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Licensee

Sterling Park Senior Living

114 North 1st Street

Waite Park, MN 56387

RE: Project Number(s) SL24102016

Dear Licensee:

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) completed a survey on February 27, 2025, 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.

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. 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:

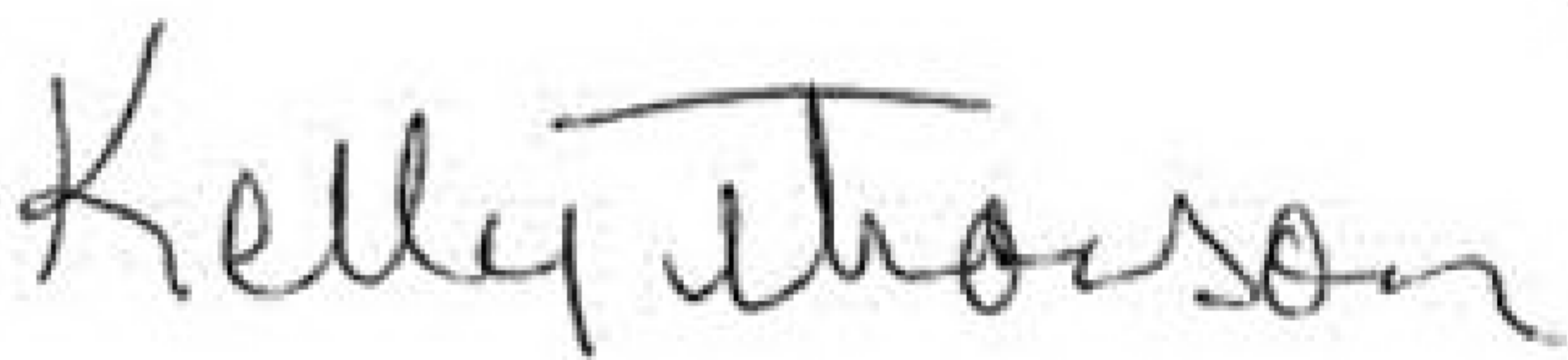
<https://forms.web.health.state.mn.us/form/HRDAppealsForm>

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 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,



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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: SL24102016-0 On February 24, 2025, through February 27, 2025, the Minnesota Department of Health conducted a full survey at the above provider. At the time of the survey, there were sixty-two (62) residents whom received services under the Assisted Living Facility license.	0 000	Minnesota Department of Health is documenting the State Correction Orders using federal software. Tag numbers have been assigned to Minnesota State Statutes for Assisted Living License Providers. The assigned tag number appears in the far-left column entitled "ID Prefix Tag." The state Statute number and the corresponding text of the state Statute out of compliance is listed in the "Summary Statement of Deficiencies" column. This column also includes the findings which are in violation of the state requirement after the statement, "This Minnesota requirement is not met as evidenced by." Following the surveyors' findings is the Time Period for Correction. PLEASE DISREGARD THE HEADING OF THE FOURTH COLUMN WHICH STATES,"PROVIDER'S PLAN OF CORRECTION." THIS APPLIES TO FEDERAL DEFICIENCIES ONLY. THIS WILL APPEAR ON EACH PAGE. THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT A PLAN OF CORRECTION FOR VIOLATIONS OF MINNESOTA STATE STATUTES. THE LETTER IN THE LEFT COLUMN IS USED FOR TRACKING PURPOSES AND REFLECTS THE SCOPE AND LEVEL ISSUED PURSUANT TO 144G.31 SUBDIVISION 1-3.		
0 470 SS=F	144G.41 Subdivision 1 Minimum requirements (11) develop and implement a staffing plan for	0 470			

