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July 4, 2020

Administrator  
Good Samaritan Society - Westbrook  
149 First Street, Box 218  
Westbrook, MN 56183

RE: CCN: 245595  
Survey Start Date: May 5, 2020

Dear Administrator:

On June 30, 2020 the Minnesota Department(s) of Health completed a revisit to verify that your facility had achieved and maintained compliance. We have determined that your facility has achieved substantial compliance as of June 15, 2020. Per the CMS Memo QSO-20-20-All, enforcement remedies were suspended from March 23, 2020 to May 31, 2020 and will be evaluated at a later date.

The CMS Region V Office may notify you of their determination regarding any remedies.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kamala Fiske-Downing'.

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May 28, 2020

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SUBJECT: SURVEY RESULTS  
CCN: 245595  
Cycle Start Date: May 5, 2020

Dear Administrator:

#### SUSPENSION OF SURVEY AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

**The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is committed to taking critical steps to ensure America's health care facilities are prepared to respond to the threat of disease caused by the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). In accordance with Memorandum QSO-20-20-All, CMS is suspending certain Federal and State Survey Agency surveys, and delaying revisit surveys, for all certified provider and supplier types.**

**During this time, CMS is prioritizing and conducting only the following surveys: focused infection control surveys, investigations of complaints and facility-reported incidents that are triaged at the Immediate Jeopardy (IJ) level, and revisit surveys for unremoved IJ level deficiencies. With the exception of unremoved IJs, CMS will also be exercising enforcement discretion during the suspension period. For additional information on the prioritization of survey activities please visit <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-20-allpdf.pdf-0>.**

#### SURVEY RESULTS

On May 5, 2020, the Minnesota Department of Health completed a COVID-19 Focused Survey at Good Samaritan Society - Westbrook to determine if your facility was in compliance with Federal requirements related to implementing proper infection prevention and control practices to prevent the development and transmission of COVID-19. The survey revealed that your facility was not in substantial compliance. The findings from this survey are documented on the electronically delivered CMS 2567.

#### PLAN OF CORRECTION

You must submit an acceptable electronic plan of correction (ePOC) for the enclosed deficiencies that were cited during the May 5, 2020 survey. Good Samaritan Society - Westbrook may choose to delay

submission of an ePOC until after the survey and enforcement suspensions have been lifted. The provider will have ten days from the date the suspensions are lifted to submit an ePOC. An acceptable ePOC will serve as your allegation of compliance. Upon receipt of an acceptable ePOC, we will authorize a revisit to your facility to determine if substantial compliance has been achieved. Please note that if an onsite revisit is required, the revisit will be delayed until after survey and enforcement suspensions are lifted. The failure to submit an acceptable ePOC can lead to termination of your Medicare and Medicaid participation.

To be acceptable, a provider's ePOC must include the following:

- How corrective action will be accomplished for those residents found to have been affected by the deficient practice;
- How the facility will identify other residents having the potential to be affected by the same deficient practice;
- What measures will be put into place, or systemic changes made, to ensure that the deficient practice will not recur;
- How the facility will monitor its corrective actions to ensure that the deficient practice is being corrected and will not recur; and
- The date that each deficiency will be corrected.

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

Nicole Osterloh, Unit Supervisor  
Health Regulation Division  
Email: nicole.osterloh@state.mn.us  
Office: 507-476-4230 Cell: 218-340-308  
Fax: 507-537-7194

### **INFORMAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

You have one opportunity to dispute the deficiencies cited on the May 5, 2020 survey through Informal Dispute Resolution (IDR) in accordance with 42 CFR § 488.331. To receive an IDR, send (1) your written request, (2) the specific deficiencies being disputed, (3) an explanation of why you are disputing those deficiencies, and (4) supporting documentation by fax or email to:

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An IDR may not be used to challenge any aspect of the survey process, including the following:

- Scope and Severity assessments of deficiencies, except for the deficiencies constituting immediate jeopardy and substandard quality of care;

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- Remedies imposed;
- Alleged failure of the surveyor to comply with a requirement of the survey process;
- Alleged inconsistency of the surveyor in citing deficiencies among facilities; and
- Alleged inadequacy or inaccuracy of the IDR process.

We will advise you in writing of the outcome of the IDR. Should the IDR result in a change to the Statement of Deficiencies, we will send you a revised CMS-2567 reflecting the changes.

An IDR, including any face-to-face meetings, constitutes an informal administrative process that in no way is to be construed as a formal evidentiary hearing. If you wish to be accompanied by counsel for your IDR, then you must indicate that in your written request for informal dispute resolution.

