complete her blood sugar check.</p> <p>On August 12, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. the surveyor requested R1's last three Comprehensive Assessments. R1's Comprehensive Assessments dated May 4, 2022, May 19, 2022, and July 31, 2024, were provided.</p> <p>On August 13, 2024, at 12:30 p.m. registered nurse (RN)-E provided a document that summarized all comprehensive assessments completed for R1. The document included the above listed Comprehensive Assessments as well as assessments dated January 22, 2024, and April 19, 2024.</p> <p>The Comprehensive Assessment dated July 31, 2024, was completed 103 days after the assessment dated April 19, 2024. The licensee failed to complete the ongoing Comprehensive</p>	01620		
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01620	<p>Continued From page 21</p> <p>Assessment within 90 days as required.</p> <p>On August 13, 2024, licensed assisted living director (LALD)-A stated clinical nurse supervisor (CNS)-B was new, was trained by RN-E, and was "working to catch up on assessments". LALD-A stated CNS-B completed comprehensive assessments for the licensee's two residents recently; however, she knew they were both completed late (outside the 90-day timeframe).</p> <p>The licensee's Assessments, Reviews, and Monitoring policy dated August 1, 2021, indicated ongoing resident reassessments must be conducted by a registered nurse and cannot exceed 90 days from the last date of assessment.</p> <p>No further information was provided.</p> <p>TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Twenty-one (21) days</p>	01620		

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Date: 08/13/24  
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## Food and Beverage Establishment Inspection Report

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**Location:**

Caring Heart Home Healthcare  
1826 Maryland Avenue East  
St Paul, MN55119  
Ramsey County, 62

**Establishment Info:**

ID #: 0039269  
Risk:  
Announced Inspection: No

**License Categories:**

Expires on: / /

**Operator:**

Phone #: 6122988037  
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

#### 4-302.13B

**\*\* Priority 2 \*\***

MN Rule 4626.0710B Provide a readily accessible, irreversible registering temperature indicator for measuring the utensil surface temperature in mechanical hot water warewashing operations.

SEE COMMENTS

Comply By: 08/20/24

### 2-100 Supervision

#### 2-102.12AMN

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

NO POSTED CFPM

Comply By: 08/30/24

### Food and Equipment Temperatures

Process/Item: BEEF

Temperature: 40 Degrees Fahrenheit - Location: COOLER

Violation Issued: No

Process/Item: LETTUCE

Temperature: 41 Degrees Fahrenheit - Location: COOLER

Violation Issued: No

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Total Orders	In This Report	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
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HRD INSPECTOR DEB JACOBSON

RESIDENTIAL HOME WITH NON COMMERCIAL APPLIANCES AND FINISHES

DISCUSSED NEED TO MAINTAIN CABINETS CLEAN OF GREASE BUILD UP ON A MORE  
REGULAR SCHEDULE

LEFT THERMAL STICKER ON SITE AND REQUESTED PHOTO BE SENT AFTER CYCLE WAS RUN

**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 8058241191 of 08/13/24.

Certified Food Protection Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

Certification Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expires: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Establishment Representative

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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