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

TITLE

(X6) DATE

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0 470	Continued From page 1 determining its staffing level that: (i) includes an evaluation, to be conducted at least twice a year, of the appropriateness of staffing levels in the facility; (ii) ensures sufficient staffing at all times to meet the scheduled and reasonably foreseeable unscheduled needs of each resident as required by the residents' assessments and service plans on a 24-hour per day basis; and (iii) ensures that the facility can respond promptly and effectively to individual resident emergencies and to emergency, life safety, and disaster situations affecting staff or residents in the facility; (12) ensure that one or more persons are available 24 hours per day, seven days per week, who are responsible for responding to the requests of residents for assistance with health or safety needs. Such persons must be: (i) awake; (ii) located in the same building, in an attached building, or on a contiguous campus with the facility in order to respond within a reasonable amount of time; (iii) capable of communicating with residents; (iv) capable of providing or summoning the appropriate assistance; and (v) capable of following directions; This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, interview and record review, the licensee failed to ensure the clinical nurse supervisor (CNS) developed and implemented a staffing plan to determine staffing levels to meet the needs of all residents, which included reviewing the staffing plan at least twice per year. In addition, the licensee failed to post a daily staff schedule in a central location following requirements. This had the potential to affect all residents, staff, and visitors.	0 470			

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0 470	Continued From page 2 This practice resulted in a level two violation (a violation that did not harm a resident's health or safety but had the potential to have harmed a resident's health or safety, but was not likely to cause serious injury, impairment, or death), and was issued at a widespread scope (when problems are pervasive or represent a systemic failure that has affected or has potential to affect a large portion or all of the residents). The findings include: The licensee held an assisted living license and was licensed for a capacity of 109 residents, with a current census of 62 residents. During the entrance conference on February 24, 2025, at 9:15 a.m., licensed assisted living director (LALD)-A stated they were familiar with the current minimum assisted living requirements. On February 24, 2025, at 10:15 a.m. upon the facility's three floor tour surveyor observed licensee's daily staffing schedule on first floor that read as follow: "Total number of HHA's per shift:3 Total number LPN per shift:1 total number RN per shift:1" At this time; LALD-A stated they were not aware the required needs for the daily staffing schedule. The licensee's Assisted Living Staffing Plan dated February 4, 2025, indicated the executive director and the director of nursing had reviewed the number of direct care hours to meet current resident services. However, the plan lacked documentation as follow: - includes an evaluation, to be conducted at least twice a year, of the appropriateness of staffing levels in the facility;	0 470			

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0 470	Continued From page 3 - ensures sufficient staffing at all times to meet the scheduled and reasonably foreseeable unscheduled needs of each resident as required by the residents' assessments and service plans on a 24-hour per day basis; and - ensures that the facility can respond promptly and effectively to individual resident emergencies and to emergency, life safety, and disaster situations affecting staff or residents in the facility; -ensure that one or more persons are available 24 hours per day, seven days per week, who are responsible for responding to the requests of residents for assistance with health or safety needs. Such persons must be: - awake; - located in the same building, in an attached building, or on a contiguous campus with the facility in order to respond within a reasonable amount of time; - capable of communicating with residents; - capable of providing or summoning the appropriate assistance; and - capable of following directions. On February 26, 2025, at 3:05 p.m., LALD-A stated "apologies for the misunderstanding. This is a new form being implemented moving forward I had education on we will be using this to improve our process. This is the form (blank staffing form template) that I am attaching that we have been using for the past years. We calculate the numbers on the form by using the minutes from our services and then adding them up accordingly. " No further information was provided. TIME PERIOD OF CORRECTION: Seven (7) days	0 470			

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0 480	Continued From page 4	0 480			
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; (3) notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 4626.0685, item A, the facility is not required to provide integral drainboards, utensil racks, or tables large enough to accommodate soiled and clean items that may accumulate during hours of operation provided soiled items do not contaminate clean items, surfaces, or food, and clean equipment and dishes are air dried in a manner that prevents contamination before storage; (4) notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 4626.1070, item A, the facility is not required to install a dedicated handwashing sink in its existing kitchen provided it designates one well of a two-compartment sink for use only as a handwashing sink;	0 480			

