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April 6, 2026

Licensee
Ecumen North Branch
5379 383rd Street
North Branch, MN 55056

RE: Project Number SL30638016

Dear Licensee:

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) completed a survey on March 4, 2026, 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/Bm5uQEpHV>**. 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelly Thorson".

Kelly Thorson, Supervisor

State Evaluation Team

Email: Kelly.Thorson@state.mn.us

Telephone: 320-223-7336 Fax: 1-866-890-9290

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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION		(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 30638	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. BUILDING: _____ B. WING _____		(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 03/04/2026
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER ECUMEN NORTH BRANCH		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 5379 383RD STREET NORTH BRANCH, MN 55056			
(X4) ID PREFIX TAG	SUMMARY STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES (EACH DEFICIENCY MUST BE PRECEDED BY FULL REGULATORY OR LSC IDENTIFYING INFORMATION)	ID PREFIX TAG	PROVIDER'S PLAN OF CORRECTION (EACH CORRECTIVE ACTION SHOULD BE CROSS-REFERENCED TO THE APPROPRIATE DEFICIENCY)		(X5) COMPLETE DATE
0 000	Initial Comments *****ATTENTION***** ASSISTED LIVING PROVIDER LICENSING CORRECTION ORDER(S) In accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 144G.08 to 144G.95, these correction orders are issued pursuant to a survey. Determination of whether violations are corrected requires compliance with all requirements provided at the Statute number indicated below. When Minnesota Statute contains several items, failure to comply with any of the items will be considered lack of compliance. INITIAL COMMENTS: SL30638016 On March 2, 2026, through March 4, 2026, 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 70 residents; 58 receiving services under the Assisted Living Facility with Dementia Care license.	0 000	Minnesota Department of Health is documenting the State Licensing Correction Orders using federal software. Tag numbers have been assigned to Minnesota State Statutes for Assisted Living License Providers. The assigned tag number appears in the far-left column entitled "ID Prefix Tag." The state Statute number and the corresponding text of the state Statute out of compliance is listed in the "Summary Statement of Deficiencies" column. This column also includes the findings which are in violation of the state requirement after the statement, "This Minnesota requirement is not met as evidenced by." Following the surveyors' findings is the Time Period for Correction. PLEASE DISREGARD THE HEADING OF THE FOURTH COLUMN WHICH STATES,"PROVIDER'S PLAN OF CORRECTION." THIS APPLIES TO FEDERAL DEFICIENCIES ONLY. THIS WILL APPEAR ON EACH PAGE. THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT A PLAN OF CORRECTION FOR VIOLATIONS OF MINNESOTA STATE STATUTES. The letter in the left column is used for tracking purposes and reflects the scope and level issued pursuant to 144G.31 subd. 1, 2, and 3.		
0 510 SS=D	144G.41 Subd. 3 Infection control program (a) All assisted living facilities must establish and maintain an infection control program that	0 510			

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

TITLE

(X6) DATE

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0 510	Continued From page 1 complies with accepted health care, medical, and nursing standards for infection control. (b)The facility's infection control program must be consistent with current guidelines from the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for infection prevention and control in long-term care facilities and, as applicable, for infection prevention and control in assisted living facilities. (c) The facility must maintain written evidence of compliance with this subdivision. This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, interview, and record review, the licensee failed to establish and maintain an effective infection control program to comply with accepted health care, medical, and nursing standards for infection control and current recommendations for administration of injections. 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: On March 3, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., the surveyor observed unlicensed personnel (ULP)-E administer insulin to R6. ULP-E compared the insulin pen prescription label to the EMAR (electronic medication administration record), performed hand hygiene, applied a needle to the insulin pen without first cleansing the hub of the	0 510			

