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Administrator
Perham Living
735 Third Street Southwest
Perham, MN 56573

RE: CCN: 245486
Cycle Start Date: April 30, 2025

Dear Administrator:

On April 30, 2025, 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 a pattern of deficiencies that constituted no actual harm with potential for more than minimal harm that was not immediate jeopardy (Level E), 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" and/or an "E" tag), i.e., the plan of correction should be directed to:

Jen Bahr, RN, Regional Operations Supervisor

Bemidji District Office

Health Regulation Division

Minnesota Department of Health

705 5th Street NW, Suite A

Bemidji, Minnesota 56601-2933

Email: Jennifer.bahr@state.mn.us

Office: (218) 308-2104

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 July 30, 2025 (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 October 30, 2025 (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)

In accordance with 42 CFR 488.331 and Minnesota Statute 144A.10 subd 15, 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: <https://forms.web.health.state.mn.us/form/NHDisputeResolution>

This request must be sent within the same ten calendar days you have for submitting an ePoC for the cited deficiencies. 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.

A copy of the Department's informal dispute resolution policies is posted on the MDH Information Bulletin website at: https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/regulation/infobulletins/ib04_8.html

INDEPENDENT INFORMAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION (INDEPENDENT IDR)

In accordance with 42 CFR § 488.431 and Minnesota Statute 144A.10 subd 16, when a CMP subject to being collected and placed in an escrow account is imposed, you have one opportunity to question cited deficiencies through an Independent IDR process. You may also contest scope and severity assessments for deficiencies which resulted in a finding of SQC or immediate jeopardy. 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:
<https://forms.web.health.state.mn.us/form/NHDisputeResolution>

A facility may not use both IDR and independent IDR for the same deficiency citation(s) arising from the same survey unless the IDR process was completed prior to the imposition of the CMP. This request must be sent within ten calendar days of receipt of this offer. An incomplete Independent IDR process will not delay the effective date of any enforcement action.

Questions regarding all documents submitted as a response to the Life Safety Code deficiencies (those preceded by a "K" tag), i.e., the plan of correction, request for waivers, should be directed to:

Travis Z. Ahrens
State Fire Safety Supervisor
Health Care & Correctional Facilities
MN Department of Public Safety-Fire Marshal Division
445 Minnesota St., Suite 145
St. Paul, MN 55101
Email: travis.ahrens@state.mn.us
Web: www.sfm.dps.mn.gov
Cell: 1-507-308-4189

Feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,



Kamala Fiske-Downing
Compliance Analyst | Federal Enforcement
Health Regulation Division
Minnesota Department of Health
Kamala.Fiske-Downing@state.mn.us
Office: 651-201-4112

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION		(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 245486	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. BUILDING _____ B. WING _____		(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 04/30/2025
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER PERHAM LIVING			STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 735 THIRD STREET SOUTHWEST PERHAM, MN 56573		
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E 000	Initial Comments On 4/28/25 through 4/30/25, a survey for compliance with §483.73, Appendix Z, Emergency Preparedness Requirements for Long Term Care Facilities was conducted during a standard recertification survey. The facility was in compliance. The facility is enrolled in ePOC and therefore a 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 On 4/28/25 through 4/30/25, a standard recertification survey was completed at your facility by the Minnesota Department of Health to determine if your facility was in compliance with the requirements at 42 CFR Part 483, Subpart B, Requirements for Long Term Care Facilities. Your facility was in compliance. The facility is enrolled in ePOC and therefore a signature is not required at the bottom of the first page of the CMS-2567 form. Although no plan of correction is required, the facility must acknowledge receipt of the electronic documents.	F 000			

LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE	TITLE	(X6) DATE
Electronically Signed		05/08/2025

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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K 000	INITIAL COMMENTS FIRE SAFETY An annual Life Safety recertification survey was conducted on 04/29/2025, by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, State Fire Marshal Division. At the time of this survey, Perham Living was found not in compliance with the requirements for participation in Medicare/Medicaid at 42 CFR, Subpart 483.70(a), the 2012 edition of National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 101, Life Safety Code (LSC), Chapter 19 Existing Health Care and the 2012 edition of NFPA 99, The Health Care Facilities Code. THE FACILITY'S POC WILL SERVE AS YOUR ALLEGATION OF COMPLIANCE UPON THE DEPARTMENT'S ACCEPTANCE. YOUR SIGNATURE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE FIRST PAGE OF THE CMS-2567 WILL BE USED AS VERIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE. UPON RECEIPT OF AN ACCEPTABLE POC, AN ONSITE REVISIT OF YOUR FACILITY MAY BE CONDUCTED TO VALIDATE THAT SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH THE REGULATIONS HAS BEEN ATTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR VERIFICATION. IF OPTING TO USE AN EPOC, A PAPER COPY OF THE PLAN OF CORRECTION IS NOT REQUIRED. PLEASE RETURN THE PLAN OF CORRECTION FOR THE FIRE SAFETY DEFICIENCIES (K TAGS) TO:			K 000			

LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE	TITLE	(X6) DATE
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K 000	Continued From page 1 HEALTH CARE FIRE INSPECTIONS STATE FIRE MARSHAL DIVISION 445 MINNESOTA STREET, SUITE 145 ST. PAUL, MN 55101-5145, or By e-mail to: FM.HC.Inspections@state.mn.us THE PLAN OF CORRECTION FOR EACH DEFICIENCY MUST INCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: 1. A detailed description of the corrective action taken or planned to correct the deficiency. 2. Address the measures that will be put in place to ensure the deficiency does not reoccur. 3. Indicate how the facility plans to monitor future performance to ensure solutions are sustained. 4. Identify who is responsible for the corrective actions and monitoring of compliance. 5. The actual or proposed date for completion of the remedy. The Perham Living NH was constructed at 3 different times. The original building, a 1-story building constructed in 1970 and was determined to be of Type II(000) construction. In 1979, a 1-story with a basement was added to the south west of the original building and was determined to be of Type II(222) construction. However, the building addition is not separated by a 2-hour fire barrier. These 2 buildings were completely renovated in 2006. In 2005 a 2-story building with basement was added to the south west of the 1970 building and was determined to be of Type	K 000			

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K 000	Continued From page 2 II(222) construction. In 2016 the east end of the building was remodeled and included a new north entrance. This section is separated by a 2 hour fire barrier. The building is divided into 6 smoke compartments by 30- minute, 1- hour and 2- hour fire barriers. This was surveyed as one building. The building is fully fire sprinkler protected.. The facility has a complete fire alarm system with smoke detection in spaces open to the corridor that is monitored for automatic fire department notification. The facility has a capacity of 96 beds and had a census of 88 at time of the survey. The requirement at 42CFR, Subpart 416.44(b) is NOT MET as evidenced by:	K 000			
K 321 SS=D	Hazardous Areas - Enclosure CFR(s): NFPA 101 Hazardous Areas - Enclosure Hazardous areas are protected by a fire barrier having 1-hour fire resistance rating (with 3/4 hour fire rated doors) or an automatic fire extinguishing system in accordance with 8.7.1 or 19.3.5.9. When the approved automatic fire extinguishing system option is used, the areas shall be separated from other spaces by smoke resisting partitions and doors in accordance with 8.4. Doors shall be self-closing or automatic-closing and permitted to have nonrated or field-applied protective plates that do not exceed 48 inches from the bottom of the door. Describe the floor and zone locations of hazardous areas that are deficient in REMARKS.	K 321			5/23/25

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K 321	Continued From page 4	K 321			
K 353 SS=E	Sprinkler System - Maintenance and Testing CFR(s): NFPA 101 Sprinkler System - Maintenance and Testing Automatic sprinkler and standpipe systems are inspected, tested, and maintained in accordance with NFPA 25, Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintaining of Water-based Fire Protection Systems. Records of system design, maintenance, inspection and testing are maintained in a secure location and readily available. a) Date sprinkler system last checked _____ b) Who provided system test _____ c) Water system supply source _____ Provide in REMARKS information on coverage for any non-required or partial automatic sprinkler system. 9.7.5, 9.7.7, 9.7.8, and NFPA 25 This REQUIREMENT is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation and staff interview, the facility failed to inspect and maintain the fire sprinkler system per NFPA 101 (2012 edition), Life Safety Code, section 9.7.5, and NFPA 25 (2011 edition), Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems, section 5.2.2.2. These deficient findings could have a patterned impact on residents within the facility.	K 353	corrected immediately and staff re-educated as necessary. All corrections will be in place by May 23, 2025. All blue and white wires identified in the basement storage room and Materials Storage Room were immediately removed from the sprinkler pipes and pipe hangers by the facility maintenance and IT staff. A full facility-wide inspection of all accessible areas was conducted to identify any additional locations where wires may be in contact with or attached to sprinkler piping or supports. No other		5/23/25

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K 353	Continued From page 5 Findings include: 1. On 04/29/2025 between 9:30 AM and 1:00 PM, it was revealed by observation that there were blue wires running along and zip tied to the sprinkler pipe and sprinkler pipe hangers in the basement storage room. 2. On 04/29/2025 between 9:30 AM and 1:00 PM, it was revealed by observation that there were white wires placed across the sprinkler pipe in the Materials Storage Room. An interview with Maintenance Director and Administrator verified these deficient findings at the time of discovery.			K 353	instances were identified. Policies regarding sprinkler system clearance reviewed to ensure it details prohibiting the attachment or routing of any non-fire system components along fire sprinkler system piping or supports. The maintenance and IT staff were retrained on requirements regarding proper clearances and maintenance of sprinkler systems. Monitoring of sprinkler pipe clearance has been added to the facility's environmental rounds to ensure all fire protection systems remain unobstructed and in compliance. The Maintenance Director or designee will conduct audits of all sprinkler pipes weekly for the next 12 weeks. Findings will be reviewed during the facility's QAPI meetings monthly. Any non-compliance will be corrected immediately and addressed through additional training or disciplinary action if needed. All Corrections will be in place by May 23, 2025.		