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0 480	Continued From page 5 (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; (6) notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 4626.1375, shielded or shatter-resistant lightbulbs are not required, but if a light bulb breaks, the facility must discard all exposed food and fully clean all equipment, dishes, and surfaces to remove any glass particles; and (7) notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 4626.1390, toilet rooms are not required to be provided with a self-closing door. This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, interview, and record review, the licensee failed to ensure food was prepared and served according to the Minnesota Food Code. This practice resulted in a level two violation (a violation that did not harm a resident's health or safety but had the potential to have harmed a resident's health or safety) and was issued at a widespread scope (when problems are pervasive or represent a systemic failure that has affected or has the potential to affect a large portion or all the residents). The findings include: Please refer to the document titled, Food and Beverage Establishment Inspection Report (FBEIR) dated February 24, 2025, for the specific Minnesota Food Code violations. The Inspection Report was provided to the licensee within 24 hours of the inspection.	0 480			

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01060 SS=D	144G.52 Subd. 9 Emergency relocation (a) A facility may remove a resident from the facility in an emergency if necessary due to a resident's urgent medical needs or an imminent risk the resident poses to the health or safety of another facility resident or facility staff member. An emergency relocation is not a termination. (b) In the event of an emergency relocation, the facility must provide a written notice that contains, at a minimum: (1) the reason for the relocation; (2) the name and contact information for the location to which the resident has been relocated and any new service provider; (3) contact information for the Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care and the Office of Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities; (4) if known and applicable, the approximate date or range of dates within which the resident is expected to return to the facility, or a statement that a return date is not currently known; and (5) a statement that, if the facility refuses to provide housing or services after a relocation, the resident has the right to appeal under section 144G.54. The facility must provide contact information for the agency to which the resident may submit an appeal. (c) The notice required under paragraph (b) must be delivered as soon as practicable to: (1) the resident, legal representative, and designated representative; (2) for residents who receive home and community-based waiver services under chapter	01060			

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01060	Continued From page 7 256S and section 256B.49, the resident's case manager; and (3) the Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care if the resident has been relocated and has not returned to the facility within four days. (d) Following an emergency relocation, a facility's refusal to provide housing or services constitutes a termination and triggers the termination process in this section.currently known; and This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on interview and record review, the licensee failed to provide a written notice with the required content for an emergency relocation for one of three residents (R4). This practice resulted in a level two violation (a violation that did not harm a resident's health or safety but had the potential to have harmed a resident's health or safety, but was not likely to cause serious injury, impairment, or death), and was issued at an isolated scope (when one or a limited number of residents are affected or one or a limited number of staff are involved or the situation has occurred only occasionally). The findings include: R4 was admitted on March 17, 2023. R4's diagnoses included coronary artery disease, congestive heart failure, chronic respiratory failure with hypoxia (low oxygen level) and hypertension (elevated blood pressure). R4's Service Plan dated July 17, 2024, indicated R4 received services including oxygen management, CPAP assistance, medication management, bathing, weight monitor,	01060			

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01060	Continued From page 8 housekeeping and laundry. R4's progress note dated December 10, 2024, noted R4 was discharged from the hospital and returned to facility. R4's progress notes lacked indication of date or reason why R4 went to the hospital. R4's record lacked a written notice that contained, at a minimum: - the reason for the relocation; - the name and contact information for the location to which the resident has been relocated and any new service provider; - contact information for the OOLTC; - if known and applicable, the approximate date or range of dates within which the resident is expected to return to the facility, or a statement that a return date is not currently known; and - a statement that, if the facility refuses to provide housing or services after a relocation, the resident has the right to appeal under section 144G.54. The facility must provide contact information for the agency to which the resident may submit an appeal. On February 25, 2025, at 9:35 a.m., assistant director of nursing (ADON)-D stated R4 was admitted to a hospital on December 8, 2024, and confirmed there was not evidence of an emergency relocation notice given to R4. On February 25, 2025, at 11:130 a.m., via email, licensed assisted living director (LALD)-A indicated R4 had only been out of facility for three days, thus no emergency relocation form was sent. The licensee's undated Notice of Emergency Relocation policy indicated a resident, the	01060			

