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December 9, 2025

Administrator
Green Lea Senior Living
115 North Lyndale, Rr 2 Box 49
Mabel, MN 55954

RE: CCN: 245536

Cycle Start Date: September 26, 2025

Dear Administrator:

On September 26, 2025, a survey was completed at your facility by the Minnesota Department of Health to determine if your facility was in compliance with Federal participation requirements for skilled nursing facilities and/or nursing facilities participating in the Medicare and/or Medicaid programs.

This survey found the most serious deficiencies in your facility to be isolated deficiencies that constituted immediate jeopardy (Level J).

The Statement of Deficiencies (CMS-2567) is being electronically delivered and does not require a plan of correction (POC) because corrective action was taken prior to the survey (past non-compliance).

REMOVAL OF IMMEDIATE JEOPARDY

On September 17, 2025, the situation of immediate jeopardy to potential health and safety cited at F689 was removed.

REMEDIES

As a result of the survey findings and in accordance with survey and certification memo 16-31-NH, this Department recommended the enforcement remedy listed below to the CMS location.

- Civil money penalty, (42 CFR 488.430 through 488.444)

You will receive a formal notice from the CMS location only if CMS agrees with our recommendation.

NURSE AIDE TRAINING PROHIBITION

Please note that Federal law, as specified in the Act at §§ 1819(f)(2)(B) and 1919(f)(2)(B), prohibits approval of nurse aide training and competency evaluation programs and nurse aide competency evaluation programs offered by, or in, a facility which, within the previous two years, has operated under a § 1819(b)(4)(C)(ii)(II) or § 1919(b)(4)(C)(ii) waiver (i.e., waiver of full-time registered professional nurse); has been subject to an extended or partial extended survey as a result of a finding of substandard quality of care; has been assessed a total civil money penalty of not less than \$13,343; has been subject to a denial of payment, the appointment of a temporary manager or termination; or, in the case of an emergency, has been closed and/or had its residents transferred to other facilities.

Therefore, your agency is prohibited from offering or conducting a Nurse Assistant Training/Competency Evaluation Programs or Competency Evaluation Programs for two years effective September 26, 2025. This prohibition is **not subject to appeal**. Under Public Law 105-15 (H.R. 968), you may request a waiver of this prohibition if certain criteria are met. Please contact the Nursing Assistant Registry at (800) 397-6124 for specific information regarding a waiver for these programs from this Department.

The CMS location may notify you of their determination regarding any imposed remedies.

SUBSTANDARD QUALITY OF CARE (SQC)

SQC was identified at your facility. Sections 1819(g)(5)(C) and § 1919(g)(5)(C) of the Social Security Act and 42 CFR 488.325(h) requires that the attending physician of each resident who was found to have received substandard quality of care, as well as the State board responsible for licensing the facility's administrator, be notified of the substandard quality of care. If you have not already provided the following information, you are required to provide to this agency within ten working days of your receipt of this letter the name and address of the attending physician of each resident found to have received substandard quality of care.

Please note that, in accordance with 42 CFR 488.325(g), your failure to provide this information timely will result in termination of participation in the Medicare and/or Medicaid program(s) or imposition of alternative remedies.

Federal law, as specified in the Act at § 1819(f)(2)(B) and § 1919(f)(2)(B), prohibits approval of nurse assistant training programs offered by, or in, a facility which, within the previous two years, has been subject to an extended or partial extended survey as a result of a finding of substandard quality of care. Therefore, Green Lea Senior Living is prohibited from offering or conducting a Nurse Assistant Training / Competency Evaluation Programs (NATCEP) or Competency Evaluation Programs for two years effective September 26, 2025. This prohibition remains in effect for the specified period even though substantial compliance is attained. Under Public Law 105-15 (H. R. 968), you may request a

waiver of this prohibition if certain criteria are met. Please contact the Nursing Assistant Registry at (800) 397-6124 for specific information regarding a waiver for these programs from this Department.

DEPARTMENT CONTACT

Questions regarding this letter and all documents submitted as a response to the resident care deficiencies (those preceded by a "F" and/or an "E" tag), i.e., the plan of correction should be directed to:

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Please note that this notice does not constitute formal notice of imposition of alternative remedies or termination of your provider agreement. Should the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services determine that termination or any other remedy is warranted, it will provide you with a separate formal notification of that determination.

INFORMAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION (IDR)

In accordance with 42 CFR 488.331 and Minnesota Statute 144A.10 subd 15, you have one opportunity to question cited deficiencies through an informal dispute resolution process. You are required to send your written request, along with the specific deficiencies being disputed, and an explanation of why you are disputing those deficiencies, to: <https://forms.web.health.state.mn.us/form/NHDisputeResolution>

This request must be sent within the same ten calendar days you have for submitting an ePoC for the cited deficiencies. Please note that the failure to complete the informal dispute resolution process will not delay the dates specified for compliance or the imposition of remedies.

