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November 5, 2009

Rossibel Reyes De Romero, Administrator
Alliance HC & Nursing Service
1405 North Lilac Drive STE 218
Golden Valley, MN 55422

Re: Results of State Licensing Survey

Dear Ms. Reyes De Romero:

The above agency was surveyed on October 7, 8, and 12, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jean M. Johnston". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "J" and "M".

Jean Johnston, Program Manager
Case Mix Review Program

Enclosures

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

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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 an on-site visit, MDH nurses will interview staff, clients and/or their representatives, make observations and review documentation. The survey is an opportunity for the licensee to describe 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 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. 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.

Name of Class A Licensee: ALLIANCE HHC & NURSING SERVICE

HFID #: 25403

Date(s) of Survey: October 7, 8 and 12, 2009

Project #: QL25403004

Indicators of Compliance	Outcomes Observed	Comments
<p>1. The provider accepts and retains clients for whom it can meet the needs.</p> <p>Focus Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MN Rule 4668.0140 <p>Expanded Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MN Rule 4668.0050 MN Rule 4668.0060 Subp. 3, 4 and 5 MN Rule 4668.0180 Subp. 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 contain all the required information. Services agreed to are provided Clients are provided referral assistance. 	<p>Focus Survey</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Met</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Correction Order(s) issued</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education Provided</p> <p>Expanded Survey</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Survey not Expanded</p> <p><input 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"/> New Correction Order issued</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Education Provided</p>

Indicators of Compliance	Outcomes Observed	Comments
<p>2. The provider promotes client rights.</p> <p>Focus Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MN Rule 4668.0030 MN Statute §144A.44 <p>Expanded Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MN Rule 4668.0040 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>Focus 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>Expanded Survey</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Survey not Expanded</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Met</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Correction Order(s) issued</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Education Provided</p> <p>Follow-up Survey # <input type="text"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> New Correction Order 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> <p>Focus Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MN Statutes §144A.46 Subd. 5(b) MN Statute §626.556 MN Statutes §626.557 <p>Expanded Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MN Rule 4668.0035 	<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>Focus Survey</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Met</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Correction Order(s) issued</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education Provided</p> <p>Expanded Survey</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Survey not Expanded</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Met</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Correction Order(s) issued</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Education Provided</p> <p>Follow-up Survey # <input type="text"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> New Correction Order issued</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Education Provided</p>
<p>4. The provider maintains and protects client records.</p> <p>Focus Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MN Rule 4668.0160 <p>Expanded Survey</p> <p>[Note: 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>Focus 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>Expanded Survey</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Survey not Expanded</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Met</p>

Indicators of Compliance	Outcomes Observed	Comments
Non-compliance with this variance will result in a correction order issued under 4668.0016.]		___ Correction Order(s) issued ___ Education Provided Follow-up Survey # ___ ___ New Correction Order issued ___ Education Provided
5. The provider employs and/or contracts with qualified and trained staff. Focus Survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MN Rule 4668.0100 • [Except Subp. 2] • MN Rule 4668.0065 Expanded Survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MN Rule 4668.0060 Subp. 1 • MN Rule 4668.0070 • MN Rule 4668.0075 • MN Rule 4668.0080 • MN Rule 4668.0130 • MN Statute §144A.45 Subd. 5 [Note: See Informational Bulletin 99-7 for Class A variance in a Housing With Services Setting. Non-compliance with this variance will result in a correction order issued under 4668.0016.]	<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 to Home Care. • Staff, employed or contracted, are registered and licensed as required by law. • Documentation of medication administration procedures are available. • Supervision is provided as required. 	Focus Survey ___ Met <u>X</u> ___ Correction Order(s) issued <u>X</u> ___ Education Provided Expanded Survey <u>X</u> ___ Survey not Expanded ___ Met ___ Correction Order(s) issued ___ Education Provided Follow-up Survey # ___ ___ New Correction Order issued ___ Education Provided
6. The provider obtains and keeps current all medication and treatment orders [if applicable]. Focus Survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MN Rule 4668.0150 Expanded Survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MN Rule 4668.0100 Subp. 2 [Note: See Informational Bulletin 99-7 and 04-12 for Class A variance in a Housing With Services setting with regards to medication administration, storage	<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. 	Focus Survey <u>X</u> ___ Met ___ Correction Order(s) issued ___ Education Provided Expanded Survey <u>X</u> ___ Survey not Expanded ___ Met ___ Correction Order(s) issued ___ Education Provided Follow-up Survey # ___ ___ New Correction

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and disposition. Non-compliance with this variance will result in a correction order issued under 4668.0016.]		Order issued ____ Education Provided
<p>7. The provider is licensed and provides services in accordance with the license.</p> <p>Focus Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MN Rule 4668.0019 <p>Expanded Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MN Rule 4668.0008 Subp. 3 MN Rule 4668.0012 MN Rule 4668.0060 Subp. 2 and 6 MN Rule 4668.0180 MN Rule 4668.0220 <p><small>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.</small></p>	<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 reflect services available. Licensee provides services within the scope of the license. Licensee has a contact person available when a para-professional is working. 	<p>Focus Survey</p> <p><u>X</u> Met ____ Correction Order(s) issued ____ Education Provided</p> <p>Expanded Survey</p> <p><u>X</u> Survey not Expanded ____ Met ____ Correction Order(s) issued ____ Education Provided</p> <p>Follow-up Survey # ____ ____ New Correction Order issued ____ Education Provided</p>
<p>8. The provider is in compliance with MDH waivers and variances.</p> <p>Expanded Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MN Rule 4668.0016 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licensee provides services within the scope of applicable MDH waivers and variances 	<p><i>This area does not apply to a Focus Survey.</i></p> <p>Expanded Survey</p> <p><u>X</u> Survey not Expanded ____ Met ____ Correction Order(s) issued ____ Education Provided</p> <p>Follow-up Survey # ____ ____ New Correction Order issued ____ Education Provided</p>

Please note: 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 survey may result in an expanded survey.

