STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Healthcare Quality and Safety Branch

March 7, 2022

Lisa Mierek, Executive Director
Atria Larson Place
1450 Whitney Avenue
Hamden, CT 06517

Dear Ms. Mierek:

An unannounced visit was made to Atria Larson Place on January 31, 2022 by a representative of the Facility Licensing and Investigations Section of the Department of Public Health for the purpose of conducting a licensing renewal inspection.

Attached is a violation of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies and/or General Statutes of Connecticut which was noted during the course of the visit. The state violations cannot be edited by the provider in any way.

In accordance with Connecticut General Statutes, section 19a-496, upon a finding of noncompliance with such statutes or regulations, the Department shall issue a written notice of noncompliance to the institution. Not later than ten days after such institution receives a notice of noncompliance, the institution shall submit a plan of correction to the Department in response to the items of noncompliance identified in such notice.

The plan of correction is to be submitted to the Department by March 17, 2022.

The plan of correction shall include:
(1) The measures that the institution intends to implement or systemic changes that the institution intends to make to prevent a recurrence of each identified issue of noncompliance;
(2) the date each such corrective measure or change by the institution is effective;
(3) the institution's plan to monitor its quality assessment and performance improvement functions to ensure that the corrective measure or systemic change is sustained; and

(4) the title of the institution's staff member that is responsible for ensuring the institution's compliance with its plan of correction.

The plan of correction shall be deemed to be the institution's representation of compliance with the identified state statutes or regulations identified in the department's notice of noncompliance. Any institution that fails to submit a plan of correction may be subject to disciplinary action.

You may wish to dispute the violation and you may be provided with the opportunity to be heard. If the violation is not responded to by March 17, 2022, or if a request for a meeting is not made by the stipulated date, the violation shall be deemed admitted.

Please return your response to Elizabeth Heiney, Supervising Nurse Consultant at Elizabeth.Heiney@ct.gov. Please direct your questions concerning the instructions contained in this letter to Elizabeth directly at (860) 509-7400. Please do not send another copy via US mail.

We do not anticipate making any practitioner referrals at this time.

Respectfully,

/s/
Elizabeth Heiney, B.S., R.N., B.C.
Supervising Nurse Consultant
Facility Licensing and Investigations Section

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Accepted 3/1/22 LBC

Atria LARSON PLACE

Plan of Correction – Atria Larson Place
Licensing Visit: 1/31/2022

Preparation, execution, and submission of this Plan of Correction does not constitute an admission of fault or liability on the part of Atria Larson Place nor agreement by Atria Larson Place as to the truth of the facts alleged or conclusions drawn in the notice of violation or any specific statement of non-compliance. Atria Larson Place prepares and submits this Plan of Correction to comply with state laws and regulatory provisions.

Violation: Section 19-13-D105 (d) Governing authority of an assisted living services agency (4)(f) and/or (e) General requirements for an assisted living agency (1) An agency shall be in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations and/or Public Act No. 21-185:

1. Measures taken to prevent recurrence

The Community had an infection control specialist at the time of the visit. This person was also serving as the SALSA, as the responsibilities of both positions overlapped. When the Community learned that the SALSA could not be the infection control specialist, it designated an alternate person to fill that role. The job description for that employee, which list the responsibilities under Public Act No. 21-185, was signed on 2/10/22. That employee is currently undergoing the required training, which will be completed on or before 3/1/22.

2. Effective date

Training will be completed on or before 3/1/22.

3. Ensuring ongoing compliance

The Community will periodically review applicable regulations and laws to ensure compliance therewith.

4. Responsible person

The Executive Director will be responsible for ensuring the Community is in compliance with all applicable regulations and laws.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Mierek

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