



Protecting, Maintaining and Improving the Health of All Minnesotans

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April 20, 2020

Administrator
Good Samaritan Society - Comforcare
1201 17th Street NE
Austin, MN 55912

SUBJECT: SURVEY RESULTS
CCN: 245317
Cycle Start Date: April 3, 2020

Dear Administrator:

SUSPENSION OF SURVEY AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is committed to taking critical steps to ensure America's health care facilities are prepared to respond to the threat of disease caused by the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). In accordance with *Memorandum QSO-20-20-All*, CMS is suspending certain Federal and State Survey Agency surveys, and delaying revisit surveys, for all certified provider and supplier types.

During this time, CMS is prioritizing and conducting only the following surveys: focused infection control surveys, investigations of complaints and facility-reported incidents that are triaged at the Immediate Jeopardy (IJ) level, and revisit surveys for unremoved IJ level deficiencies. With the exception of unremoved IJs, CMS will also be exercising enforcement discretion during the suspension period. For additional information on the prioritization of survey activities please visit <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-20-allpdf.pdf-0>.

SURVEY RESULTS

On April 3, 2020, the Minnesota Department of Health completed a COVID-19 Focused Survey at Good Samaritan Society - Comforcare to determine if your facility was in compliance with Federal requirements related to the implementing proper infection prevention and control practices to prevent the development and transmission of COVID-19. The survey revealed that your facility was in substantial compliance with participation requirements and no deficiencies were cited. The findings from this survey are documented on the electronically delivered form CMS 2567.

No additional action is required on the facility's part.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ORGANIZATION (QIO) RESOURCES

The Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) Program is committed to supporting healthcare facilities in the fight to prevent and treat COVID-19 as it spreads throughout the United States. QIO resources regarding COVID-19 and infection control strategies can be found at <https://qioprogram.org/>. This page will continue to be updated as more information is made available. QIOs will be reaching out to Nursing Homes to provide virtual technical assistance related to infection control. QIOs per state can be found at <https://qioprogram.org/locate-your-qio>.

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Feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kamala Fiske-Downing". The signature is written in a cursive style with a distinct loop for the letter 'F'.

Kamala Fiske-Downing

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION		(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 245317	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. BUILDING _____ B. WING _____		(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 04/03/2020
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER GOOD SAMARITAN SOCIETY - COMFORCARE			STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 1201 17TH STREET NE AUSTIN, MN 55912		
(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) COMPLETION DATE	
E 000	Initial Comments A COVID-19 Focused Infection Control survey was conducted April, 1st 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 April 1st, 2020 and April 3, 2020 at your facility by the Minnesota Department of Health to determine compliance with §483.80 Infection Control. 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.	F 000			

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

TITLE

(X6) DATE

Electronically Signed

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.