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0 510	Continued From page 2 pen, primed 2 units and discovered the needle was not patent, applied another needle to the pen without first cleansing the hub, and primed two units. ULP-E then performed hand hygiene, donned gloves, cleansed R6's abdomen and administered the insulin without issue. ULP-E doffed gloves, performed hand hygiene, and documented the medication administration. On March 3, 3026, at 11:15 a.m., ULP-E stated that she was trained to scrub the hub of insulin pens before applying the needle and forgot because she was nervous. On March 3, 2026, at 11:45 a.m., licensed assisted living director/clinical nurse supervisor (LALD/CNS)-A stated staff are trained to scrub the hub of insulin pens before attaching a needle. The licensee's Administration of Medication, Treatment and Therapy by Unlicensed Personnel policy dated August 1, 2021, indicated unlicensed personnel that will provide assistance with medication, treatment and therapy administration will be trained and competency tested by the RN on the following: infection control precautions that must be followed when administering medications, treatment and therapy. No further information was provided. TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Seven (7) days	0 510			
0 775 SS=E	144G.45 Subd. 2. (a) Fire protection and physical environment Each assisted living facility must comply with the State Fire Code in Minnesota Rules, chapter	0 775			

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0 775	Continued From page 3 7511, and: This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, record review, and interview, the licensee failed to ensure the physical environment of the facility was maintained in compliance with the requirements of Minnesota Statute 144G. 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 pattern scope (when more than a limited number of residents are affected, more than a limited number of staff are involved, or the situation has occurred repeatedly; but is not found to be pervasive). The findings include: Please refer to the document titled, Physical Environment Inspection Report (PEIR) dated March 4, 2026, for the specific violations related the physical environment under Minnesota Statute 144G. TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Seven (7) days	0 775			
0 810 SS=E	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	0 810			

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0 810	Continued From page 4 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 upon hiring and at least twice per year thereafter. (d) Fire safety and evacuation plans shall be readily available at all times within the facility. (e) Residents who are capable of assisting in their own evacuation shall be trained on the proper actions to take in the event of a fire to include movement, evacuation, or relocation. The training shall be made available to residents at least once per year. (f) Evacuation drills are required for staff twice per year per shift with at least one evacuation drill every other month. Evacuation of the residents is not required. Fire alarm system activation is not required to initiate the evacuation drill. This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, record review, and interview, the licensee failed to ensure the physical environment of the facility was maintained in compliance with the requirements of Minnesota Statute 144G. This practice resulted in a level two violation (a violation that did not harm a resident's health or	0 810			

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0 810	Continued From page 5 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 pattern scope (when more than a limited number of residents are affected, more than a limited number of staff are involved, or the situation has occurred repeatedly; but is not found to be pervasive). The findings include: Please refer to the document titled, Physical Environment Inspection Report (PEIR) dated March 4, 2026, for the specific violations related the physical environment under Minnesota Statute 144G. TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Twenty-one (21) days	0 810			
01940 SS=F	144G.72 Subd. 3 Individualized treatment or therapy managemen For each resident receiving management of ordered or prescribed treatments or therapy services, the assisted living facility must prepare and include in the service plan a written statement of the treatment or therapy services that will be provided to the resident. The facility must also develop and maintain a current individualized treatment and therapy management record for each resident which must contain at least the following: (1) a statement of the type of services that will be provided; (2) documentation of specific resident instructions relating to the treatments or therapy administration; (3) identification of treatment or therapy tasks that	01940			

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01940	Continued From page 6 will be delegated to unlicensed personnel; (4) procedures for notifying a registered nurse or appropriate licensed health professional when a problem arises with treatments or therapy services; and (5) any resident-specific requirements relating to documentation of treatment and therapy received, verification that all treatment and therapy was administered as prescribed, and monitoring of treatment or therapy to prevent possible complications or adverse reactions. The treatment or therapy management record must be current and updated when there are any changes. This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on interview and record review, the licensee failed to develop a treatment or therapy management plan to include the required content for two of two residents (R3, 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 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 the residents). The findings include: R3 was admitted on May 17, 2022. R3's service plan dated December 6, 2025, and signed March 2, 2026, indicated R3 received assistance from the facility with oxygen management.	01940			