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01060	Continued From page 9 residents designated representative, and the resident's legal representative(s) will be given a notice of emergency relocation for any relocation to acute care, an emergency department (ED), or any other emergent relocation from the community. The notice will be given prior to or within 48 hours of relocation from the community. No further information was provided. TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Twenty-One (21) days	01060			
01370 SS=D	144G.61 Subd. 2 (a) Training and evaluation of unlicensed personn (a) Training and competency evaluations for all unlicensed personnel must include the following: (1) documentation requirements for all services provided; (2) reports of changes in the resident's condition to the supervisor designated by the facility; (3) basic infection control, including blood-borne pathogens; (4) maintenance of a clean and safe environment; (5) appropriate and safe techniques in personal hygiene and grooming, including: (i) hair care and bathing; (ii) care of teeth, gums, and oral prosthetic devices; (iii) care and use of hearing aids; and (iv) dressing and assisting with toileting; (6) training on the prevention of falls; (7) standby assistance techniques and how to perform them; (8) medication, exercise, and treatment reminders; (9) basic nutrition, meal preparation, food safety,	01370			

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01370	Continued From page 10 and assistance with eating; (10) preparation of modified diets as ordered by a licensed health professional; (11) communication skills that include preserving the dignity of the resident and showing respect for the resident and the resident's preferences, cultural background, and family; (12) awareness of confidentiality and privacy; (13) understanding appropriate boundaries between staff and residents and the resident's family; (14) procedures to use in handling various emergency situations; and (15) awareness of commonly used health technology equipment and assistive devices. This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on interview and record review, the licensee failed to ensure training and competency evaluations were completed as required prior to providing direct care for one of one unlicensed personnel (ULP-E). 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 an isolated scope (when one or a limited number of residents are affected or one or a limited number of staff are involved, or the situation has occurred only occasionally). The findings include: ULP-E was hired on December 8, 2024, to provide direct care services to residents. ULP-E's employee record lacked documentation of training and competency evaluations for ULP providing assisted living services including:	01370			

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01370	Continued From page 11 -documentation requirements for all services provided; -reports of changes in the resident's condition to the supervisor designated by the facility; -appropriate and safe techniques in personal hygiene and grooming, including: - hair care and bathing; -care of teeth, gums, and oral prosthetic devices; -care and use of hearing aids; -dressing and assisting with toileting; -standby assistance techniques and how to perform them; -medication, exercise, and treatment reminders; -basic nutrition, meal preparation, food safety, and assistance with eating; -preparation of modified diets as ordered by a licensed health professional; and -awareness of commonly used health technology equipment and assistive devices. ULP-E's employee record lacked documented evidence of the following required training/competency testing: - reports of changes in the resident's condition to the supervisor designated by the assisted living provider; - maintenance of a clean and safe environment; - appropriate and safe techniques in personal hygiene and grooming, including hair care and bathing, care of teeth, gums, and oral prosthetic devices, care and use of hearing aids, and assistance with dressing and toileting; - training on the prevention of falls for providers working with elderly or individuals at risk of falls; - standby assistance techniques and how to perform them; - basic nutrition, meal preparation, food safety, and assistance with eating; - preparation of modified diets as ordered by a	01370			

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01370	Continued From page 12 licensed health professional- understanding appropriate boundaries between staff and residents and the resident's family; - procedures to utilize in handling various emergency situations; and - awareness of commonly used health technology equipment and assistive devices. On February 26, 2025, at 11:45 a.m., licensed assisted living director (LALD)-A stated ULP-E was a transfer from the care center to the assisted living and they were unable to find any documented evidence of the training for ULP-E or verify it had been completed. The licensee's undated New Hire Procedure Policy indicated staff would have to complete all job specific competencies as required. No further information was provided. TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Twenty-one (21) days	01370			
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	01440			

