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December 7, 2010

Charlie Devolites, Administrator
Homecare Resource LLC
900 American Blvd E Suite 100
Bloomington, MN 55420

Re: Results of State Licensing Survey

Dear Mr. Devolites:

The above agency was surveyed on September 27, 28, and 30, 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 in a cursive style.

Patricia Nelson, Supervisor
Home Care & Assisted Living Program

Enclosures

cc: Hennepin 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
85 East Seventh Place, Suite 220, P.O. Box 64900, St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0900
Home Care and Assisted Living Program



Patricia Nelson, Supervisor - (651) 201-4309

TO:	CHARIE DEVOLITES	DATE: December 7, 2010
PROVIDER:	HEMOCARE RESOURCE LLC	COUNTY: HENNEPIN
ADDRESS:	900 AMERICAN BLVD E SUITE 100 BLOOMINGTON, MN 55420	HFID: 21226

On September 27, 28 and 30, 2010, surveyors 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 4668.0019

Based on observation and interview, the licensee failed to ensure that information used for advertising was not misleading concerning the marketing of services provided. The findings include:

HomeCare Resource, LLC is a class A licensee that does not provide care in a registered housing with services establishment that represents themselves as an assisted living. A review of the class A licensee’s website indicated the licensee provides “Home Health and Assisted Living Care” and “assisted living services.”

Minnesota Statute 144G.02 Subdivision 1. **Protected title; restriction on use.** No person or entity may use the phrase "assisted living," whether alone or in combination with other words and whether

orally or in writing, to advertise, market, or otherwise describe, offer, or promote itself, or any housing, service, service package, or program that it provides within this state, unless the person or entity is a housing with services establishment that meets the requirements of this chapter, or is a person or entity that provides some or all components of assisted living that meet the requirements of this chapter. A person or entity entitled to use the phrase "assisted living" shall use the phrase only in the context of its participation in assisted living that meets the requirements of this chapter. A housing with services establishment offering or providing assisted living that is not made available to residents in all of its housing units shall identify the number or location of the units in which assisted living is available, and may not use the term "assisted living" in the name of the establishment registered with the commissioner under chapter 144D, or in the name the establishment uses to identify itself to residents or the public.

When interviewed September 28, 2010, employee F (administrator) stated the website is the only marketing tool that they use at this time.

TO COMPLY: Licensees shall not use false, fraudulent, or misleading advertising in the marketing of services. For purposes of this part, advertising includes any means of communicating to potential clients the availability, nature, or terms of home care services.

TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Thirty (30) days

2. MN Rule 4668.0030 Subp. 4

Based on record review and interview, the licensee failed to ensure the content of the Minnesota Bill of Rights for Home Care was complete for three of three clients' (#1, #2 and #3) records reviewed. The findings include:

Clients #1, #2 and #3 began receiving services on August 26, 2004, June 17, 2010, and March 17, 2007, respectively. Client #1's, #2's and #3's records indicated they received the Minnesota Home Care Bill of Rights at the time of admission.

A review of the bill of rights that the agency provided to the clients at the time of admission contained the statement related to making a complaint; however the statement was not printed prominently in capital letters.

When interviewed September 27, 2010, employee F (administrator) stated she was not aware that the statement on the bill of rights needed to be printed prominently in capital letters.

TO COMPLY: In addition to the text of the bill of rights in Minnesota Statutes, section [144A.44](#), subdivision 1, the written notice to the client must include the following:

A. a statement, printed prominently in capital letters, that is substantially the same as the following:

IF YOU HAVE A COMPLAINT ABOUT THE AGENCY OR PERSON PROVIDING YOU HOME CARE SERVICES, YOU MAY CALL, WRITE, OR VISIT THE OFFICE OF HEALTH FACILITY COMPLAINTS, MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. YOU MAY ALSO CONTACT THE OMBUDSMAN FOR OLDER MINNESOTANS.

B. the telephone number, mailing address, and street address, of the Office of Health Facility Complaints;

C. the telephone number and address of the office of the ombudsman for older Minnesotans; and

D. the licensee's name, address, telephone number, and name or title of the person to whom problems or complaints may be directed.

The information required by items B and C shall be provided by the Commissioner to licensees upon issuance of licenses and whenever changes are made.

TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Thirty (30) days

3. MN Rule 4668.0100 Subp. 4

Based on record review and interview, the licensee failed to ensure the registered nurse (RN) specified in writing, specific instructions for performing delegated nursing procedures for one of two clients (#2) reviewed who received delegated nursing procedures. The findings include:

Client #2's record contained written instructions, dated June 24, 2010, for gastrostomy tube (GT) care. The instructions stated unlicensed staff were to cleanse around the GT site daily and as needed with soap and water, then pat dry thoroughly with a towel and apply a dry dressing to the site.