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01940	Continued From page 7 R3's provider orders dated October 30, 2025, indicated oxygen 1-2L (liter) via NC (nasal cannula) as needed to keep oxygen saturations >90%. R3's medication administration record (MAR) dated March 2026, indicated oxygen 1-2L via NC as needed to keep oxygen saturations >90%. The record lacked specific resident instructions including when to notify a nurse when a problem arises. R4 was admitted on October 22, 2025. R4's service plan dated January 1, 2026, and signed January 27, 2026, indicated R4 received assistance from the facility with oxygen management. R4's provider orders dated January 22, 2026, indicated oxygen 1-3 Liters- supplemental oxygen 1-3L PRN (as needed) to keep oxygen about 92% or if feeling shortness of breath. Oxygen- PRN indicated for dependence on supplemental oxygen. R4's medication administration record (MAR) dated March 2026, indicated supplemental oxygen 1-3L PRN to keep oxygen about 92% or if feeling shortness of breath. The record lacked specific resident instructions including when to notify a nurse when a problem arises. On March 2, 2026, at 11:50 a.m., licensed assisted living director/clinical nurse supervisor (LALD/CNS)-A stated there needs to be more clarification from the provider and there should be	01940			

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01940	Continued From page 8 specific instructions for the staff to follow regarding the oxygen. The licensee's Individualized Medication, Treatment, and Therapy Management Plans policy dated August 1, 2021, indicated the RN will develop a treatment and therapy management plan for each resident receiving treatment and/or therapy management services. The treatment and therapy management plan will include: -statement of the types of services provided -documentation of specific resident instructions relating to the treatments and/or therapy administration -identification of treatment or therapy tasks that may be delegated to an unlicensed staff member -procedures for notifying a registered nurse or appropriate licensed health professional with a problem arises with treatments and/or therapy services -resident-specific requirements relating to documentation of treatment and therapy received, verification that all treatment and therapy was administered as prescribed, and monitoring of treatment and/or therapy to prevent possible complications or adverse reactions. No further information was provided. TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Seven (7) days	01940			



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Food & Beverage Inspection Report

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Establishment Info

Ecumen North Branch
5379 383rd Street
North Branch, MN 55046
Chisago County
Parcel:

Phone:

License Info

License: HFID 30638

Risk:
License:
Expires on:
CFPM: Nicholas Salstrand
CFPM #: 43639; Exp: 3/4/2028

Inspection Info

Report Number: F1025261049
Inspection Type: Full - Single
Date: 3/3/2026 Time: 12:30 PM
Duration: minutes
Announced Inspection:
Total Priority 1 Orders: 0
Total Priority 2 Orders: 0
Total Priority 3 Orders: 0
Delivery:

No orders were issued for this inspection report.

Food & Beverage General Comment

Reported all meals plated in kitchen for memory care
Ensure no TCS foods for residents are maintained in any non MN 4626.0506 coolers

NOTE: All new food equipment must meet the applicable standards of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). Plans and specifications must be submitted for review and approval prior to new construction, remodeling or alterations.

I acknowledge receipt of the Metro District Office inspection report number F1025261049 from 3/3/2026

Establishment Representative


Casey Kipping, MA RS
Public Health Sanitarian 3
651-201-4513
casey.kipping@state.mn.us



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Temperature Observations/Recordings

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Establishment Info

Ecumen North Branch
North Branch
County/Group: Chisago County

Inspection Info

Report Number: F1025261049
Inspection Type: Full
Date: 3/3/2026
Time: 12:30 PM

Food Temperature: **Product/Item/Unit:** Soup; **Temperature Process:** Cooling

Location: Walk-in cooler at 95 Degrees F.

Comment: Reported cooling < 2 hrs

Violation Issued?: No

Food Temperature: **Product/Item/Unit:** Milk; **Temperature Process:** Cold holding

Location: Expo cooler at 41 Degrees F.

Comment:

Violation Issued?: No

Food Temperature: **Product/Item/Unit:** Potato salad; **Temperature Process:** Cold holding

Location: Walk-in cooler at 40 Degrees F.

Comment:

Violation Issued?: No

Food Temperature: **Product/Item/Unit:** TCS, pkg; **Temperature Process:** Cold holding

Location: 2 door upright cooler at 40 Degrees F.