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01440	Continued From page 13 and must include observation of the staff administering the medication or treatment and the interaction with the resident. (b) The direct supervision of staff performing delegated tasks must be provided within 30 calendar days after the date on which the individual begins working for the facility and first performs the delegated tasks for residents and thereafter as needed based on performance. This requirement also applies to staff who have not performed delegated tasks for one year or longer. This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, interview, and record review, the licensee failed to ensure a registered nurse (RN) conducted direct supervision of staff performing a delegated task within 30 days of providing services for one of one employee (unlicensed personnel (ULP)-E). This practice resulted in a level two violation (a violation that did not harm a resident's health or safety but had the potential to have harmed a resident's health or safety, but was not likely to cause serious injury, impairment, or death), and was issued at an isolated scope (when one or a limited number of residents are affected or one or a limited number of staff are involved or the situation has occurred only occasionally). The findings include: ULP-E began employment on December 8, 2024, to provide direct care services. On February 24, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., the surveyor observed ULP-E provide medication administration to licensee's residents.	01440			

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01440	Continued From page 14 ULP-E's employee record lacked documentation of direct supervision of performing a delegated task within 30 days of providing services to verify the work was performed competently and to identify problems and solutions to address issues relating to the staff's ability to provide the services. On February 26, 2025, at 11:45 a.m., licensed assisted living director (LALD)-A stated ULP-E was a transfer from the care center to the assisted living and they were unable to find any documented evidence of the requirement for ULP-E or verify it had been completed. The licensee's Service Plan indicated: Staff Supervision: staff will be monitored by the registered nurse (RN) within the first 30 days of hire and as needed thereafter. No further information was provided. TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Twenty-one (21) days	01440			
01470 SS=D	144G.63 Subd. 2 Content of required orientation (a) The orientation must contain the following topics: (1) an overview of this chapter; (2) an introduction and review of the facility's policies and procedures related to the provision of assisted living services by the individual staff person; (3) handling of emergencies and use of emergency services; (4) compliance with and reporting of the maltreatment of vulnerable adults under section 626.557 to the Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting	01470			

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01470	Continued From page 15 Center (MAARC); (5) the assisted living bill of rights and staff responsibilities related to ensuring the exercise and protection of those rights; (6) the principles of person-centered planning and service delivery and how they apply to direct support services provided by the staff person; (7) handling of residents' complaints, reporting of complaints, and where to report complaints, including information on the Office of Health Facility Complaints; (8) consumer advocacy services of the Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care, Office of Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, Managed Care Ombudsman at the Department of Human Services, county-managed care advocates, or other relevant advocacy services; and (9) a review of the types of assisted living services the staff member will be providing and the facility's category of licensure. (b) In addition to the topics in paragraph (a), orientation may also contain training on providing services to residents with hearing loss. Any training on hearing loss provided under this subdivision must be high quality and research based, may include online training, and must include training on one or more of the following topics: (1) an explanation of age-related hearing loss and how it manifests itself, its prevalence, and the challenges it poses to communication; (2) health impacts related to untreated age-related hearing loss, such as increased incidence of dementia, falls, hospitalizations, isolation, and depression; or (3) information about strategies and technology that may enhance communication and involvement, including communication strategies,	01470			

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01470	Continued From page 16 assistive listening devices, hearing aids, visual and tactile alerting devices, communication access in real time, and closed captions. This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on interview and record review, the licensee failed to ensure employees received orientation to include all required content for one of one employee (unlicensed personnel (ULP)-E). 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 an isolated scope (when one or a limited number of residents are affected or one or a limited number of staff are involved, or the situation has occurred only occasionally). The findings include: ULP-E was hired on December 8, 2024, to provide direct care services. ULP-E's employee record lacked documentation of the following required orientation topics: -overview of assisted living statutes; -assisted living bill of rights; -overview of types of assisted living services the employee would provide and provider's scope of license; and -principles of person-centered planning/services delivery. On February 26, 2025, at 11:45 a.m., licensed assisted living director (LALD)-A stated ULP-E	01470			

