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October 14, 2009

Adrian Erickson, Administrator Comfort Care Cottages 1232 Jefferson Street South Wadena, MN 56482

Re: Results of State Licensing Survey

Dear Mr. Erickson:

The above agency was surveyed on September 17, 18, and 21, 2009, for the purpose of assessing compliance with state licensing regulations. State licensing deficiencies, if found, are delineated on the attached Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) correction order form. The correction order form should be signed and returned to this office when all orders are corrected. We urge you to review these orders carefully, item by item, and if you find that any of the orders are not in accordance with your understanding at the time of the exit conference following the survey, you should immediately contact me, or the RN Program Coordinator. If further clarification is necessary, I can arrange for an informal conference at which time your questions relating to the order(s) can be discussed.

A final version of the Licensing Survey Form is enclosed. This document will be posted on the MDH website.

Also attached is an optional Provider questionnaire, which is a self-mailer, which affords the provider with an opportunity to give feedback on the survey experience.

Please note, it is your responsibility to share the information contained in this letter and the results of this visit with the President of your facility's Governing Body.

Please feel free to call our office with any questions at (651) 201-4301.

Sincerely,

Jean Johnston, Program Manager

Jean M. Johnston

Case Mix Review Program

**Enclosures** 

cc: Wadena County Social Services

Ron Drude, Minnesota Department of Human Services

Sherilyn Moe, Office of the Ombudsman

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Class F Home Care Provider

### LICENSING SURVEY FORM

Registered nurses from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) use this Licensing Survey Form during on-site visits to evaluate the care provided by Class F home care providers (Class F). Class F licensees may also use this form to monitor the quality of services provided to clients at any time. Licensees may use their completed Licensing Survey Form to help communicate to MDH nurses during an on-site regulatory visit.

During an on-site visit, MDH nurses will interview staff, talk with clients and/or their representatives, make observations and review documentation. The survey is an opportunity for the licensee to explain to the MDH nurse what systems are in place to provide Class F Home Care services. Completing this Licensing Survey Form in advance may facilitate the survey process.

Licensing requirements listed below are reviewed during a survey. A determination is made whether the requirements are met or not met for each Indicator of Compliance box. This form must be used in conjunction with a copy of the Class F home care regulations. Any violations of Class F Home Care Provider licensing requirements are noted at the end of the survey form.

## Name of CLASS F: COMFORT CARE COTTAGES

HFID #: 20221

Date(s) of Survey: September 17, and 18, and 21, 2009

Project #: QL20221007

Indicators of Compliance	Outcomes Observed	Comments
<ol> <li>The provider only accepts and retains clients for whom it can meet the needs as agreed to in the service plan.</li> <li>Focus Survey         <ul> <li>MN Rule 4668.0815</li> </ul> </li> <li>Expanded Survey         <ul> <li>MN Rule 4668.0800</li> <li>MN Rule 4668.0800 Subp. 3</li> <li>MN Rule 4668.0825 Subp. 2</li> <li>MN Rule 4668.0845</li> </ul> </li> </ol>		Focus Survey Met XCorrection Order(s)     issued XEducation Provided Expanded SurveySurvey not Expanded XMetCorrection Order(s)     issuedEducation Provided Follow-up Survey #New Correction     Order issuedEducation Provided

Indicators of Compliance	Outcomes Observed	Comments
2. The provider promotes the clients' rights.  Focus Survey  MN Rule 4668.0030  MN Statute §144A.44  Expanded Survey  MN Rule 4668.0040  MN Rule 4668.0170  MN Statute §144D.04  MN Rule 4668.0870	<ul> <li>Clients are aware of and have their rights honored.</li> <li>Clients are informed of and afforded the right to file a complaint.</li> <li>Continuity of Care is promoted for clients who are discharged from the agency.</li> </ul>	X
3. The health, safety, and well being of clients are protected and promoted.  Focus Survey  MN Statute §144A.46  MN Statute §626.557  Expanded Survey  MN Rule 4668.0035  MN Rule 4668.0805	<ul> <li>Clients are free from abuse or neglect.</li> <li>Clients are free from restraints imposed for purposes of discipline or convenience.         Agency personnel observe infection control requirements.</li> <li>There is a system for reporting and investigating any incidents of maltreatment.</li> <li>There is adequate training and supervision for all staff.</li> <li>Criminal background checks are performed as required.</li> </ul>	Focus Survey  X Met Correction Order(s)     issued  X Education Provided  Expanded Survey  X Survey not Expanded Met Correction Order(s)     issued Education Provided  Follow-up Survey # New Correction     Order issued    Education Provided

