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March 24, 2021

Administrator
Good Samaritan Society - Windom
705 Sixth Street
Windom, MN 56101

RE: CCN: 245558
Cycle Start Date: December 22, 2020

Dear Administrator:

On February 11, 2021, the Minnesota Department of Health completed a revisit to verify that your facility had achieved and maintained compliance. Based on our review, we have determined that your facility has achieved substantial compliance; therefore no remedies will be imposed.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions.

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January 15, 2021

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RE: CCN: 245558
Cycle Start Date: December 22, 2020

Dear Administrator:

On December 22, 2020, a survey was completed at your facility by the Minnesota Departments of Health and Public Safety, to determine if your facility was in compliance with Federal participation requirements for skilled nursing facilities and/or nursing facilities participating in the Medicare and/or Medicaid programs.

This survey found the most serious deficiencies in your facility to be widespread deficiencies that constituted no actual harm with potential for more than minimal harm that was not immediate jeopardy (Level F), as evidenced by the electronically attached CMS-2567 whereby corrections are required.

ELECTRONIC PLAN OF CORRECTION (ePoC)

Within ten (10) calendar days after your receipt of this notice, you must submit an acceptable ePOC for the deficiencies cited. An acceptable ePOC will serve as your allegation of compliance. Upon receipt of an acceptable ePOC, we will authorize a revisit to your facility to determine if substantial compliance has been achieved.

To be acceptable, a provider's ePOC must include the following:

- How corrective action will be accomplished for those residents found to have been affected by the deficient practice.
- How the facility will identify other residents having the potential to be affected by the same deficient practice.
- What measures will be put into place, or systemic changes made, to ensure that the deficient practice will not recur.
- How the facility will monitor its corrective actions to ensure that the deficient practice is being corrected and will not recur.
- The date that each deficiency will be corrected.
- An electronic acknowledgement signature and date by an official facility representative.

The state agency may, in lieu of an onsite revisit, determine correction and compliance by accepting the facility's ePoC if the ePoC is reasonable, addresses the problem and provides evidence that the corrective action has occurred.

If an acceptable ePoC is not received within 10 calendar days from the receipt of this letter, we will recommend to the CMS Region V Office that one or more of the following remedies be imposed:

- Denial of payment for new Medicare and Medicaid admissions (42 CFR 488.417);
- Civil money penalty (42 CFR 488.430 through 488.444).
- Termination of your facility's Medicare and/or Medicaid agreement (488.456(b)).

DEPARTMENT CONTACT

Questions regarding this letter and all documents submitted as a response to the resident care deficiencies (those preceded by an "F" tag) and emergency preparedness deficiencies (those preceded by an "E" tag), i.e., the plan of correction should be directed to:

Elizabeth Silkey, Unit Supervisor
Mankato District Office
Licensing and Certification Program
Health Regulation Division
Minnesota Department of Health
12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite #2105
Mankato, MN 56001
Email: elizabeth.silkey@state.mn.us
Office: (507) 344-2742 Mobile: (651) 368-3593

PRESUMPTION OF COMPLIANCE - CREDIBLE ALLEGATION OF COMPLIANCE

The facility's ePoC will serve as your allegation of compliance upon the Department's acceptance. In order for your allegation of compliance to be acceptable to the Department, the ePoC must meet the criteria listed in the plan of correction section above. You will be notified by the Minnesota Department of Health, Licensing and Certification Program staff and/or the Department of Public Safety, State Fire Marshal Division staff, if your ePoC for the respective deficiencies (if any) is acceptable.

VERIFICATION OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE

Upon receipt of an acceptable ePoC, a Post Certification Revisit (PCR), of your facility will be conducted to validate that substantial compliance with the regulations has been attained in accordance with your verification.

If substantial compliance has been achieved, certification of your facility in the Medicare and/or Medicaid program(s) will be continued and remedies will not be imposed. Compliance is certified as of

the latest correction date on the approved ePoC, unless it is determined that either correction actually occurred between the latest correction date on the ePoC and the date of the first revisit, or correction occurred sooner than the latest correction date on the ePoC.

FAILURE TO ACHIEVE SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE BY THE THIRD OR SIXTH MONTH AFTER THE LAST DAY OF THE SURVEY

If substantial compliance with the regulations is not verified by March 22, 2021 (three months after the identification of noncompliance), the CMS Region V Office must deny payment for new admissions as mandated by the Social Security Act (the Act) at Sections 1819(h)(2)(D) and 1919(h)(2)(C) and Federal regulations at 42 CFR Section 488.417(b).