**Good Samaritan Society - Westbrook may choose to delay a request for an IDR until after the survey and enforcement suspensions have been lifted. The provider will have ten days from the date the suspensions are lifted to submit a request for an IDR in accordance with the instructions above.**

#### QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ORGANIZATION (QIO) RESOURCES

The Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) Program is committed to supporting healthcare facilities in the fight to prevent and treat COVID-19 as it spreads throughout the United States. QIO resources regarding COVID-19 and infection control strategies can be found at <https://qioprogram.org/>. This page will continue to be updated as more information is made available. QIOs will be reaching out to Nursing Homes to provide virtual technical assistance related to infection control. QIOs per state can be found at <https://qioprogram.org/locate-your-qio>.

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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION		(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  <b>245595</b>	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. BUILDING _____  B. WING _____		(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  <b>05/05/2020</b>
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER  <b>GOOD SAMARITAN SOCIETY - WESTBROOK</b>			STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE <b>149 FIRST STREET, BOX 218 WESTBROOK, MN 56183</b>		
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E 000	Initial Comments  A COVID-19 Focused Infection Control survey was conducted 5/5/20, at your facility by the Minnesota Department of Health to determine compliance with Emergency Preparedness regulations §483.73(b)(6). The facility was IN full compliance. Because you are enrolled in ePOC, your signature is not required at the bottom of the first page of the CMS-2567 form. Although no plan of correction is required, it is required that the facility acknowledge receipt of the electronic documents.	E 000			
F 000	INITIAL COMMENTS  A COVID-19 Focused Infection Control survey was conducted on 5/5/20, at your facility by the Minnesota Department of Health to determine compliance with §483.80 Infection Control. The facility was determined NOT to be in compliance.  The facility's plan of correction (POC) will serve as your allegation of compliance upon the Department's acceptance.  Because you are enrolled in ePOC, your signature is not required at the bottom of the first page of the CMS-2567 form.  Upon receipt of an acceptable electronic POC, a revisit of your facility will be conducted to validate substantial compliance with the regulations has been attained in accordance with your verification.	F 000			
F 880 SS=F	Infection Prevention & Control CFR(s): 483.80(a)(1)(2)(4)(e)(f)  §483.80 Infection Control	F 880		6/15/20	

LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE

TITLE

(X6) DATE

Electronically Signed

06/05/2020

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 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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F 880	<p>Continued From page 1</p> <p>The facility must establish and maintain an infection prevention and control program designed to provide a safe, sanitary and comfortable environment and to help prevent the development and transmission of communicable diseases and infections.</p> <p>§483.80(a) Infection prevention and control program. The facility must establish an infection prevention and control program (IPCP) that must include, at a minimum, the following elements:</p> <p>§483.80(a)(1) A system for preventing, identifying, reporting, investigating, and controlling infections and communicable diseases for all residents, staff, volunteers, visitors, and other individuals providing services under a contractual arrangement based upon the facility assessment conducted according to §483.70(e) and following accepted national standards;</p> <p>§483.80(a)(2) Written standards, policies, and procedures for the program, which must include, but are not limited to:</p> <p>(i) A system of surveillance designed to identify possible communicable diseases or infections before they can spread to other persons in the facility;</p> <p>(ii) When and to whom possible incidents of communicable disease or infections should be reported;</p> <p>(iii) Standard and transmission-based precautions to be followed to prevent spread of infections;</p> <p>(iv) When and how isolation should be used for a resident; including but not limited to:</p> <p>(A) The type and duration of the isolation, depending upon the infectious agent or organism</p>	F 880			

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F 880	<p>Continued From page 2 involved, and</p> <p>(B) A requirement that the isolation should be the least restrictive possible for the resident under the circumstances.</p> <p>(v) The circumstances under which the facility must prohibit employees with a communicable disease or infected skin lesions from direct contact with residents or their food, if direct contact will transmit the disease; and</p> <p>(vi) The hand hygiene procedures to be followed by staff involved in direct resident contact.</p> <p>§483.80(a)(4) A system for recording incidents identified under the facility's IPCP and the corrective actions taken by the facility.</p> <p>§483.80(e) Linens. Personnel must handle, store, process, and transport linens so as to prevent the spread of infection.</p> <p>§483.80(f) Annual review. The facility will conduct an annual review of its IPCP and update their program, as necessary. This REQUIREMENT is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, interview and document review, the facility failed implement isolation precautions according to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) guidelines for 5 of 5 residents (R1, R2, R3, R4, and R5) admitted to the facility. This had the potential to affect all 27 residents residing in the facility.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>Interview on 5/5/2020, at 8:39 a.m. the facility</p>	F 880	<p>The preparation of the following plan of correction for this deficiency does not constitute and should not be interpreted as an admission nor an agreement by the facility of the truth of the facts alleged or conclusions set forth in the statement of deficiencies. The plan of correction prepared for this deficiency was executed solely because the provisions of state and federal law require it. Without waiving the foregoing statement, the facility states with respect to:</p>		

