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June 9, 2010

Claudia Verdun, Administrator  
Cedar Cottage  
1711 Delton Avenue Northeast  
Bemidji, MN 56601

Re: Results of State Licensing Survey

Dear Ms. Verdun:

The above agency was surveyed on May 26, 27, and 28, 2010, for the purpose of assessing compliance with state licensing regulations. State licensing orders 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. If further clarification is necessary, an informal conference can be arranged.

A final version of the Correction Order 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) 201-4309.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia Nelson", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Patricia Nelson, Supervisor  
Home Care & Assisted Living Program

Enclosures

cc: Beltrami County Social Services  
Ron Drude, Minnesota Department of Human Services  
Sherilyn Moe, Office of the Ombudsman

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FROM: Minnesota Department of Health, Division of Compliance Monitoring
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Home Care & Assisted Living Program

Handwritten signature of Patricia Nelson

Patricia Nelson, Supervisor - (651) 201-4309

TO: CLAUDIA VERDUN DATE: June 9, 2010
PROVIDER: CEDAR COTTAGE COUNTY: BELTRAMI
ADDRESS: 1711 DELTON AVENUE NORTHWEST HFID: 20923
BEMIDJI, MN 56601

On May 26, 27, and 28, 2010, a surveyor of this Department's staff visited the above provider and the following correction orders are issued. When corrections are completed please sign and date, make a copy of the form for your records and return the original to the above address.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

In accordance with Minnesota Statute §144A.45, this correction order has been issued pursuant to a survey. If, upon re-survey, it is found that the violation or violations cited herein are not corrected, a fine for each violation not corrected shall be assessed in accordance with a schedule of fines promulgated by rule of the Minnesota Department of Health.

Determination of whether a violation has been corrected requires compliance with all requirements of the rule provided in the section entitled "TO COMPLY." Where a rule contains several items, failure to comply with any of the items may be considered lack of compliance and subject to a fine.

You may request a hearing on any assessments that may result from non-compliance with these orders provided that a written request is made to the Department within 15 days of receipt of a notice of assessment for non-compliance.

1. MN Rule 4668.0825 Subp. 4

Based on observation, record review and interview, the licensee failed to ensure that unlicensed personnel were instructed by the registered nurse (RN) in the proper method to perform a delegated nursing procedure and demonstrated to the RN that he/she was competent to perform the procedure for one of one client's (#1) record reviewed. The findings include:

Client #1 was observed May 27, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. in her room asleep in her recliner, with a floor alarm positioned in front of her recliner. The client's record contained a physician's order, dated March 2, 2010, for a floor alarm pad in front of the bed and recliner. Employee C's (unlicensed person) record lacked evidence she had been trained on how to apply the floor alarm. When interviewed May 27, 2010, employee C stated she had been shown how to apply the floor alarm by employee D (manager/licensed

practical nurse). When interviewed May 27, 2010, employee D stated the RN had written the instructions on how to apply the floor alarm and that she had trained the unlicensed personnel on the use of the floor alarm. Employee D went on to state that she was not aware she could not do the training.

**TO COMPLY:** A person who satisfies the requirements of part [4668.0835](#), subpart 2, may perform delegated nursing procedures if:

A. before performing the procedures, the person is instructed by a registered nurse in the proper methods to perform the procedures with respect to each client;

B. a registered nurse specifies in writing specific instructions for performing the procedures for each client;

C. before performing the procedures, the person demonstrates to a registered nurse the person's ability to competently follow the procedures;

D. the procedures for each client are documented in the client's record; and

E. the class F home care provider licensee retains documentation by the registered nurse regarding the person's demonstrated competency.

**TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION:** Fourteen (14) days

cc: Beltrami County Social Services  
Ron Drude, Minnesota Department of Human Services  
Sherilyn Moe, Office of the Ombudsman



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Certified Mail # 7003 2260 0000 9988 1078

Date October 15, 2004

James Birchem, Administrator  
Heritage Home  
1711 Delton Ave. NW  
Bemidji, MN 56601

Re: Licensing Follow Up Revisit

Dear Mr. Birchem:

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.

- 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)

Cc: James Birchem, President Governing Board  
Case Mix Review File

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

INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

**PROVIDER:** HERITAGE HOME

**DATE OF SURVEY:** September 23, 2004

**BEDS LICENSED:**

HOSP: \_\_\_\_\_ NH: \_\_\_\_\_ BCH: \_\_\_\_\_ SLFA: \_\_\_\_\_ SLFB: \_\_\_\_\_

**CENSUS:**

HOSP: \_\_\_\_\_ NH: \_\_\_\_\_ BCH: \_\_\_\_\_ SLF: \_\_\_\_\_

**BEDS CERTIFIED:**

SNF/18: \_\_\_\_\_ SNF 18/19: \_\_\_\_\_ NFI: \_\_\_\_\_ NFII: \_\_\_\_\_ ICF/MR: \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER:  
ALHCP

**NAME(S) AND TITLE(S) OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED:**

Dixie Kiger R.N., Denise Skerik and Dawn Reinartz L.P.N

**SUBJECT:** Licensing Survey \_\_\_\_\_ Licensing Order Follow Up X

**ITEMS 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:

1. **MN Rule 4668.0855,Subp.5** Corrected

- 2) The exit conference was not tape recorded.



