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June 19, 2008

Brian Wings, Administrator
North Branch Comfort of HC LLC HFID 25046
38610 14th Avenue
North Branch, MN 55056

Re: Telephone Interview

Dear Mr. Wings,

The information discussed during a telephone interview conducted by staff of the Minnesota Department of Health, Case Mix Review Program, on May 6, 2008, is summarized in the enclosed documents listed below:

Telephone Interview and Education Assessment form

A summary of the items discussed during the phone interview and a listing of the education provided during the interview

Resource Sheet for Home Care Providers

A listing of web-sites and documents useful to home care providers in assuring compliance with home care regulations

Please note, it is your responsibility to share the information contained in this letter and the information from this interview with your direct care staff and the President of your facility's Governing Body.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jean M. Johnston".

Jean Johnston, Program Manager
Case Mix Review Program

Enclosure(s)

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Class A and Class F Home Care
Telephone Interview and Education Assessment

Registered nurses from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) use this form to document telephone interviews and education of newly licensed Class F and Class A (licensed only) Home Care Providers as well as other providers who have not been surveyed by Case Mix Review staff.

Licensing requirements listed below were reviewed during a telephone interview. Information from this interview along with other data will be considered when making decisions regarding the timing of an on site survey. The noted topics were discussed during the telephone interview and education was provided in the checked areas.

Name of Home Care Licensee: North Branch Comforts of Home Care

HFID #: 25046

Type of License: Class F Home Care

Date of Interview: May 6, 2008

Interview Topic	Item Discussed	Education Provided
Access to information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Home Care Rules and Statutes	<input type="checkbox"/> Web address for Home Care Rules and Statutes was sent (MN Statute §144A and MN Rule 4668) <input type="checkbox"/> Web address for Vulnerable Adult Act was sent (MN Statute §626.557) <input type="checkbox"/> Web address for Maltreatment of Minors Act was sent (MN Statute §626.556) <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Nursing web address was sent Sent via: <u>E-mail</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic Education Provided
Client Needs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Care needs of clients	<input type="checkbox"/> Home Care licensee is required to have staff sufficient in qualifications and numbers to meet client needs (MN Rule 4668.0050) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic Education Provided



Interview Topic	Item Discussed	Education Provided
Home Care Bill of Rights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill of Rights given to clients	<input type="checkbox"/> Current and appropriate version of home care bill of rights required Minnesota Dept. of Health web-site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic Education Provided
Advertising	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advertising should reflect services provided	<input type="checkbox"/> Includes all forms of advertising MN Rule 4668.0019 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic Education Provided
Unlicensed personnel (ULP) who provide direct care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Training needed for ULP to be qualified to provide direct care <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ongoing education needed for unlicensed personnel	<input type="checkbox"/> Initial training needed MN Rule 4668.0835 Subp. 2 (Class F) <input type="checkbox"/> Competency testing required MN Rule 4668.0835 Subp. 3 (Class F) <input type="checkbox"/> Inservice training MN Rule 4668.0835 Subp. 3 (Class F) <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing infection control training needed MN Rule 4668.0065 Subp. 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic Education Provided
Unlicensed personnel (ULP) and medication administration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Training required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insulin administration by unlicensed personnel	<input type="checkbox"/> Difference between medication administration and assistance with medication administration. MN Rule 4668.0003 Subp. 2a and Subp. 21a <input type="checkbox"/> Medication reminders – a visual or verbal cue only. MN Rule 4668.0003 Subp. 21b <input type="checkbox"/> ULP limitations with insulin administration MN Rule 4668.0855 Subp. 6 (Class F) <input type="checkbox"/> Prescriber orders required MN Rule 4668.0860 Subp. 2 (Class F) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic Education Provided

Interview Topic	Item Discussed	Education Provided
Role of registered nurse (RN) and licensed practical nurse (LPN)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Need to verify licenses of nurses <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RN does assessments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LPN does monitoring	<input type="checkbox"/> Difference between RN and LPN role MN Rule 4668.0820 Subp. 2 (Class F) and Minnesota Nurse Practice Act <input type="checkbox"/> Points at which RN assessment is needed - Class F requirements <input type="checkbox"/> RN assessment and change in condition MN Rule 4668.0845 Subp. 2 (Class F) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic Education Provided
Supervision of unlicensed personnel (ULP)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Requirements for supervision and monitoring of unlicensed personnel	<input type="checkbox"/> RN supervision and LPN monitoring of unlicensed personnel <input type="checkbox"/> Timing of supervision and monitoring MN Rule 4668.0845 (Class F) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic Education Provided
Service plan or agreement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contents of Service Plan or Agreement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Person who prepares service plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Differentiate between licensee service plan and county service plan <input type="checkbox"/> Required components of service plan <input type="checkbox"/> Need to review service plan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic Education Provided MN Rule 4668.0815 (Class F)
Protection of health, safety and well being of clients	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Background studies for all staff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assessment of vulnerability for all clients	<input type="checkbox"/> Background studies not transferable <input type="checkbox"/> Only DHS background study accepted MN Statute §144A.46 Subd. 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Plan to address identified vulnerabilities required MN Statute §626.557 Subd. 14b <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic Education Provided
Infection control	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tuberculosis screening prior to direct client contact	<input type="checkbox"/> System for follow up on TB status after hire MN Rule 4668.0065 Subps. 1 & 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Yearly infection control inservice required for all staff including nurses MN Rule 4668.0065 Subp. 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic Education Provided

Interview Topic	Item Discussed	Education Provided
Assisted Living	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arranged providers for assisted living required to follow 144G	<input type="checkbox"/> Uniform Consumer Information Guide must be given to all prospective clients MN Statute 144G.03 Subd. 2b9 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic Education Provided

The data used to complete this form was reviewed with Jen Quiram, Housing Director and Raechel Reed, RN, during a telephone interview on May 6, 2008. A copy of this Telephone Interview and Education Assessment form will be sent to the licensee. Any questions about this Telephone Interview and Education Assessment form should be directed to the Minnesota Department of Health, (651) 201-4301. This form will be posted on the MDH web-site. Home care provider general information is available by going to the following web address and clicking on the appropriate home care provider link:

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

Statutes and rules can be viewed on the internet:

<http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/stats> - for Minnesota Statutes

<http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/arule/> - for Minnesota Rules