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Licensee

Affinity Residential Care LLC

8053 Bloomington Highway East, Suite 500

Bloomington, MN 55420

RE: Project Number(s) SL35461202

Dear Licensee:

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) completed a survey on January 3, 2024, for the purpose of evaluating and assessing compliance with state licensing statutes. At the time of the survey, the MDH noted violations of the laws pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 144A and/or Minn. Stat. § 626.5572 and/or Minn. Stat. Chapter 260E.

The MDH concludes the licensee is in substantial compliance. State law requires the facility must take action to correct the state correction orders and document the actions taken to comply in the facility's records. The Department reserves the right to return to the facility at any time should the Department receive a complaint or deem it necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of residents in your care.

STATE CORRECTION ORDERS

The enclosed State Form documents the state correction orders. The MDH documents state correction orders using federal software. Tag numbers are assigned to Minnesota state statutes for Home Care Providers. The assigned tag number appears in the far left column entitled "ID Prefix Tag." The state statute number and the corresponding text of the state statute out of compliance are listed in the "Summary Statement of Deficiencies" column. This column also includes the findings that are in violation of the state statute after the statement, "This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by . . ."

In accordance with Minn. Stat. § 144A.474 Subd. 11, MDH may assess fines based on the level and scope of the violations; **however, no immediate fines are assessed for this survey at your agency.**

DOCUMENTATION OF ACTION TO COMPLY

In accordance with Minn. Stat. § 144A.474, Subd. 8(c), the licensee must document actions taken to comply with the correction orders within the time period outlined on the state form; however, plans of correction are not required to be submitted for approval.

The correction order documentation should include the following:

- Identify how the area(s) of noncompliance was corrected related to the client(s)/employee(s) identified in the correction order.
- Identify how the area(s) of noncompliance was corrected for all of the provider's client(s)/employees that may be affected by the noncompliance.
- Identify what changes to your systems and practices were made to ensure compliance with the specific statute(s).

CORRECTION ORDER RECONSIDERATION PROCESS

In accordance with Minn. Stat. § 144A.474, Subd. 12, you may challenge the correction order issued, including the level and scope, and any fine assessed through the correction order reconsideration process. The request for reconsideration must be in writing and received by the MDH within 15 business days of the correction order receipt date.

A state correction order under Minn. Stat. § 144A.44 Subd. 1(14), Free from Maltreatment is associated with a maltreatment determination by the Office of Health Facility Complaints. If maltreatment is substantiated, you will receive a separate letter with the reconsideration process under Minn. Stat. § 626.557.

To submit a reconsideration request, please visit:

<https://forms.web.health.state.mn.us/form/HRDAppealsForm>

You are encouraged to retain this document for your records. It is your responsibility to share the information contained in the letter and state form with your organization's Governing Body.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: H35461	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. BUILDING: _____ B. WING _____	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 01/03/2024
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NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER AFFINITY RESIDENTIAL CARE LLC	STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 8053 BLOOMINGTON FWY EAST, STE 500 BLOOMINGTON, MN 55420
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0 000	<p>Initial Comments</p> <p>INITIAL COMMENTS: SL#35461202</p> <p>On January 2, 2024, through January 3, 2024, the Minnesota Department of Health conducted a survey at the above provider, and the following correction orders are issued. At the time of the survey, there was no clients receiving services under the provider's comprehensive license.</p>	0 000	<p>Minnesota Department of Health is documenting the State Licensing Correction Orders using federal software. Tag numbers have been assigned to Minnesota State Statutes for Home Care Providers. The assigned tag number appears in the far left column entitled "ID Prefix Tag." The state Statute number and the corresponding text of the state Statute out of compliance is listed in the "Summary Statement of Deficiencies" column. This column also includes the findings which are in violation of the state requirement after the statement, "This Minnesota requirement is not met as evidenced by." Following the evaluators' findings is the Time Period for Correction.</p> <p>PLEASE DISREGARD THE HEADING OF THE FOURTH COLUMN WHICH STATES, "PROVIDER'S PLAN OF CORRECTION." THIS APPLIES TO FEDERAL DEFICIENCIES ONLY. THIS WILL APPEAR ON EACH PAGE.</p> <p>THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT A PLAN OF CORRECTION FOR VIOLATIONS OF MINNESOTA STATE STATUTES.</p> <p>THE LETTER IN THE LEFT COLUMN IS USED FOR TRACKING PURPOSES AND REFLECTS THE SCOPE AND LEVEL ISSUED PURSUANT TO 144A.474 SUBDIVISION 11 (b)(1)(2).</p>	
0 815 SS=F	<p>144A.479, Subd. 7 Employee Records</p> <p>The home care provider must maintain current</p>	0 815		

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LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE _____ TITLE _____ (X6) DATE _____

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0 815	<p>Continued From page 1</p> <p>records of each paid employee, regularly scheduled volunteers providing home care services, and of each individual contractor providing home care services. The records must include the following information:</p> <p>(1) evidence of current professional licensure, registration, or certification, if licensure, registration, or certification is required by this statute or other rules;</p> <p>(2) records of orientation, required annual training and infection control training, and competency evaluations;</p> <p>(3) current job description, including qualifications, responsibilities, and identification of staff providing supervision;</p> <p>(4) documentation of annual performance reviews which identify areas of improvement needed and training needs;</p> <p>(5) for individuals providing home care services, verification that any health screenings required by infection control programs established under section 144A.4798 have taken place and the dates of those screenings; and</p> <p>(6) documentation of the background study as required under section 144.057.</p> <p>Each employee record must be retained for at least three years after a paid employee, home care volunteer, or contractor ceases to be employed by or under contract with the home care provider. If a home care provider ceases operation, employee records must be maintained for three years.</p> <p>This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on interview and record review, the licensee failed to ensure employee records included evidence of orientation documentation for one of one employee (registered nurse (RN)-B).</p>	0 815		

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0 815	<p>Continued From page 2</p> <p>This practice resulted in a level two violation (a violation that did not harm a client's health or safety but had the potential to have harmed a client's health or safety, but was not likely to cause serious injury, impairment, or death), and was issued at a widespread scope (when problems are pervasive or represent a systemic failure that has affected or has potential to affect a large portion or all of the clients).</p> <p>The findings include:</p> <p>RN-B was hired September 12, 2021.</p> <p>RN-B's record lacked documentation of orientation.</p> <p>On January 3, 2024, at 11:45 a.m., owner/clinical nurse supervisor (O/CNS)-A stated RN-B received orientation but was unsure of where orientation documents are located.</p> <p>The licensee's 2.39 Orientation policy dated January 1, 2020, indicated employee records would include evidence of completed orientation.</p> <p>No further information provided.</p> <p>TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Twenty-one (21) days</p>	0 815		