When interviewed regarding the procedure for the GT care during a home visit on September 28, 2010, employee C (unlicensed staff) stated when she completed the GT site care for client #2 she did the following: gathered the supplies, washed her hands, put on gloves, cleansed the area with "saline," dried the area with a "4 by 4" gauze dressing, applied either Nystatin powder or Mylanta with a cotton ball to the GT site and applied a gauze dressing around the GT site. Employee C went on to state the RN had advised her to use either the Nystatin powder or the Mylanta to the GT site.

Client #2's record contained a skilled nurse note, dated September 7, 2010, which indicated the RN recommended using Nystatin powder to the GT site.

When interviewed on September 27, 2010, employee G (RN) stated that the GT site care procedure in the client's record was the procedure the unlicensed staff was to follow. Employee G also stated she had recommended the use of the Nystatin powder, but she had not updated the written procedure for gastrostomy tube care to reflect the use of the Nystatin powder.

TO COMPLY: A person who satisfies the requirements of subpart 5 may perform delegated medical or nursing and assigned therapy procedures, if:

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

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

C. prior to performing the procedures, the person demonstrates to a registered nurse or therapist, respectively, the person's ability to competently follow the procedures; and

D. the procedures for each client are documented in the clients' records.

TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Seven (7) days

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



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Certified Mail # 7004 1160 0004 8714 3606

July 25, 2005

Charie Devolites, Administrator
Homecare Resources LLC
900 East 79th Street Suite 100
Bloomington, MN 55420

Re: Results of State Licensing Survey

Dear Ms. Devolites:

The above agency was surveyed on June 15, 16, and 17, 2005 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: Original-Facility
Charie Devolites, President Governing Board
Case Mix Review File
Hennepin County Social Services
Sherilyn Moe, Office of Ombudsman
Kelly Crawford, Minnesota Department of Human Services

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Class A Licensed-Only 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 A Licensed-Only Home Care Providers. Class A 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 with MDH nurses during an on-site regulatory visit.

During on-site visit/s, MDH nurses will interview staff, talk with clients and/or their representatives and make observations during home visits, 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 A Licensed-Only Home Care services. Completing this Licensing Survey Form in advance would 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. This form must be used in conjunction with a copy of the Class A Licensed-Only Home Care regulations. Any violations of the Class A licensing requirements are noted at the end of the survey form. **[This form is NOT intended to be used for Class A Licensees who are also certified to participate in the Medicare program].**

Name of Class A Licensee: HEMECARE RESOURCE LLC
 HFID # (MDH internal use): 21226
 Dates of Survey: June 15, 16, and 17, 2005
 Project # (MDH internal use): QL21226005

Indicators of Compliance	Outcomes Observed	Comments
1. The Provider accepts and retains clients for whom it can meet the needs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MN Rules 4668.0050 • MN Rule 4668.0060 Subpart 3 • MN Rule 4668.0060 Subpart 4 • MN Rule 4668.0060 Subpart 5 • MN Rule 4668.0140 • MN Rule 4668.0180 Subpart 8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clients are accepted based on the availability of staff, sufficient in qualifications and numbers, to adequately provide the services agreed to in the service agreement. • Service plans accurately describe the needs and services and contains all the required information. • Services agreed to are provided • Clients are provided referral assistance. 	Annual Licensing Survey <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Met <input type="checkbox"/> Correction Order(s) issued <input type="checkbox"/> Education Provided Follow-up Survey # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Met <input type="checkbox"/> Not Met <input type="checkbox"/> New Correction Order(s) issued <input type="checkbox"/> Education Provided