Comment:

Violation Issued?: No



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Sanitizer Observations/Recordings

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Establishment Info

Ecumen North Branch
North Branch
County/Group: Chisago County

Inspection Info

Report Number: F1025261049
Inspection Type: Full
Date: 3/3/2026
Time: 12:30 PM

Sanitizing Chemical: **Product:** Quaternary Ammonium; **Sanitizing Process:**

Location: 3 compartment sink **Equal To** PPM

Comment: 300 PPM

Violation Issued?: No

Sanitizing Equipment: **Product:** Dish machine; **Sanitizing Process:** High temperature

Location: Dishwashing Area **Equal To** Degrees F.

Comment: W 150

R 180

Contact 171 deg F

30* PSI check gauge for calibration

Violation Issued?: No



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Date: 3/3/2026

No. of Repeat Risk Factor/Intervention/Violations

Time: 12:30 PM

Score (optional)

Dur: min

Establishment:	Ecumen North Branch
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Address:
5379 383rd Street

City/State:
North Branch, MN

Zip:
55046

Phone:

License/Permit #:
HFID 30638

Permit Holder:

Purpose of Inspection:	Full
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Est. Type:	
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Risk Category:	
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FOODBORNE ILLNESS RISK FACTORS AND PUBLIC HEALTH INTERVENTIONS

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	Person in charge present, demonstrate knowledge and performs duties		
2	IN	Certified Food Protection Manager		
Employee Health				
3	IN	knowledge, responsibilities, and reporting		
4	IN	Proper use of restriction and exclusion		
5	IN	Response to vomiting, diarrheal events		
Good Hygienic Practices				
6	IN	Proper eating, tasting, drinking, tobacco use		
7	IN	No discharge from eyes, nose, and mouth		
Preventing Contamination by Hands				
8	IN	Hands clean and properly washed		
9	IN	No bare hand contact with RTE foods, alternatives		
10	IN	Adequate handwashing sinks supplied and access		
Approved Source				
11	IN	Food obtained from approved source		
12	N/O	Food Received at proper temperature		
13	IN	Food in good condition, safe & unadulterated		
14	N/A	Records available: shellstock tags, parasite dest.		
Protection From Contamination				
15	IN	Food separated and protected		
16	IN	Food-contact surfaces; cleaned & sanitized		
17	IN	Proper Disposition of returned, previously served, reconditioned,& unsafe food		

Compliance Status			COS	R
Time/Temperature Control for Safety				
18	N/O	Proper cooking time & temperatures		
19	N/O	Proper reheating procedures for hot holding		
20	IN	Proper cooling time and temperature		
21	N/O	Proper hot holding temperatures		
22	IN	Proper cold holding temperatures		
23	IN	Proper date marking & disposition		
24	N/A	Time as public health control;procedures & record		
Consumer Advisory				
25	N/A	Consumer advisory provided for raw or undercooked foods		
Highly Susceptible Populations				
26	IN	Pasteurized foods used; prohibited foods not offered		
Food/Color Additives and Toxic Substances				
27	N/A	Food additives; approved & properly used		
28	IN	Toxic substances properly identified;stored;used		
Conformance with Approved Procedures				
29	N/A	Compliance with variance, specialized processes & HACCP plan		

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

GOOD RETAIL PRACTICES

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

Mark "X" or OUT 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	Pasteurized eggs used where required		
31		Water & ice from approved source		
32	N/A	Variance obtained for specialized processing methods		
Food Temperature Control				
33		Proper cooling methods used; adequate equipment for temperature control		
34	N/O	Plant food properly cooked for hot holding		
35	IN	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; no unauthorized person		
39		Contamination prevented during food prep, storage, & display		
40		Personal cleanliness		
41		Wiping cloths: properly used & stored		
42		Washing fruits & vegetables		