SURVEY RESULTS: ____ All Indicators of Compliance listed above were met.

For Indicators of Compliance not met, the rule or statute numbers and the findings of deficient practice are noted below.

1. MN Rule 4668.0100 Subp. 9**INDICATOR OF COMPLIANCE: # 1**

Based on record review and interview, the licensee failed to ensure that a registered nurse (RN) supervised unlicensed personnel who performed services that required supervision for one of one client's (#1) record reviewed. The findings include:

Client #1's record indicated she began receiving services from the licensee on May 12, 2009. The plan of care indicated she received assistance from the unlicensed staff with bathing and medication reminders as well as shopping, laundry, appointments, and housekeeping and the supervision was to be every month. The first supervisory visit was completed June 2, 2009, twenty-one days after the initiation of services. The second supervisory visit was completed on August 12, 2009, seventy-one days after the first visit.

When interviewed, October 7, 2009, the registered nurse stated he was unaware the supervisory visits were late.

2. MN Rule 4668.0130 Subp. 3**INDICATOR OF COMPLIANCE: # 5**

Based on record review and interview, the licensee failed to ensure training and competency testing was completed for one of one unlicensed employee's (A) record reviewed. The findings include:

Employee A began working for the licensee on July 25, 2008. Employee A's record did not contain evidence of training or competency testing for: medication reminders; appropriate and safe techniques in personal hygiene and grooming; reading and recording temperature, pulse, and respiration; adequate nutrition and fluid intake including basic meal preparation and special diets; safe transfer and ambulation techniques; and range of motion and positioning. Client #1's care plan indicated the unlicensed staff members were to provide assistance with bathing; assistance with medications, such as refilling and reordering; and light housekeeping.

When interviewed, October 7, 2009, the registered nurse (RN) stated that employee A provided personal care attendant (PCA) services for client #1, which he thought did not require the home health aide training curriculum; he also stated that employee A did not have any practical skills test for the above listed training requirements. When interviewed, October 8, 2009, client #1 stated employee A assisted her with medication reminders, shopping, bathing, appointments, cooking and housekeeping.

3. MN Rule 4668.0140 Subp. 2**INDICATOR OF COMPLIANCE: # 1**

Based on record review and interview, the licensee failed to provide an accurate or complete service agreement for one of one client's (#1) record reviewed. The findings include:

Client #1's record contained a service agreement, dated and signed by the client on May 12, 2009. The service agreement lacked the specific services the unlicensed staff were to provide; the fees for services; and the category of persons who were to perform the supervisory visits. The frequency of services on the service agreement was listed as 9 units per day of personal care attendant (PCA), however, the registered nurse stated the PCA provided 5 hours and 15 minutes, three times per week. The schedule or frequency of supervision and monitoring on the service agreement was listed as every month.

When interviewed, October 7, 2009, the registered nurse stated he was not aware of all the contents of the service agreement. When interviewed, October 8, 2009, client #1 stated she was unaware of the fees for the services that were being provided to her.

4. MN Statute §626.557 Subd. 14(b)

INDICATOR OF COMPLIANCE: # 3

Based on record review and interview the licensee failed to provide a vulnerable adult assessment and plan for one of one client's (#1) record reviewed. The findings include:

Client #1's record lacked any vulnerable adult assessment and plan.

When interviewed, October 7, 2009, the registered nurse stated he had a vulnerable adult assessment form that he generally used to assess the client's vulnerabilities; however, it had been missed on client #1 and had not been completed.

A draft copy of this completed form was faxed to Robin Nyangena, RN, at a teleconference on October 12, 2009. 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 A Licensed-only Home Care Provider general information is available by going to the following web address and clicking on the Class A Home Care Provider link:

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

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).



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October 17, 2008

Lana Haugberg, Administrator
Alliance HHC & Nursing Service
1405 North Lilac Drive STE 21
Golden Valley, MN 55422

Re: Telephone Interview

Dear Ms. Haugberg:

The information discussed during a telephone interview conducted by staff of the Minnesota Department of Health, Case Mix Review Program, on September 12, 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". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "J" and "M".

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: Alliance HHC and Nrsg. Service

HFID #: 25403

Type of License: Class A Home Care

Date of Interview: September 12, 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 4668.0100 Subp. 5 (Class A) <input type="checkbox"/> Competency testing required MN Rule 4668.0835 Subp. 3 (Class F) <input type="checkbox"/> Inservice training MN Rule 4668.0100 Subp. 6 (Class A) <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Difference between medication administration and assistance with medication administration. MN Rule 4668.0003 Subp. 2a and Subp. 21a <input checked="" 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 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 4668.0180 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 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 4668.0100 Subp. 9 (Class A) <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 4668.0140 (Class A)
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 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 Lana Haugberg, Adm. during a telephone interview on September 12, 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:

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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