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July 23, 2025

Licensee
The Watkins House
341 4th Street North
Watkins, MN 55389

RE: Project Number(s) SL37576016

Dear Licensee:

On May 28, 2025, the Minnesota Department of Health completed a follow-up survey of your facility to determine correction of orders from the survey completed on February 20, 2025. This follow-up survey verified that the facility is in substantial compliance.

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

Please feel free to call me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Hanna'.

Tim Hanna, Supervisor
State Engineering Services Section
Health Regulation Division
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Telephone: 507-208-8982 Fax: 1-866-890-9290

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March 24, 2025

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RE: Project Number(s) SL37576016

Dear Licensee:

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) completed a survey on February 20, 2025, for the purpose of evaluating and assessing compliance with state licensing statutes. At the time of the survey, MDH noted violations of the laws pursuant to Minnesota Statute, Chapter 144G, Minnesota Food Code, Minnesota Rules Chapter 4626, Minnesota Statute 626.5572 and/or Minnesota Statute Chapter 260E.

STATE CORRECTION ORDERS

The enclosed State Form documents the state correction orders. MDH documents state licensing correction orders using federal software. Tag numbers are assigned to Minnesota state statutes for Assisted Living Facilities. 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 . . ."

IMPOSITION OF FINES

In accordance with Minn. Stat. § 144G.31, Subd. 4, fines and enforcement actions may be imposed based on the level and scope of the violations and may be imposed immediately with no opportunity to correct the violation first as follows:

Level 1: no fines or enforcement.

Level 2: a fine of \$500 per violation, in addition to any enforcement mechanism authorized in § 144G.20 for widespread violations;

Level 3: a fine of \$3,000 per violation per incident, in addition to any enforcement mechanism authorized in § 144G.20.

Level 4: a fine of \$5,000 per incident, in addition to any enforcement mechanism authorized in § 144G.20.

Therefore, in accordance with Minn. Stat. §§ 144G.01 to 144G.9999, the following fines are assessed pursuant to this survey:

0775 - 144g.45 Subd. 2. (a) - Fire Protection And Physical Environment - \$500.00

Therefore, in accordance with Minn. Stat. §§ 144G.01 to 144G.9999, **the total amount you are assessed is \$500.00**. You will be invoiced approximately 30 days after receipt of this notice, subject to appeal.

DOCUMENTATION OF ACTION TO COMPLY

In accordance with Minn. Stat. § 144G.30, Subd. 5(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 resident(s)/employee(s) identified in the correction order.
- Identify how the area(s) of noncompliance was corrected for all of the provider's resident(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. § 144G.32, Subd. 2, you may challenge the correction order(s) 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 MDH within 15 calendar days of the correction order receipt date.

To submit a reconsideration request, please visit:

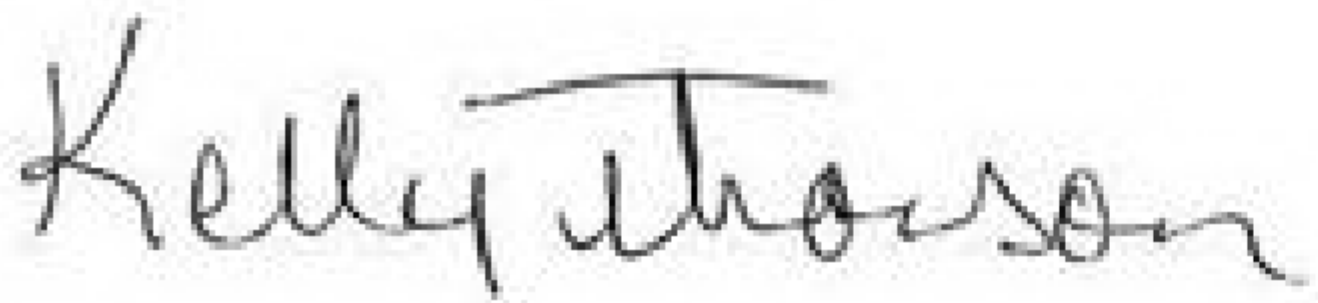
<https://forms.web.health.state.mn.us/form/HRDAppealsForm>

The MDH Health Regulation Division (HRD) values your feedback about your experience during the survey and/or investigation process. Please fill out this anonymous provider feedback questionnaire at your convenience at this link: **<https://forms.office.com/g/Bm5uQEPhVa>**. Your input is important to us and will enable MDH to improve its processes and communication with providers. If you have any questions regarding the questionnaire, please contact Susan Winkelmann at susan.winkelmann@state.mn.us or call 651-201-5952.