<b>Indicators of Compliance</b>	<b>Outcomes Observed</b>	Comments
<ul> <li>4. The clients' confidentiality is maintained.</li> <li>Expanded Survey</li> <li>MN Rule 4668.0810</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Client personal information and records are secure.</li> <li>Any information about clients is released only to appropriate parties.</li> <li>Client records are maintained, are complete and are secure.</li> </ul>	This area does not apply to a Focus Survey  Expanded Survey  Survey not Expanded  Met Correction Order(s) issued Education Provided  Follow-up Survey #  New Correction Order issued Education Provided
5. The provider employs (or contracts with) qualified staff.  Focus Survey  MN Rule 4668.0065  MN Rule 4668.0835  Expanded Survey  MN Rule 4668.0820  MN Rule 4668.0825  MN Rule 4668.0840  MN Rule 4668.0070  MN Statute §144D.065	<ul> <li>Staff have received training and/or competency evaluations as required, including training in dementia care, if applicable.</li> <li>Nurse licenses are current.</li> <li>The registered nurse(s) delegates nursing tasks only to staff that are competent to perform the procedures that have been delegated.</li> <li>The process of delegation and supervision is clear to all staff and reflected in their job descriptions.</li> <li>Personnel records are maintained and retained.</li> <li>Staff meet infection control guidelines.</li> </ul>	Focus Survey  X_MetCorrection Order(s)     issuedEducation Provided  Expanded Survey  X_Survey not ExpandedMetCorrection Order(s)     issuedEducation Provided  Follow-up Survey #New Correction     Order issuedEducation Provided

<b>Indicators of Compliance</b>	Outcomes Observed	Comments
6. Changes in a client's condition are recognized and acted upon. Medications are stored and administered safely.  Focus Survey  MN Rule 4668.0855  MN Rule 4668.0860  Expanded Survey  MN Rule 4668.0800  MN Rule 4668.0815  MN Rule 4668.0820  MN Rule 4668.0865  MN Rule 4668.0870	<ul> <li>A registered nurse is contacted when there is a change in a client's condition that requires a nursing assessment.</li> <li>Emergency and medical services are contacted, as needed.</li> <li>The client and/or representative is informed when changes occur.</li> <li>The agency has a system for the control of medications.</li> <li>A registered nurse trains unlicensed personnel prior to them administering medications.</li> <li>Medications and treatments are ordered by a prescriber and are administered and documented as prescribed.</li> </ul>	Focus Survey  X Met  Correction Order(s) issued  X Education Provided  Expanded Survey  X Survey not Expanded  Met  Correction Order(s) issued Education Provided  Follow-up Survey #  New Correction Order issued Education Provided
7. The provider has a current license.  Focus Survey  MN Rule 4668.0019  Expanded Survey  MN Rule 4668.0008  MN Rule 4668.0012  MN Rule 4668.0016  MN Rule 4668.0220  Note: MDH will make referrals to the Attorney General's office for violations of MN Statutes 144D or 325F.72; and make other referrals, as needed.	<ul> <li>The CLASS F license (and other licenses or registrations as required) are posted in a place that communicates to the public what services may be provided.</li> <li>The agency operates within its license(s) and applicable waivers and variances.</li> <li>Advertisement accurately reflects the services provided by the agency.</li> </ul>	Focus Survey  X Met Correction Order(s)     issued Education Provided  Expanded Survey  X Survey not Expanded Met Correction Order(s)     issued Education Provided  Follow-up Survey # New Correction     Order issued Education Provided