A copy of the Department's informal dispute resolution policies is posted on the MDH Information Bulletin website at: https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/regulation/infobulletins/ib04_8.html

Sincerely,



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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTIONS	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 245536	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. BUILDING B. WING	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 09/26/2025
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F0000	<p>INITIAL COMMENTS</p> <p>On 9/25/25, and 9/26/25, a standard abbreviated survey was completed at your facility by the Minnesota Department of Health to determine if your facility was in compliance with requirements of 42 CFR Part 483, Subpart B, and Requirements for Long Term Care Facilities.</p> <p>The following complaints were reviewed: H55364761C (2624287), H55364761C (2618330), and H55364260C (2613505). A deficiency was issued at F689 at PAST NON-COMPLIANCE.</p> <p>Although the provider had implemented corrective action prior to survey, immediate jeopardy was sustained prior to the survey. No plan of correction is required for a finding of past non-compliance; however, the facility must acknowledge receipt of the electronic documents.</p>	F0000		
F0689 SS = SQC-J	<p>Free of Accident Hazards/Supervision/Devices</p> <p>CFR(s): 483.25(d)(1)(2)</p> <p>§483.25(d) Accidents.</p> <p>The facility must ensure that -</p> <p>§483.25(d)(1) The resident environment remains as free of accident hazards as is possible; and</p> <p>§483.25(d)(2) Each resident receives adequate supervision and assistance devices to prevent accidents.</p> <p>This REQUIREMENT is NOT MET as evidenced by:</p> <p>Based on interview and document review the facility failed to ensure safe transfers for 1 of 1 resident (R1) while using a mechanical lift and did not follow the correct procedure for applying the straps of the sling to the lift. As a result, the sling became unhooked from the mechanical lift, R1 fell to the floor, and sustained a hematoma (collection of blood outside a blood vessel) to the back of her head, and fractures to the left 3rd, 4th, and 6th ribs which</p>	F0689	"Past Noncompliance - no plan of correction required"	

Any deficiency statement ending with an asterisk (*) denotes a deficiency which the institution may be excused from correcting providing it is determined that other safeguards provide sufficient protection to the patients. (See reverse for further instructions.) Except for nursing homes, the findings stated above are disclosable 90 days following the date of survey whether or not a plan of correction is provided. For nursing homes, the above findings and plans of correction are disclosable 14 days following the date these documents are made available to the facility. If deficiencies are cited, an approved plan of correction is requisite to continued program participation.

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<p>F0689 SS = SQC-J</p>	<p>Continued from page 1 resulted in an immediate jeopardy (IJ).</p> <p>The IJ began on 9/15/25 when facility staff failed to follow manufacturer directions for connecting a sling to a mechanical lift and R1 fell from the lift. The Administrator, nurse consultant, and director of nursing (DON) were notified of the past non-compliance (PNC) IJ on 9/26/25 at 11:35 a.m. The facility immediately implemented and began corrective action on 9/15/25, and the deficient practice was corrected on 9/17/25, prior to the start of the survey and was therefore issued as a PNC IJ.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>R1's face sheet dated 9/26/25, identified diagnoses of spondylosis of the lumbosacral and cervical region (stiffening of the spine), pain in right shoulder, and muscle weakness.</p> <p>R1's annual Minimum Data Set (MDS) dated 8/12/25, identified R1 was cognitively intact and had no behaviors. R1 required maximum assistance to transfer between surfaces.</p> <p>R1's care plan revised on 9/16/25, identified R1 required two staff assistance to transfer with the mechanical lift. Staff refer to the mechanical lift sling size list posted at the nurses station and NA charting room for sling size.</p> <p>The facility Nursing Home Incident Report (NHIR) dated 9/19/25, identified on 9/15/25 staff used two slings and did not follow facility protocol. Staff were transferring R1 into a shower chair for a shower. Sling noted to be too small and instead of removing sling under resident the staff placed another sling under resident and hooked up both slings on the mechanical lift.</p> <p>R1's progress note dated 9/15/25 at 4:06 p.m., identified licensed practical nurse (LPN)-A received a call over the radio system to come to R1's room STAT (immediately). LPN-A entered the room and observed the bath chair with brakes locked, in the middle of the room. The mechanical lift was in the highest position, with two straps of the sling connected to the lift, and two straps dangling. Brakes on the mechanical lift were locked. R1 was observed below the lift with the left side of her head on the floor directly by the left front wheel of the bath chair, left side of body on the floor, left foot on the platform of the mechanical lift, with right leg crossed over the top of her left leg, left shoulder under body with left arm across</p>	<p>F0689</p>		

