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July 28, 2008

Beth Balenger, Administrator  
Unity Healthcare Inc  
2221 W 55<sup>th</sup> Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55419

Re: Telephone Interview

Dear Ms. Balenger:

The information discussed during a telephone interview conducted by staff of the Minnesota Department of Health, Case Mix Review Program, on July 8, 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 cursive script 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: Unity Healthcare Inc.

HFID #: 25195

Type of License: Class A Home Care

Date of Interview: July 8, 2008, had no clients and declined to be interviewed

Interview Topic	Item Discussed	Education Provided
<b>Access to information</b>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Basic Education Provided
<b>Client Needs</b>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Basic Education Provided



Interview Topic	Item Discussed	Education Provided
<b>Home Care Bill of Rights</b>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Basic Education Provided
<b>Advertising</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Advertising should reflect services provided	<input type="checkbox"/> Includes all forms of advertising MN Rule 4668.0019  <input type="checkbox"/> Basic Education Provided
<b>Unlicensed personnel (ULP) who provide direct care</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Training needed for ULP to be qualified to provide direct care <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing education needed for unlicensed personnel	<input type="checkbox"/> Initial training needed MN Rule 4668.0100 Subp. 5 (Class A)  <input type="checkbox"/> Competency testing required MN Rule 4668.0130 Subp.3 (Class A)  <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 type="checkbox"/> Basic Education Provided
<b>Unlicensed personnel (ULP) and medication administration</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Training required <input 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 4668.0100 Subp. 3 (Class A)  <input type="checkbox"/> Prescriber orders required MN Rule 4668.0150 Subp. 3 (Class A)  <input type="checkbox"/> Basic Education Provided

Interview Topic	Item Discussed	Education Provided
<b>Role of registered nurse (RN) and licensed practical nurse (LPN)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Need to verify licenses of nurses <input type="checkbox"/> RN does assessments <input type="checkbox"/> LPN does monitoring	<input type="checkbox"/> Difference between RN and LPN role MN Rule 4668.0180 Subp. 5 (Class A) 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 4668.0100 Subp. 9 (Class A) <input type="checkbox"/> Basic Education Provided
<b>Supervision of unlicensed personnel (ULP)</b>	<input 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 4668.0100 Subp. 9 (Class A) <input type="checkbox"/> Basic Education Provided
<b>Service plan or agreement</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Contents of Service Plan or Agreement <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Basic Education Provided MN Rule 4668.0140 (Class A)
<b>Protection of health, safety and well being of clients</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Background studies for all staff <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Basic Education Provided
<b>Infection control</b>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Basic Education Provided

Interview Topic	Item Discussed	Education Provided
<b>Assisted Living</b>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Basic Education Provided

The data used to complete this form was reviewed with Beth Belenger, Adm. during a telephone interview on July 8, 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