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Indicators of Compliance	Outcomes Observed	Comments
8. The provider is in compliance with MDH waivers and variances	Licensee provides services within the scope of applicable MDH	This area does not apply to a Focus Survey.
Expanded Survey  • MN Rule 4668.0016	waivers and variances	Expanded Survey  X Survey not Expanded  Met Correction Order(s) issued Education Provided  Follow-up Survey #  New Correction Order issued Education Provided

<u>Please note</u>: Although the focus of the licensing survey is the regulations listed in the Indicators of Compliance boxes above, other rules and statutes may be cited depending on what system a provider has or fails to have in place and/or the severity of a violation. The findings of the focused licensing survey may result in an expanded survey.

SURVEY RESULTS: All Indicators of Compliance listed above were met.
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For Indicators of Compliance not met, the rule or statute numbers and the findings of deficient practice are noted below.

#### 1. MN Rule 4668.0815 Subp. 4

### **INDICATOR OF COMPLIANCE : #1**

Based on record review and interview, the license failed to provide a complete service plan for one of one client (#1) records reviewed. The findings include:

Client #1's service plan dated July 15, 2009, did not include the frequency of supervision or a contingency plan if essential services cannot be provided.

When interviewed September 18, 2009, the registered nurse confirmed the plan was incomplete.

A draft copy of this completed form was faxed to <u>Adrian Erickson</u> on <u>September 21, 2009</u>. Any correction order(s) issued as a result of the on-site visit and the final Licensing Survey Form will be sent to the licensee. If you have any questions about the Licensing Survey Form or the survey results, please contact the Minnesota Department of Health, (651) 201-4301. After review, this form will be posted on the MDH website. Class F Home Care Provider general information is available by going to the following web address and clicking on the Class F Home Care Provider link:

http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/fpc/profinfo/cms/casemix.html

Regulations can be viewed on the Internet: <a href="http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/stats">http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/stats</a> (for MN statutes) <a href="http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/arule/">http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/arule/</a> (for MN Rules).



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Certified Mail # 7003 2260 0000 9988 1115 Date: October 15, 2004 Adrian Erickson, Administrator **Comfort Care Cottages** 1232 Jefferson St. So. Wadena, MN 56482 Re: Licensing Follow Up Revisit Dear Ms. Erickson: This is to inform you of the results of a facility visit conducted by staff of the Minnesota Department of Health, Licensing and Certification Program, on September 23, 2004. The documents checked below are enclosed. X Informational Memorandum Items noted and discussed at the facility visit including status of outstanding licensing correction orders. MDH Correction Order Correction order(s) issued pursuant to visit of your facility. Notices Of Assessment For Noncompliance With Correction Orders For Assisted Living Home Care Providers Feel free to call our office if you have any questions at (651) 215-8703. Sincerely, Jean Johnston, Program Manager Case Mix Review Program Enclosure(s)

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Cc Adrian Erickson, President Governing Board

Case Mix Review File

# **Minnesota Department Of Health** Health Policy, Information and Compliance Monitoring Division Case Mix Review Section

## INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

PROV	VIDER: COMFORT CARE COTTAGES
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Julie I	E(S) AND TITLE(S) OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED: Richards, RN,C n Erickson, Owner, Administrator
SUBJ	TECT: Licensing Survey Licensing Order Follow Up X
ITEM	IS NOTED AND DISCUSSED:
1)	An unannounced visit was made to followup on the status of state licensing orders issued as a result of a visit made on September 23, 2004. The results of the survey were delineated during the exit conference. Refer to Exit Conference Attendance Sheet for the names of individuals attending the exit conference. The status of the Correction orders is as follows:
	<ol> <li>MN Statute 144A.46, Subd. 5 (b) Corrected</li> <li>MN Rule 4668.0825, Subp. 3 Corrected</li> <li>MN Rule 4668.0825, Subp. 4 Corrected</li> <li>MN Rule 4668.0835, Subp. 2 Corrected</li> <li>MN Rule 4668.0870, Subp. 2 Corrected</li> </ol>
2)	The exit conference was not tape recorded.