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F0689 SS = SQC-J	<p>Continued from page 2</p> <p>chest to right shoulder, right arm was holding a nursing assistants (NA) hand. R1 stated she hit her head and LPN-A felt a quarter-sized lump on the back of her head. LPN-A took R1's vital signs. To prevent further injuries, LPN-A called for an ambulance to assist with lifting R1 and sent R1 to the emergency room for evaluation.</p> <p>R1's progress note dated 9/15/25 at 10:44 p.m., identified R1 returned to facility with a diagnosis of head injury. R1 complained of back pain and agreed to sleep in bed for pain management and ease of ability to make observations for further injuries. R1 was given hydromorphone (opioid given for moderate to severe pain) at 10:30 p.m. with a dose of Tylenol for pain rated 7/10.</p> <p>R1's emergency room After Visit Summary (AVS) dated 9/15/25, identified R1 was seen for a head injury. A Computed Tomography (CT) was done on R1's head and an x-ray of the left femur was completed.</p> <p>R1's progress note dated 9/16/25 at 3:06 a.m., identified R1 continued to have mild pain to left rib area and sensitivity to hematoma on the left back of head.</p> <p>R1's progress note dated 9/17/25 at 10:15 a.m., identified R1 was seen by her physician for follow-up from the fall on 9/15/25.</p> <p>R1's physician visit note dated 9/17/25, identified R1 unable to participate in rotator cuff muscle testing due to pain and limited range of motion. R1 was not able to lift her left elbow or shoulder off the bed due to pain. R1 reported significant pain all along her left side. R1 stated everything felt stiff. R1 was lying in bed for exam, which was unlike her as she typically detests her bed and prefers to sleep in her recliner.</p> <p>R1's progress note dated 9/21/25 at 3:30 a.m., identified R1 had 8/10 left rib pain. R1 was only able to move/shift very gently and limited in her bed. R1 refused to roll or be transferred from bed due to the pain as it intensified with upper body movement. R1 also had left upper arm pain with any left arm movement and kept the left arm resting across her chest. R1 stated the pain became worse on 9/20/25 in the afternoon. Emergency room evaluation was offered and R1 refused at this time. Reviewed emergency department after visit summary from 9/15/25, and identified no chest x-ray had been completed. R1 questioned if she had broken ribs. Area under left breast very tender to</p>	F0689		

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F0689 SS = SQC-J	<p>Continued from page 5 mechanical lift until they were re-trained on it.</p> <p>During an interview on 9/26/25 at 9:54 a.m., DON and Administrator were present. DON stated NA-A and NA-B explained R1 had the wrong size sling under her and was complaining about it digging into her thighs and that is why they used a different sling. The error happened when the NAs hooked both slings up to the mechanical lift to transfer R1 and did not follow protocol, contrary to NA interviews. Maintenance examined the mechanical lift prior to putting it back in use and there were no holes, tears, or rips in any of the slings. DON began training all nursing staff on mechanical lifts and correct sling sizes and would not let any staff use the mechanical lift until they had been retrained.</p> <p>The facility Using a Mechanical Lifting Machine policy dated 9/16/25, identified at least two NA's are needed to move a resident with a mechanical lift. Measure the resident for the proper sling size and purpose, according to manufacturer's instructions. Place the sling under the resident. Visually check to make sure it is not too large or small. Make sure the sling is securely attached to the clips and that it is properly balanced.</p> <p>The PNC IJ that began on 9/15/25, was removed on 9/17/25, when it was verified, the facility implemented the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) NAR's immediately removed from the floor and given education on mechanical lifts, safe transfers, and sling safety with return demonstration on 9/15/25. 2) All nursing staff education on mechanical lifts, safe transfers, and sling safety with return demonstration began on 9/15/25 and continued until all staff were trained and completed on 9/17/25. 3) Disciplinary action for NAR's involved in the incident on 9/16/25. 4) Mandatory staff meeting regarding mechanical lifts and sling safety completed on 9/18/25. 5) Audits will be completed bi-weekly for three months and reviewed with the Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement team. 	F0689		



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Re: Event ID: 1D7F19-H1

Dear Administrator:

The above facility survey was completed on September 26, 2025, for the purpose of assessing compliance with Minnesota Department of Health Nursing Home Rules. At the time of the survey, the survey team from the Minnesota Department of Health - Health Regulation Division noted no violations of these rules promulgated under Minnesota Stat. section 144.653 and/or Minnesota Stat. Section 144A.10.

Electronically posted is the Minnesota Department of Health order form stating that no violations were noted at the time of this survey. The Minnesota Department of Health is documenting the State Licensing Correction Orders using federal software. Please disregard the heading of the fourth column which states, "Provider's Plan of Correction." This applies to Federal deficiencies only. There is no requirement to submit a Plan of Correction.

Please feel free to call me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'H. Zahler'.

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20000	<p>Initial Comments</p> <p>*****ATTENTION*****</p> <p>NH LICENSING CORRECTION ORDER</p> <p>In accordance with Minnesota Statute, section 144A.10, this correction order has been issued pursuant to a survey. If, upon reinspection, it is found that the deficiency or deficiencies 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.</p> <p>Determination of whether a violation has been corrected requires compliance with all requirements of the rule provided at the tag number and MN Rule number indicated below. When a rule contains several items, failure to comply with any of the items will be considered lack of compliance. Lack of compliance upon re-inspection with any item of multi-part rule will result in the assessment of a fine even if the item that was violated during the initial inspection was corrected.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>INITIAL COMMENTS:</p> <p>On 9/25/25, and 9/26/25, a complaint survey was conducted at your facility by surveyors from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). Your facility was IN compliance with the MN State Licensure.</p> <p>The following complaints were reviewed during the survey: H55364761C (2624287), H55364761C (2618330), and H55364260C (2613505).</p>	20000		

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