In addition, if substantial compliance with the regulations is not verified by June 22, 2021 (six months after the identification of noncompliance) your provider agreement will be terminated. This action is mandated by the Social Security Act at Sections 1819(h)(2)(C) and 1919(h)(3)(D) and Federal regulations at 42 CFR Sections 488.412 and 488.456.

Please note that this notice does not constitute formal notice of imposition of alternative remedies or termination of your provider agreement. Should the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services determine that termination or any other remedy is warranted, it will provide you with a separate formal notification of that determination.

INFORMAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION (IDR) / INDEPENDENT INFORMAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION (IIDR)

In accordance with 42 CFR 488.331, you have one opportunity to question cited deficiencies through an informal dispute resolution process. You are required to send your written request, along with the specific deficiencies being disputed, and an explanation of why you are disputing those deficiencies, to:

Nursing Home Informal Dispute Process
Minnesota Department of Health
Health Regulation Division
P.O. Box 64900
St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0900

This request must be sent within the same ten days you have for submitting an ePoC for the cited deficiencies. All requests for an IDR or IIDR of federal deficiencies must be submitted via the web at: https://mdhprovidercontent.web.health.state.mn.us/ltc_idr.cfm

You must notify MDH at this website of your request for an IDR or IIDR within the 10 calendar day period allotted for submitting an acceptable electronic plan of correction. A copy of the Department's informal dispute resolution policies are posted on the MDH Information Bulletin website at: https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/regulation/infobulletins/ib04_8.html

Please note that the failure to complete the informal dispute resolution process will not delay the dates specified for compliance or the imposition of remedies.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Joanne Simon, Enforcement Specialist
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Licensing and Certification Program
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Health Regulation Division
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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED
	245558	A. BUILDING _____ B. WING _____	12/22/2020

NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER	STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE
GOOD SAMARITAN SOCIETY - WINDOM	705 SIXTH STREET WINDOM, MN 56101

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E 000	Initial Comments A COVID-19 Focused Infection Control survey was conducted on 12/22/2020, at your facility by the Minnesota Department of Health to determine compliance with Emergency Preparedness regulations § 483.73(b)(6). The facility was in full compliance. Because you are enrolled in ePOC, your signature is not required at the bottom of the first page of the CMS-2567 form. Although no plan of correction is required, it is required that the facility acknowledge receipt of the electronic documents.	E 000		
F 000	INITIAL COMMENTS A COVID-19 Focused Infection Control survey was conducted on 12/22/20, at your facility by the Minnesota Department of Health to determine compliance with §483.80 Infection Control. The facility was determined NOT to be in compliance. The facility's plan of correction (POC) will serve as your allegation of compliance upon the Department's acceptance. Because you are enrolled in ePOC, your signature is not required at the bottom of the first page of the CMS-2567 form. Your electronic submission of the POC will be used as verification of compliance. Upon receipt of an acceptable electronic POC, an on-site revisit of your facility may be conducted to validate that substantial compliance with the regulations has been attained in accordance with your verification.	F 000		
F 886 SS=F	COVID-19 Testing-Residents & Staff CFR(s): 483.80 (h)(1)-(6)	F 886		1/27/21

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

Electronically Signed | 01/25/2021

Any deficiency statement ending with an asterisk (*) denotes a deficiency which the institution may be excused from correcting providing it is determined that other safeguards provide sufficient protection to the patients. (See instructions.) Except for nursing homes, the findings stated above are disclosable 90 days following the date of survey whether or not a plan of correction is provided. For nursing homes, the above findings and plans of correction are disclosable 14 days following the date these documents are made available to the facility. If deficiencies are cited, an approved plan of correction is requisite to continued program participation.