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01470	Continued From page 17 was a transfer from the care center to the assisted living and they were unable to find any documented evidence of the requirement for ULP-E or verify it had been completed. The licensee's Orientation for assisted living staff (144G.63) policy dated August 1, 2021, indicated orientation would include the following topics: -an overview of sections 144G.01 to 144G9999; -introduction and review of all the provider's policies and procedures related to the provision of assisted living services by the individual staff person; -the Assisted Living bill of rights and staff responsibilities related to ensuring the exercise and protection of those rights under section 144G.91; and -the principles of person-centered planning and service deliver and how they apply to direct support services provided by the staff person. No further information was provided. TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Twenty-one (21) days	01470			
01890 SS=F	144G.71 Subd. 20 Prescription drugs A prescription drug, prior to being set up for immediate or later administration, must be kept in the original container in which it was dispensed by the pharmacy bearing the original prescription label with legible information including the expiration or beyond-use date of a time-dated drug. This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, interview, and record	01890			

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01890	Continued From page 18 review, the licensee failed to label a time sensitive medication with an opened date for three of three residents (R2, R7, and R8). This practice resulted in a level two violation (a violation that did not harm a resident's health or safety but had the potential to have harmed a resident's health or safety, but was not likely to cause serious injury, impairment, or death), and was issued at a widespread scope (when problems are pervasive or represent a systemic failure that has affected or has potential to affect a large portion or all of the residents). The findings included: R2 R2's began receiving assisted living services on October 25, 2022. R2's Addendum A- Service Agreement signed on October 23, 2024, indicated R2 received services including blood glucose monitoring, medication set-up and reminders, and insulin administration. R2's signed orders dated January 31, 2025, included Lantus Solostar insulin, 100 units (U)/milliliter (ml), inject 8 U subcutaneously at bedtime. On February 24, 2025, at 10:44 a.m., the surveyor and licensed practical nurse (LPN)-C reviewed the contents of medication cart. R2's Lantus pen indicated an open date of January 18, 2025. On February 24, 2025, at 10:44 a.m., LPN-C stated Lantus insulin pens should be removed from the medication cart and disposed of after being open for 28 days.	01890			

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01890	Continued From page 19 R7 R7's began receiving assisted living services on June 20, 2022. R7's Addendum A- Service Agreement signed on March 5, 2024, indicated R7 received services including blood glucose monitoring and medication management. R7's signed orders dated October 28, 2024, included Ozempic eight milligrams (mg)/ three ml inject two mg subcutaneously once weekly. On February 24, 2025, at 10:45 a.m., the surveyor and LPN-C reviewed the contents medication cart. R7's Ozempic pen lacked a label of the date opened or expiration date. On February 24, 2025, at 10:45 a.m., LPN-C stated staff are trained to label time sensitive medications with the date they are opened and the date of expiration based on open date. R8 R8's began receiving assisted living services on December 15, 2021. R8's Addendum A- Service Agreement signed on December 16, 2024, indicated R8 received services including blood glucose monitoring and medication management. R8's signed orders dated November 4, 2024, included Lantus Solostar 100 U/ ml inject 20 U subcutaneously once daily. On February 24, 2025, at 11:03 a.m., the surveyor and LPN-C reviewed the contents of the medication cart. R8's Lantus pen lacked a label	01890			

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01890	Continued From page 20 of the date opened or expiration date. On February 24, 2025, at 1:10 p.m., assistant director of nursing (ADON)-D stated staff are trained to audit the medication carts for expired medication supply and appropriate labels when the task fired on the computer. FDA guidelines indicate that Lantus Solostar and Ozempic insulin pens should be disposed of 28 days after opening. The licensee's Medication Operational Procedures policy last revised June 1, 2023, indicated expired medications managed by the assisted living provider will be disposed of according to the accepted practices of the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy and the labels from the containers will be destroyed. In addition, the policy did not address the need to label time sensitive medications with opened and expiration dates. No further information was provided. TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Seven (7) days	01890			
01910 SS=D	144G.71 Subd. 22 Disposition of medications (a) Any current medications being managed by the assisted living facility must be provided to the resident when the resident's service plan ends or medication management services are no longer part of the service plan. Medications for a resident who is deceased or that have been discontinued or have expired may be provided for disposal. (b) The facility shall dispose of any medications	01910			