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Certified Mail # 7003 2260 0000 9986 7317

July 7, 2004

James B. Birchem, Administrator  
Heritage Home  
1711 Delton Avenue Northwest  
Bemidji, MN 56601

Re: Results of State Licensing Survey

Dear Mr. Birchem:

The above agency was surveyed on June 02 and 03, 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: James Birchem, 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: HERITAGE HOME  
 HFID # (MDH internal use): 20923  
 Date(s) of Survey: June 02 and 03, 2004  
 Project # (MDH internal use): QL20923005

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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Met <input type="checkbox"/> Correction <input type="checkbox"/> Order(s) issued <input type="checkbox"/> Education provided

Indicators of Compliance	Outcomes Observed	Comments
<p>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)</p>	<p>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).</p>	<p><u>  X  </u> Met  <u>    </u> Correction  <u>    </u> Order(s) issued  <u>  X  </u> Education  <u>    </u> provided</p>
<p>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)</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p><u>  X  </u> Met  <u>    </u> Correction  <u>    </u> Order(s) issued  <u>    </u> Education  <u>    </u> provided</p>
<p>4. The agency has a system to receive, investigate, and resolve complaints from its clients and/or their representatives. (MN Rule 4668.0040)</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p><u>  X  </u> Met  <u>    </u> Correction  <u>    </u> Order(s) issued  <u>    </u> Education  <u>    </u> provided</p>
<p>5. The clients' confidentiality is maintained. (MN Statute 144A.44; MN Rule 4668.0810)</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p><u>  X  </u> Met  <u>    </u> Correction  <u>    </u> Order(s) issued  <u>    </u> Education  <u>    </u> provided</p>
<p>6. Changes in a client's condition are recognized and acted upon. (MN Rules 4668.0815, 4668.0820, 4668.0825)</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p><u>  X  </u> Met  <u>    </u> Correction  <u>    </u> Order(s) issued  <u>    </u> Education  <u>    </u> provided</p>



Indicators of Compliance	Outcomes Observed	Comments
<p>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)</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Met <input type="checkbox"/> Correction <input type="checkbox"/> Order(s) issued <input type="checkbox"/> Education provided</p>
<p>8. Medications are stored and administered safely. (MN Rules 4668.0800, Subp. 3, 4668.0855, 4668.0860)</p>	<p>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 administered are documented.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Met <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Correction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Order(s) issued <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education provided <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>
<p>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)</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Met <input type="checkbox"/> Correction <input type="checkbox"/> Order(s) issued <input type="checkbox"/> Education provided <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>
<p>10. The agency has a current license. (MN Statutes 144D.02, 144D.04, 144D.05, 144A.46; MN Rule 4668.0012 Subd.17)  <u>Note:</u> 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.</p>	<p>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).</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Met <input type="checkbox"/> Correction <input type="checkbox"/> Order(s) issued <input type="checkbox"/> Education provided</p>

***Please note: 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 above were met.

For Indicators of Compliance not met and/or education provided, list the number, regulation number, and example(s) of deficient practice noted:

<p>Indicator of Compliance: # <u>2</u></p>	<p>Regulation: MN Rule 4668.0030 Bill of Rights</p> <p>Education provided, discussed the need for everyone to have the updated Bill of Rights on each client record. An updated copy of the Bill of Rights was provided to the facility. Discharge record had older version of the Bill of Rights.</p>	<p>_____ Correction Order Issued <u>X</u> Education provided</p>
<p>Indicator of Compliance: # <u>8</u></p>	<p>Regulation: MN Rule 4668.0855, Subp. 5 Administration of medication</p>	<p><u>X</u> Correction Order Issued <u>X</u> Education Provided</p>
<p>Statement of Deficient Practice:</p>	<p>Based on record review and interview, 1 of 1 clients receiving a treatment on a pro re nata (PRN) basis did not have the administration of the PRN reported to the registered nurse (RN) in the time frame specified by the RN.</p> <p>Education provided, discussed the regulatory requirement.</p>	

A copy of this completed form was left with Dixie Kiger RN at an exit conference on June 3, 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:

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/fpc/profinfo/cms/alhcp/alhcpsurvey.htm>

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