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F 886	Continued From page 1 §483.80 (h) COVID-19 Testing. The LTC facility must test residents and facility staff, including individuals providing services under arrangement and volunteers, for COVID-19. At a minimum, for all residents and facility staff, including individuals providing services under arrangement and volunteers, the LTC facility must: §483.80 (h)((1) Conduct testing based on parameters set forth by the Secretary, including but not limited to: (i) Testing frequency; (ii) The identification of any individual specified in this paragraph diagnosed with COVID-19 in the facility; (iii) The identification of any individual specified in this paragraph with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or with known or suspected exposure to COVID-19; (iv) The criteria for conducting testing of asymptomatic individuals specified in this paragraph, such as the positivity rate of COVID-19 in a county; (v) The response time for test results; and (vi) Other factors specified by the Secretary that help identify and prevent the transmission of COVID-19. §483.80 (h)((2) Conduct testing in a manner that is consistent with current standards of practice for conducting COVID-19 tests; §483.80 (h)((3) For each instance of testing: (i) Document that testing was completed and the results of each staff test; and (ii) Document in the resident records that testing	F 886		

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F 886	Continued From page 2 was offered, completed (as appropriate to the resident's testing status), and the results of each test. §483.80 (h)((4) Upon the identification of an individual specified in this paragraph with symptoms consistent with COVID-19, or who tests positive for COVID-19, take actions to prevent the transmission of COVID-19. §483.80 (h)((5) Have procedures for addressing residents and staff, including individuals providing services under arrangement and volunteers, who refuse testing or are unable to be tested. §483.80 (h)((6) When necessary, such as in emergencies due to testing supply shortages, contact state and local health departments to assist in testing efforts, such as obtaining testing supplies or processing test results. This REQUIREMENT is not met as evidenced by: Based on interview and document review, the facility failed to test all contract staff for COVID-19 according to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This had the potential to affect all 49 residents residing in the facility as well as facility staff. Findings include: Review of the facility resident and staff COVID-19 testing schedule, indicated the facility had been testing their staff and residents twice weekly.	F 886	F-886 Corrected Date: January 27, 2021 It is the current policy and procedure of GSS-Windom to follow all policies, procedures, and QSO-20-38-NH guidelines regarding testing of staff. The testing guidelines for physicians and other similar positions was added to the "Good Samaritan Society-Windom Response Plan to Support COVID-19 Testing" document. Testing will be conducted by the facility, unless the person has an official lab test from	

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F 886	Continued From page 3 Review of the facility county positive COVID-19 rates, identified rate ranges between 24 to 30 percent (%) since 11/4/20 (considered high activity rates). Review of the facility scheduled on-site physician visits, indicated there were 6 physicians that conducted on-site visits since 9/15/20. These visits were done at least monthly by each physician. The facility COVID-19 testing schedule did not include testing of the physicians who provided on-site visits. Interview with the administrator and director of nursing (DON) on 12/22/20, at 1:00 p.m. confirmed the facility physicians who conducted on-site visits had never been tested for COVID-19. The administrator and DON further confirmed physicians were considered facility staff, but did not realize they were required to be tested as frequently. Review of the facility Response Plan to Support COVID-19 Testing revised 10/21/20, indicated the purpose of the plan is to provide guidance on testing within the facility, for residents and staff. The plan identified facility physicians as facility staff. The plan identified COVID-19 testing approach should follow any guidelines put out by MDH or CDC. The testing team should examine current guidelines and include in their testing approach. Routine testing intervals vary by community activity level to determine the frequency of testing. The team will develop a specific course of action for carrying out the testing.	F 886	another facility to demonstrate they have been testing in the frequency required by QSO-20-38-NH. Language was also added regarding if they have had a positive COVID-19 test within the last 14 days and 90 days, in relation to testing. Current physicians and other similar positions will continue to be screened each time they come. The HFE Supervisor reviewed with the Administrator that the Facility Staff definition in QSO-20-38-NH includes caregivers of which physicians are interpreted to include. To prevent further potential deficient practice, all physicians and/or clinic representatives will be educated by the Director of Nursing and Administrator, by Jan. 27, 2021, regarding the need for testing of physicians prior to coming to the facility. Testing proof of physicians and others will be maintained by the Health Information Manager. A random audit of physician testing will be conducted by the Director of Nursing Services or designee, 3x's randomly per month for 3 months. Audit results will be reviewed by the QAPI committee with appropriate follow-up initiated to ensure solutions are sustained.	

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F 886	Continued From page 4 County activity level table: Low activity: less than 5% positive cases with minimum testing frequency of once a month Medium activity: 5% to 10% positive cases with minimum testing frequency of once a week High activity: greater than 10% positive cases with a minimum testing frequency of two times weekly.	F 886		