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Certified Mail # 7003 2260 0000 9986 7294

July 19, 2004

Adrian Erickson, Administrator Comfort Care Cottages 1232 Jefferson Street South Wadena, MN 56482

Re: Results of State Licensing Survey

Dear Ms. Erickson:

The above agency was surveyed on June 02,03 and 04, 2004 for the purpose of assessing compliance with state licensing regulations. State licensing deficiencies, if found, are delineated on the attached Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) correction order form. The correction order form should be signed and returned to this office when all orders are corrected. We urge you to review these orders carefully, item by item, and if you find that any of the orders are not in accordance with your understanding at the time of the exit conference following the survey, you should immediately contact me, or the RN Program Coordinator. If further clarification is necessary, I can arrange for an informal conference at which time your questions relating to the order(s) can be discussed.

A final version of the Licensing Survey Form is enclosed. This document will be posted on the MDH website.

Also attached is an optional Provider questionnaire, which is a self-mailer, which affords the provider with an opportunity to give feedback on the survey experience.

Please feel free to call our office with any questions at (651) 215-8703.

Sincerely,

Jean Johnston, Program Manager Case Mix Review Program

Enclosures

cc: Adrian Ericikson, President Governing Board Case Mix Review File

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# Assisted Living Home Care Provider LICENSING SURVEY FORM

Registered nurses from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) use the Licensing Survey Form during an on-site visit to evaluate the care provided by Assisted Living home care providers (ALHCP). The ALHCP licensee may also use the form to monitor the quality of services provided to clients at any time. Licensees may use their completed Licensing Survey Form to help communicate to MDH nurses during an on-site regulatory visit.

During an on-site visit, MDH nurses will interview ALHCP staff, make observations, and review some of the agency's documentation. The nurses may also talk to clients and/or their representatives. This is an opportunity for the licensee to explain to the MDH nurse what systems are in place to provide Assisted Living services. Completing the Licensing Survey Form in advance may expedite the survey process.

Licensing requirements listed below are reviewed during a survey. A determination is made whether the requirements are met or not met for each Indicator of Compliance box. This form must be used in conjunction with a copy of the ALHCP home care regulations. Any violations of ALHCP licensing requirements are noted at the end of the survey form.

### Name of ALHCP: COMFORT CARE COTTAGES

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HFID # (MDH internal use): 20221
Date(s) of Survey: June 02, 03, 04 and 07, 2004
Project # (MDH internal use): QL20221002

Indicators of Compliance	Outcomes Observed	Comments
1. The agency only accepts and retains clients for whom it can meet the needs as agreed to in the service plan. (MN Rules 4668.0050, 4668.0800, Subp. 3, 4668.0815, 4668.0825, 4668.0845, 4668.0865)	Each client has an assessment and service plan developed by a registered nurse within 2 weeks and prior to initiation of delegated nursing services, reviewed at least annually, and as needed.  The service plan accurately describes the client's needs.  Care is provided as stated in the service plan.  The client and/or representative understands what care will be provided and what it costs.	X Met Correction Order(s) issued X Education provided

Indicators of Compliance	Outcomes Observed	Comments
2. Agency staff promote the clients' rights as stated in the Minnesota Home Care Bill of Rights. (MN Statute 144A.44; MN Rule 4668.0030)	No violations of the MN Home Care Bill of Rights (BOR) are noted during observations, interviews, or review of the agency's documentation.  Clients and/or their representatives receive a copy of the BOR when (or before) services are initiated.  There is written acknowledgement in the client's clinical record to show that the BOR was received (or why acknowledgement could not be obtained).	X Met Correction Order(s) issued X Education provided
3. The health, safety, and well being of clients are protected and promoted. (MN Statutes 144A.44; 144A.46 Subd. 5(b), 144D.07, 626.557; MN Rules 4668.0065, 4668.0805)	Clients are free from abuse or neglect. Clients are free from restraints imposed for purposes of discipline or convenience. Agency staff observe infection control requirements. There is a system for reporting and investigating any incidents of maltreatment. There is adequate training and supervision for all staff. Criminal background checks are performed as required.	Met _X Correction Order(s) issued _X Education provided
4. The agency has a system to receive, investigate, and resolve complaints from its clients and/or their representatives.  (MN Rule 4668.0040)	There is a formal system for complaints. Clients and/or their representatives are aware of the complaint system. Complaints are investigated and resolved by agency staff.	X Met Correction Order(s) issued Education provided
5. The clients' confidentiality is maintained. (MN Statute 144A.44; MN Rule 4668.0810)	Client personal information and records are secure. Any information about clients is released only to appropriate parties. Permission to release information is obtained, as required, from clients and/or their representatives.	X Met Correction Order(s) issued Education provided
6. Changes in a client's condition are recognized and acted upon. (MN Rules 4668.0815, 4668.0820, 4668.0825)	A registered nurse is contacted when there is a change in a client's condition that requires a nursing assessment or reevaluation, a change in the services and/or there is a problem with providing services as stated in the service plan.  Emergency and medical services are contacted, as needed.  The client and/or representative is informed when changes occur.	X Met Correction Order(s) issued Education provided