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01910	Continued From page 21 remaining with the facility that are discontinued or expired or upon the termination of the service contract or the resident's death according to state and federal regulations for disposition of medications and controlled substances. (c) Upon disposition, the facility must document in the resident's record the disposition of the medication including the medication's name, strength, prescription number as applicable, quantity, to whom the medications were given, date of disposition, and names of staff and other individuals involved in the disposition. This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on interview and record review, the licensee failed to document in the resident's record the disposition of the medication of each medication for one of one discharged resident (R6). 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 an isolated scope (when one or a limited number of residents are affected or one or a limited number of staff are involved, or the situation has occurred only occasionally). The findings include: R6 was admitted to the licensee on November 1, 2023, with diagnoses including dysphagia (difficulty swallowing foods or liquids, arising from the throat or esophagus), and discharged on August 27, 2024. R6's discharged summary indicated services included medication administration.	01910			

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01910	Continued From page 22 R6's file lacked a medication disposition that included, medication name, strength, prescription number, and quantity. On February 25, 2025, at 10:08 a.m. clinical nurse supervisor (CNS)-B stated, "I don't believe it would have been missed but it's the form that is not in the book." The licensee's Medication Operational Procedures policy dated June 1, 2023, indicated, upon disposition, the licensee must document in resident's record the disposition of the medication including the medication name, strength, prescription number, quantity, to who the medication was given, date of disposition, and names of staff and other individuals involved in the disposition. No further information was provided. TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Seven (7) days	01910			



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Location:

Sterling Park Senior Living
114 North 1st Street
Waite Park, MN56387
Stearns County, 73

Establishment Info:

ID #: 0037599
Risk:
Announced Inspection: No

License Categories:

Expires on: / /

Operator:

Phone #: 3202527224
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.

5-500 Refuse and Recyclables

5-501.114

MN Rule 4626.1295 Maintain drain plugs in place in receptacles and waste handling units for refuse, recyclables, and returnables that are designed with drains.

BOTH DUMPSTERS ARE MISSING DRAIN PLUGS. PROVIDE DRAIN PLUGS.

Comply By: 03/24/25

6-500 Physical Facility Maintenance/Operation and Pest Control

6-501.11

MN Rule 4626.1515 Maintain the physical facilities in good repair.

1)OBSERVED HOLE/DAMAGE TO DRYWALL BY SERVING WINDOW TO THE RIGHT OF THE STEAM TABLE. REPAIR WALL.

2)OBSERVED CRACKED/ DAMAGED FLOORING BY DRAIN IN DISHWASHING ROOM. REPAIR FLOORING.

Comply By: 06/24/25

Surface and Equipment Sanitizers

Hot Water: = at 163.6 Degrees Fahrenheit

Location: DISHWASHER INTERNAL SURFACE TEMP

Violation Issued: No

Food and Equipment Temperatures

Process/Item: Upright Cooler

Temperature: 37 Degrees Fahrenheit - Location: CHICKEN BREAST

Violation Issued: No

Type: Full
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Process/Item: Upright Cooler

Temperature: 35 Degrees Fahrenheit - Location: CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP

Violation Issued: No

Process/Item: Hot Holding

Temperature: 193 Degrees Fahrenheit - Location: VEGGIE SOUP

Violation Issued: No

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

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 1046251041 of 02/24/25.

Certified Food Protection Manager: Diane Julie Mumm

Certification Number: 36629 Expires: 01/18/28

Inspection report reviewed with person in charge and emailed.

Signed: _____

Establishment Representative

Signed:  _____

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			No. of Repeat RF/PHI Categories Out		0		
			Legal Authority MN Rules Chapter 4626				
Sterling Park Senior Living		Address 114 North 1st Street		City/State Waite Park, MN		Zip Code 56387	Telephone 3202527224
License/Permit # 0037599		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				
Food Recalls:							
Person in Charge (Signature)				Date: 02/24/25			
Inspector (Signature)							