Indicators of Compliance	Outcomes Observed	Comments
<p>2. The Provider promotes client rights.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MN Statute §144A.44 • MN Rule 4668.0030 • MN Rule 4668.0040 <p>Indicator of Compliance #2 continued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MN Rule 4668.0170 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clients' are aware of and have their rights honored. • Clients' are informed of and afforded the right to file a complaint. 	<p>Annual Licensing Survey</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Met</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Correction Order(s) issued</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Education Provided</p> <p>Follow-up Survey # _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Met</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Met</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> New Correction Order(s) issued</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Education Provided</p>
<p>3. The Provider promotes and protects each client's safety, property, and well-being.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MN Rule 4668.0035 • MN Statutes §144A.46 Subdivision 5 • MN Statute §626.556 • MN Statutes §626.557 • MN Statute §626.5572 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Client's person, finances and property are safe and secure. • All criminal background checks are performed as required. • Clients are free from maltreatment. • There is a system for reporting and investigating any incidents of maltreatment. • Maltreatment assessments and prevention plans are accurate and current. 	<p>Annual Licensing Survey</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Met</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Correction Order(s) issued</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Education Provided</p> <p>Follow-up Survey # _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Met</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Met</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> New Correction Order(s) issued</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Education Provided</p>
<p>4. The Provider maintains and protects client records.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MN Rule 4668.0160 <p>[Note to MDH staff: See Informational Bulletin 99-11 for Class A variance for Electronically Transmitted Orders]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Client records are maintained and retained securely. • Client records contain all required documentation. • Client information is released only to appropriate parties. • Discharge summaries are available upon request. 	<p>Annual Licensing Survey</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Met</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Correction Order(s) issued</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Education Provided</p> <p>Follow-up Survey # _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Met</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Met</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> New Correction Order(s) issued</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Education Provided</p>
<p>5. The Provider employs and/or contracts with qualified and trained staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MN Rule 4668.0060 subpart 1 • MN Rule 4668.0065 • MN Rule 4668.0070 • MN Rule 4668.0075 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff, employed or contracted, have received all the required training. • Staff, employed or contracted, meet the Tuberculosis and all other infection control guidelines. • Personnel records are maintained and retained. • Licensee and all staff have received the required Orientation 	<p>Annual Licensing Survey</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Met</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Correction Order(s) issued</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Education Provided</p> <p>Follow-up Survey # _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Met</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Met</p>

Indicators of Compliance	Outcomes Observed	Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MN Rule 4668.0080 • MN Rule 4668.0100 <p>[For subpart 2 see indicator #6]</p> <p>Indicator of Compliance #5 continued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MN Rule 4668.0120 • MN Rule 4668.0130 • MN Statute 144A.45 Subdivision 5 • MN Statute 144A.461 <p>[Note to MDH staff: See Informational Bulletin 99-7 for Class A variance in a Housing With Services setting]</p>	<p>to Home Care.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff, employed or contracted, are registered and licensed as required by law. • Documentation of medication administration procedures are available. • Supervision is provided as required. 	<p>_____ New Correction Order(s) issued</p> <p>_____ Education Provided</p>
<p>6. The Provider obtains and keeps current all medication and treatment orders [if applicable].</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MN Rule 4668.0150 • MN Rule 4668.0100 [Subpart 2] <p>[Note to MDH staff: See Informational Bulletin 99-7 and 04-12 for Class A variance in a Housing With Services setting with regards to medication administration, storage and disposition.]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Medications and treatments are renewed at least every three months. 	<p>Annual Licensing Survey</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable</p> <p>_____ Met</p> <p>_____ Correction Order(s) issued</p> <p>_____ Education Provided</p> <p>Follow-up Survey # _____</p> <p>_____ Not Applicable</p> <p>_____ Met</p> <p>_____ Not Met</p> <p>_____ New Correction Order(s) issued</p> <p>_____ Education Provided</p>
<p>7. The Provider is licensed and provides services in accordance with the license.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MN Rule 4668.0008 subpart 3 • MN Rule 4668.0012 subpart 8 • MN Rule 4668.0012 Subpart 17 • MN Rule 4668.0019 • MN Rule 4668.0060 subpart 2 • MN Rule 4668.0060 subpart 6 • MN Rule 4668.0180 subpart 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language requiring compliance with Home Care statutes and rules is included in contracts for contracted services. • License is obtained, displayed, and renewed. • Licensee’s advertisements accurately reflects services available. • Licensee provides services within the scope of the license. • Licensee has a contact person available when a para-professional is working. 	<p>Annual Licensing Survey</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Met</p> <p>_____ Correction Order(s) issued</p> <p>_____ Education Provided</p> <p>Follow-up Survey # _____</p> <p>_____ Met</p> <p>_____ Not Met</p> <p>_____ New Correction Order(s) issued</p> <p>_____ Education Provided</p>

Indicators of Compliance	Outcomes Observed	Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MN Rule 4668.0180 subpart 3 <p>Indicator of Compliance #7 continued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MN Rule 4668.0180 subpart 4 • MN Rule 4668.0180 subpart 5 • MN Rule 4668.0180 subpart 6 • MN Rule 4668.0180 subpart 7 • MN Rule 4668.0180 subpart 9 • MN Statute 144A.47 <p>[Note to MDH staff: Review 17 point contract if services provided in a Housing With Services]</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:

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

Correction Order Number	Indicator of Compliance Number	Rule/ Statute Referenced	Education provided	Statement(s) of Deficient Practice/Education:
			X	Web Resources Given

A draft copy of this completed form was left with Charie Devolites at an exit conference on June 17, 2005. Any correction order(s) issued as a result of the on-site visit and the final Licensing Survey Form 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 CLASS A Licensed-Only Home Care Provider is also available on the MDH website: <http://www.health.state.mn.us>

Regulations can be viewed on the Internet: <http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us>