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June 4, 2010

Raymond Pisco, Administrator Lenox Place #23964 701 West Superior Street Duluth, MN 55802

RE: Letter of Warning/Response/Attestation Statement dated January 15, 2010

Dear Mr. Pisco:

This letter acknowledges receipt of the response/attestations statement dated March 15, 2010, from Lenox Place in Duluth, MN.

Based upon the information now due to Carefree Living changing the website http://www.carefreeliving.com/assistedlivinglocations.htm to using the phase "Supportive Living Services"; Minnesota Department of Health staff has determined that all the actions are satisfactory.

Please note that the Letter of Warning and the response from Lenox Place in Duluth, MN will remain on record at the Minnesota Department of Health. This closure letter does not preclude the Minnesota Department of Health from taking further action with respect to the failure to meet the minimum requirements of MN Statute 144G. The Minnesota Department of Health reserves the right to pursue any and all actions specified under Minnesota Statute §144G.02 Subdivision 2.

If you have any questions, feel free to call our office at (651) 201-4301.

Sincerely,

Jean Johnston, Program Manager

Case Mix Review Program

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January 15, 2010

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Re: Letter of Warning

Dear Mr. Pisco:

The Minnesota Department of Health has determined that Lenox Place located in Duluth, MN, is not meeting the following provisions of MN Statute 144G:

1. MN Statute §144G.03 Subdivision 1. **Verification in annual registration.** A registered housing with services establishment using the phrase "assisted living," pursuant to section <u>144G.02</u>, <u>subdivision 1</u>, shall verify to the commissioner in its annual registration pursuant to chapter 144D that the establishment is complying with sections <u>144G.01</u> to <u>144G.05</u>, as applicable.

Spectrum Carefree Living website at http://www.carefreeliving.com, viewed on January 12, 2010, contained the following phase: "Assisted Living Locations" and it listed Lenox .on January 12, 2010. The housing with services registration form filed by Lenox Place does not intend to use the phase "assisted living" orally or in writing to advertise, market or otherwise describe, offer or promote itself.

Beside the instance(s) cited in this letter, if this housing with services is using the phrase "assisted living" in other means that violate the provisions of MS 144G.03 Subdivision 1, that should also be covered in your response to this letter.

To respond to this Letter of Warning please complete the enclosed form which includes a brief statement of actions taken to address the failure(s) to meet requirements noted above, and an attestation statement concerning compliance with MN Statute 144G. The form should be signed by an individual authorized to sign on behalf of the establishment.

This information must be submitted to the Minnesota Department of Health within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you do not respond to this Letter of Warning, the Minnesota Department

of Health may take further action which could include a referral to another governmental agency, and/or action for injunctive relief in district court.

This Letter of Warning and your response do not preclude the Minnesota Department of Health from taking further action with respect to the failure to meet the minimum requirements described in this letter. The Minnesota Department of Health reserves the right to pursue any and all actions specified under Minnesota Statute §144G.02 Subdivision 2.

The requirements of MN Statute 144G can be viewed by accessing the Minnesota Department of Health website at: http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/fpc/profinfo/cms/casemix.html and clicking on the Assisted Living link.

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Attachments

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