<b>Indicators of Compliance</b>	Outcomes Observed	Comments
7. The agency employs (or contracts with) qualified staff. (MN Statute 144D.065; MN Rules 4668.0070, 4668.0820, 4668.0825, 4668.0030, 4668.0835, 4668.0840)	Staff have received training and/or competency evaluations as required, including training in dementia care, if applicable.  Nurse licenses are current.  The registered nurse(s) delegates nursing tasks only to staff who are competent to perform the procedures that have been delegated.  The process of delegation and supervision is clear to all staff and reflected in their job descriptions.	Met Correction     Order(s) issued Education     provided
8. Medications are stored and administered safely. (MN Rules 4668.0800 Subpart 3, 4668.0855, 4668.0860)	The agency has a system for the control of medications. Staff are trained by a registered nurse prior to administering medications. Medications and treatments administered are ordered by a prescriber. Medications are properly labeled. Medications and treatments are administered as prescribed. Medications and treatments are administered are documented.	_X Met Correction Order(s) issued Education provided N/A
9. Continuity of care is promoted for clients who are discharged from the agency. (MN Statute 144A.44, 144D.04; MN Rules 4668.0050, 4668.0170, 4668.0800,4668.0870)	Clients are given information about other home care services available, if needed.  Agency staff follow any Health Care Declarations of the client.  Clients are given advance notice when services are terminated by the ALHCP.  Medications are returned to the client or properly disposed of at discharge from a HWS.	Met _X Correction Order(s) issued _X Education provided N/A
10. The agency has a current license. (MN Statutes 144D.02, 144D.04, 144D.05, 144A.46; MN Rule 4668.0012 Subd.17)  Note: MDH will make referrals to the Attorney General's office for violations of MN Statutes 144D or 325F.72; and make other referrals, as needed.	The ALHCP license (and other licenses or registrations as required) are posted in a place that communicates to the public what services may be provided.  The agency operates within its license(s).	X Met Correction Order(s) issued Education provided

<u>Please note</u>: Although the focus of the licensing survey is the regulations listed in the Indicators of Compliance boxes above, other violations may be cited depending on what systems a provider has or fails to have in place and/or the severity of a violation. Also, the results of the focused licensing survey may result in an expanded survey where additional interviews, observations, and documentation reviews are conducted.

Survey Results:	All Indicators of Compliance listed abo	ve were met.	
	ompliance not met and/or education provide ple(s) of deficient practice noted:	ed, list the number, regulation	
Indicator of	Regulation:	Correction Order Issued	
Compliance:	MN Rule 4668.0815, Subp. 4	X Education provided	
# 1	Contents of Service Plan		
Education: #1	Education was provided to the licensee regarding the regulation and the content requirements of a service plan. On June 02, 2004, talked to the RN regarding the need for a nursing assessment for central storage of medication and the frequency of supervision for the services in service plan for all clients.		
Indicator of	Regulation:	Correction Order Issued	
Compliance:	MN Rule 4668.0030, Subp. 4	X Education Provided	
# 2	Home Care Bill of Rights		
Based on record review and staff interview, two o reviewed had not received the most recent text of (update). On June 02, 2004, employee #1 stated the have a copy of the most current MN Home Care E		ent text of the bill of rights  1 stated that the agency did not	
Education: #2	Education was provided regarding the updates to the MN Home Care Bill of Rights, MN Statute 144A.44, Subd. 1 (16) (i) and (16) (ii).		