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,



Kelly Thorson, Supervisor

State Evaluation Team

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Minnesota Department of Health

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION		(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 37576	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. BUILDING: _____ B. WING _____		(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 02/20/2025
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER THE WATKINS HOUSE		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 341 4TH STREET NORTH WATKINS, MN 55389			
(X4) ID PREFIX TAG	SUMMARY STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES (EACH DEFICIENCY MUST BE PRECEDED BY FULL REGULATORY OR LSC IDENTIFYING INFORMATION)	ID PREFIX TAG	PROVIDER'S PLAN OF CORRECTION (EACH CORRECTIVE ACTION SHOULD BE CROSS-REFERENCED TO THE APPROPRIATE DEFICIENCY)		(X5) COMPLETE DATE
0 000	Initial Comments ASSISTED LIVING PROVIDER LICENSING CORRECTION ORDER(S) In accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 144G.08 to 144G.95, these correction orders are issued pursuant to a survey. Determination of whether violations are corrected requires compliance with all requirements provided at the Statute number indicated below. When Minnesota Statute contains several items, failure to comply with any of the items will be considered lack of compliance. INITIAL COMMENTS: SL# 37576016 On February 18, 2025, through February 20, 2025, the Minnesota Department of Health conducted a full survey at the above provider. At the time of the survey, there were 16 residents; 16 receiving services under the Assisted Living Facility license.	0 000	Minnesota Department of Health is documenting the State Correction Orders using federal software. Tag numbers have been assigned to Minnesota State Statutes for Assisted Living Facilities. 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. 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. THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT A PLAN OF CORRECTION FOR VIOLATIONS OF MINNESOTA STATE STATUTES. THE LETTER IN THE LEFT COLUMN IS USED FOR TRACKING PURPOSES AND REFLECTS THE SCOPE AND LEVEL ISSUED PURSUANT TO 144G.31 SUBDIVISION 1-3.		
0 480 SS=F	144G.41 Subdivision 1 Subd. 1a (a-b) Minimum requirements; required food services	0 480			

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

TITLE

(X6) DATE

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0 480	Continued From page 1 (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), food must be prepared and served according to the Minnesota Food Code, Minnesota Rules, chapter 4626. (b) For an assisted living facility with a licensed capacity of ten or fewer residents: (1) notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 4626.0033, item A, the facility may share a certified food protection manager (CFPM) with one other facility located within a 60-mile radius and under common management provided the CFPM is present at each facility frequently enough to effectively administer, manage, and supervise each facility's food service operation; (2) notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 4626.0545, item A, kick plates that are not removable or cannot be rotated open are allowed unless the facility has been issued repeated correction orders for violations of Minnesota Rules, part 4626.1565 or 4626.1570; (3) notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 4626.0685, item A, the facility is not required to provide integral drainboards, utensil racks, or tables large enough to accommodate soiled and clean items that may accumulate during hours of operation provided soiled items do not contaminate clean items, surfaces, or food, and clean equipment and dishes are air dried in a manner that prevents contamination before storage; (4) notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 4626.1070, item A, the facility is not required to install a dedicated handwashing sink in its existing kitchen provided it designates one well of a two-compartment sink for use only as a handwashing sink; (5) notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, parts 4626.1325, 4626.1335, and 4626.1360, item A, existing floor, wall, and ceiling finishes are	0 480			

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0 480	Continued From page 2 allowed provided the facility keeps them clean and in good condition; (6) notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 4626.1375, shielded or shatter-resistant lightbulbs are not required, but if a light bulb breaks, the facility must discard all exposed food and fully clean all equipment, dishes, and surfaces to remove any glass particles; and (7) notwithstanding Minnesota Rules, part 4626.1390, toilet rooms are not required to be provided with a self-closing door. This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, interview, and record review, the licensee failed to ensure food was prepared and served according to the Minnesota Food Code. This practice resulted in a level two violation (a violation that did not harm a resident's health or safety but had the potential to have harmed a resident's health or safety, but was not likely to cause serious injury, impairment, or death), and is issued at a widespread scope (when problems are pervasive or represent a systemic failure that has affected or has the potential to affect a large portion or all of the residents). The findings include: Please refer to the document titled, Food and Beverage Establishment Inspection Report (FBEIR) dated February 18, 2025, for the specific Minnesota Food Code violations. The Inspection Report was provided to the licensee within 24 hours of the inspection. TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Please refer	0 480			