			COS	R
Proper Use of Utensils				
43		In-use utensils; Properly stored		
44		Utensils, equipment & linens; properly stored, dried, handled		
45		Single-use & single-service articles, properly stored and used		
46		Gloves used properly		
Utensils, Equipment and Vending				
47		Food & non-food contact surfaces cleanable, properly designed, constructed, & used		
48		Warewashing facilities: installed, maintained, used; test strips		
49		Non-food contact surfaces clean		
Physical Facilities				
50		Hot & cold water available; adequate pressure		
51		Plumbing installed; proper backflow devices		
52		Sewage & waste water properly disposed		
53		Toilet facilities; properly constructed, supplied & cleaned		
54		Garbage & refuse properly disposed; facilities maintained		
55		Physical facilities installed, maintained & clean		
56		Adequate ventilation & lighting; designated areas used		
57		Compliance with MCIAA		
58		Compliance with licensing and plan review		

Person in Charge (signature)

Inspector (signature)

Follow-up:

Follow-up Date:

Physical Environment Inspection Report

ENGINEERING | ASSISTED LIVING

Project No: SL30638016-0	Date: MARCH 4, 2026
Facility Name: ECUMEN NORTH BRANCH	
Facility Address: 5379 383 RD STREET, NORTH BRANCH, MN 55056	

☒ TAG IDENTIFICATION: 0775

SCOPE/ SEVERITY: Level 2; Pattern

TIME PERIOD OF CORRECTION: Seven (7) days

1. Each assisted living facility must comply with the provisions of the Minnesota State Fire Code (MSFC) in Minnesota Rules chapter 7511. [Minn. Stat. 144G.45 subd. 2]
2. Fire doors shall be maintained to be self-closing and latch as designed. Fire doors shall not be blocked, obstructed, or otherwise made inoperable. [Minn. Stat. 144G.45 subd. 2; MSFC 705]

Comments:

- Labeled fire doors for the laundry rooms on the first, second, and third floors were held open with wedges.
- The labeled fire door for the third floor spa was held open with a wedge.
- Labeled fire doors between the Prairie and Ashton buildings were held open with magnetic door holders not tied into the building fire alarm system.
- The labeled fire door for resident unit 215 was propped open with a wedge.

Fire doors shall be maintained as designed to contain fire and smoke in the event of an emergency.

3. Controlled egress locking systems shall have the capability of being unlocked from the fire command center, a nursing station, or other approved location. The procedures for operation of the unlocking system shall be described as part of the fire safety and evacuation plan. [Minn. Stat. 144G.45 subd. 2; MSFC 1010.1.9.7]

Comments:

- During the building tour, the surveyor asked environmental services director (EVSD)-C if a remote button or switch was installed that would disengage the controlled egress locking system for the building. EVSD-C stated no and was not aware of this requirement.
- Unlocking procedures for the controlled egress locking system were not included in the fire safety and evacuation plan.

4. Gates used as a component in a means of egress shall meet the same requirements for doors. [Minn. Stat. 144G.45 subd. 2; MSFC 1010.2]

Comments: Illuminated exit signs were installed above the doors exiting into the dementia care courtyards. These courtyards were enclosed by fences with gates leading to the public way. Locks were installed on both fence gates that would not unlock upon activation of the building fire alarm system.

5. Approved covers shall be provided for all switch and electrical outlet boxes. [Minn. Stat. 144G.45 subd. 2; MSFC 604.6]

Comments: Weatherproof covers were missing from three exterior electrical wall outlets. Weatherproof covers shall be installed to protect the electrical system and building occupants.

6. Extension cords and flexible cords shall not be a substitute for permanent wiring. [Minn. Stat. 144G.45 subd. 2; MSFC 604.5]

Comments: An extension cord was used to supply power to personal electronics in resident room 213. Improper use of extension cords creates a fire hazard.

☒ **TAG IDENTIFICATION: 0810**

SCOPE/ SEVERITY: Level 2; Pattern

TIME PERIOD OF CORRECTION: Twenty One (21) days

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1. Each assisted living facility shall develop and maintain fire safety and evacuation plans (FSEP) that include procedures for resident movement, evacuation, or relocation during a fire or similar emergency including the identification of unique or unusual resident needs for movement or evacuation. [Minn. Stat. 144G.45 subd.2]

Comments: The fire safety and evacuation plan (FSEP) lacked printed hard copies of the evacuation procedures for individualized unique needs of residents. These procedures were maintained electronically.