Indicator of Compliance: # 3	Regulation: MN Statute 144A.46, Subd. 5(b) Prior Criminal Convictions	X Correction Order Issued X Education Provided	
Statement(s) of Deficient Practice:  Education: #3	Based on review of personnel records and staff interview, the licensee failed to perform a background study for 1 of 1 (#1) licensed staff reviewed. The licensee had employed employee #1 since April 2003. There was no background study information in her personnel record. On June 02, 2004, employee #1 confirmed that her background study had not been completed.  Education provided regarding background studies do not need to be completed with a change in ownership when the employees continue with the new owner and same HFID. However, new employees hired by the new owner need background studies completed.		
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Indicator of Compliance: #_7	Regulation: MN Rule 4668.0825, Subp. 3 Nursing Services Delegated to Unlicensed Personnel	X Correction Order Issued X Education provided	
Indicator of Compliance: # _7	Regulation: MN Rule 4668.0825, Subp. 4 Performance of Routine Procedures	X Correction Order Issued X Education provided	
Statement(s) of Deficient Practice:	Based on client record review, personnel record review, and interview, 1 of 1 (#4) unlicensed personnel who performed blood glucose monitoring (accuchecks) was not qualified to do this procedure, had no written instructions, and the procedure had been delegated by a licensed practical nurse (LPN), rather than an RN.		
Education:	Education provided regarding the regulatory requirement and nursing delegation.		

Indicator of Compliance: # _7	Regulation: MN Rule 4668.0835, Subp. 2 Qualifications	X Correction Order Issued X Education provided
Statement(s) of Deficient Practice:  Education: #7	Based on observation, interview, record review, and review of personnel records, two of three (#4 and #5) unlicensed personnel who were providing delegated nursing services did not show evidence of meeting the training requirements of MN Rule 4668.0835. There was no evidence of core training or competency evaluations in their personnel records. On June 02, 2004, employee #4 and #5 each stated they had no training or competency evaluation for the delegated nursing services they were performing. This was confirmed, June 02, 2004 by the registered nurse. Education provided regarding the regulatory requirement. A copy of <i>A Guide to Home Care and Hospice Services</i> was given to the licensee.	
Indicator of Compliance: # 9	Regulation: MN Rule 4668.0870, Subp. 2 Drugs given to discharged clients.	X Correction Order Issued X Education provided
Statement(s) of Deficient Practice:  Education: #9	Based on record review and interview, one of one client (#2) who had been discharged from the facility did not have documentation in the record regarding what happened to her medications upon discharge from the facility.  There was no documentation in the record regarding what happened to client's medications upon discharge from the facility. On June 03, 2004, employee # 4 stated that the medications had been sent home with the client upon discharge. On June 03, 2004, employee #4 corrected the violation by making a late entry in the client's record regarding the disposition of the medications.  Education was provided regarding the regulatory requirement.	
Laucanon, #3	Education was provided regarding the regulatory requirement.	

A copy of this completed form was left with Adrian Erickson at an exit conference on (date) June 7, 2004. Any correction orders issued as a result of the on-site visit will arrive by certified mail to the licensee within 3 weeks of this exit conference (see Correction Order form HE-01239-03). If you have any questions about the Licensing Survey Form or the survey results, please contact the Minnesota Department of Health, (651) 215-8703. After supervisory review, this form will be posted on the MDH website. General information about ALHCP is also available on the website:

<a href="http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/fpc/profinfo/cms/alhcp/alhcpsurvey.htm">http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/fpc/profinfo/cms/alhcp/alhcpsurvey.htm</a>
Regulations can be viewed on the Internet: <a href="http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/stats">http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/stats</a> (for MN Rules).