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F 880	<p>Continued From page 3</p> <p>administrator indicated no residents/staff currently had symptoms of COVID-19 in the facility. The administrator indicated R1 was admitted on 4/30/2020, and tested negative for COVID-19 prior to admission. The administrator indicated no residents were currently quarantined in isolation.</p> <p>Interview on 5/5/2020, at 8:42 a.m. licensed practical nurse (LPN)-A indicated residents who were newly admitted to the facility were not quarantined or placed in isolation.</p> <p>Interview on 5/5/2020, at 9:00 a.m. with the admissions coordinator (AC) stated residents admitted to the facility were required to have a negative COVID-19 testing, and needed to be asymptomatic for COVID-19 prior to admission. AC indicated nursing staff conducted a COVID-19 symptoms screening upon entrance to the facility, and indicated all residents were asked to isolate to their rooms, but were able to leave their rooms if they chose to.</p> <p>Observation on 5/5/2020 at 9:16 a.m., of R1 and several other residents were observed seated at dining room tables.</p> <p>Interview on 5/5/2020, at 10:10 a.m. with nursing assistant (NA)-A indicated R1 was newly admitted to the facility and ate in the dining room because he required assistance from staff. NA-A indicated R1 was not in isolation precautions or quarantined. NA-A stated all residents who needed assistance with eating came to the dining room for meals.</p> <p>Interview on 5/5/2020, at 10:18 am. the infection preventionist registered nurse (IPRN)-A identified residents were required to be symptom-free and</p>	F 880	<p>To prevent further deficient practice, the facility implemented isolation precautions for admissions/readmissions during COVID-19 effective 05/05/2020.</p> <p>Administrator and interdisciplinary team reviewed policy and procedure regarding isolation precautions for admissions/readmissions during COVID-19.</p> <p>All staff will be educated by 06/06/2020 regarding isolation precautions related to COVID-19 policy for all admissions/readmissions.</p> <p>DNS or designee will conduct audits weekly for one month and monthly for two more months to ensure all admissions/readmissions are placed on isolation precautions.</p> <p>DNS or designee will present findings of audits at monthly QAPI meetings for review and recommendation.</p> <p>Administrator will monitor compliance on this correction.</p>		



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F 880	<p>Continued From page 4</p> <p>have negative COVID-19 test before they were admitted to the facility. IPRN-A stated residents were not quarantined upon admission if they had no COVID-19 symptoms. IPRN-A identified the facility had admitted the following 5 residents, and verified they were not quarantined/isolated upon admission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 4/30/2020, R1 was admitted to the facility.</li> <li>- On 4/17/2020, R2 was admitted to the facility</li> <li>- On 3/30/2020, R3 was admitted to the facility.</li> <li>- On 3/31/2020, R4 was admitted to the facility.</li> <li>- On 3/25/2020, R5 was admitted to the facility.</li> </ul> <p>Interview on 5/5/2020, at 11:45 a.m. with the director of nursing (DON) and administrator indicated they had received COVID-19 updates from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), and Quality, Safety, and Oversight (QSO) memos for COVID-19. The DON and administrator indicated they followed the guidance provided by the corporate office and implemented changes upon their direction, including hospital admissions.</p> <p>A review of the facility provided document revised 4/23/2020, and titled "Guidance on Accepting Hospital Admissions - Accepting Admissions from Hospitals During COVID-19 Pandemic". The document indicated residents newly admitted to the facility were to be COVID-19 tested by their primary care physician prior to admission, and were not to be admitted to a facility until a negative result was received. The guidance indicated if a negative COVID-19 test result was</p>	F 880			

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F 880	Continued From page 5 received, and the resident was negative for COVID-19 symptoms upon admission the facility, and should have limited contact with other residents as much as possible. The document failed to provide guidance per CMS/CDC guidelines on implementing quarantine isolation precautions for newly admitted/re-admitted residents to the facility.	F 880			