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0 480	Continued From page 3	0 480			
	to the FBEIR for any compliance dates.				
0 775 SS=F	144G.45 Subd. 2. (a) Fire protection and physical environment Each assisted living facility must comply with the State Fire Code in Minnesota Rules, chapter 7511, and: This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation and interview, the licensee failed to comply with the Minnesota State Fire Code in Minnesota Rules, chapter 7511. This had the potential to directly affect all residents, staff, and visitors. This practice resulted in a level two violation (a violation that did not harm a resident's health or safety but had the potential to have harmed a resident's health or safety, but was not likely to cause serious injury, impairment, or death), and is issued at a widespread scope (when problems are pervasive or represent a systemic failure that has affected or has the potential to affect a large portion or all of the residents). The findings include: On February 20, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., the surveyor toured the facility with owner (O)-E. The egress door out of the facility, adjacent to bedroom 2, had a deadbolt lock installed in the wrong orientation. The thumb turn was on the outside of the door which would allow anyone outside the facility to lock the door, obstructing the path of egress. O-E stated they had just replaced that lock and	0 775			

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0 775	Continued From page 4 didn't realize it was installed incorrectly. TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Two (2) days	0 775			
0 810 SS=F	144G.45 Subd. 2 (b-f) Fire protection and physical environment (b) Each assisted living facility shall develop and maintain fire safety and evacuation plans. The plans shall include but are not limited to: (1) location and number of resident sleeping rooms; (2) staff actions to be taken in the event of a fire or similar emergency; (3) fire protection procedures necessary for residents; and (4) procedures for resident movement, evacuation, or relocation during a fire or similar emergency including the identification of unique or unusual resident needs for movement or evacuation. (c) Staff of assisted living facilities shall receive training on the fire safety and evacuation plans upon hiring and at least twice per year thereafter. (d) Fire safety and evacuation plans shall be readily available at all times within the facility. (e) Residents who are capable of assisting in their own evacuation shall be trained on the proper actions to take in the event of a fire to include movement, evacuation, or relocation. The training shall be made available to residents at least once per year. (f) Evacuation drills are required for staff twice per year per shift with at least one evacuation drill every other month. Evacuation of the residents is not required. Fire alarm system activation is not required to initiate the evacuation drill.	0 810			

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0 810	Continued From page 5 This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, interview, and record review, the licensee failed to develop the fire safety and evacuation plan with the required content. This had the potential to directly affect all residents, staff, and visitors. This practice resulted in a level two violation (a violation that did not harm a resident's health or safety but had the potential to have harmed a resident's health or safety) 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 residents). The findings include: On February 20, 2024, licensed assisted living director (LALD)-A and owner (O)-E provided documents on the fire safety and evacuation plan (FSEP), fire safety and evacuation training, and evacuation drills for the facility. FIRE SAFETY AND EVACUATION PLAN: The licensee's FSEP failed to include the following: The FSEP did not identify specific fire protection actions for residents. There was no section in the policy that addressed the responsibilities or basic evacuation procedures that residents should follow in case of a fire or similar emergency. The FSEP included standard resident evacuation procedures but failed to provide specific procedures for resident movement and	0 810			

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0 810	Continued From page 6 evacuation or relocation during a fire or similar emergency including individualized unique needs of residents. The plan included instructions to evacuate residents but did not include any procedures for assisting residents during evacuation nor did it include instructions for staff to follow in case of relocation. On February 20, 2025, at 1:30 p.m., O-E stated they are aware of the missing sections in their FSEP and are working to bring their policy into compliance. TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Twenty-one (21) days.	0 810			



Minnesota Department of Health
Food, Pools & Lodging Services
P.O. Box 64975
St. Paul, MN 55164-0975
651-201-4500

Type: Full
Date: 02/18/25
Time: 11:00:59
Report: 7930251042

Food and Beverage Establishment Inspection Report

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Location:

The Watkins House
341 4th Street North
Watkins, MN55389
Meeker County, 47

Establishment Info:

ID #: 0038453
Risk:
Announced Inspection: No

License Categories:

Expires on: / /

Operator:

Phone #: 6129648376
ID #:

The violations listed in this report include any previously issued orders and deficiencies identified during this inspection. Compliance dates are shown for each item.

The following orders were issued during this inspection.

4-200 Equipment Design and Construction

4-201.11AMN

MN Rule 4626.0506A Provide or replace food service equipment with equipment that is certified or classified for sanitation by an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited certification program.

REMOVE DOMESTIC EGG COOKER FROM ESTABLISHMENT.

Comply By: 02/18/25

6-100 Physical Facility Construction Materials

6-101.11A1

MN Rule 4626.1325A1 Provide smooth, durable, and easily cleanable floor, wall and ceiling surfaces.

A NEW DRY STORAGE ROOM WAS BUILT IN THE GARAGE. PROVIDE SMOOTH AND EASILY CLEANABLE FLOOR, WALL AND CEILING SURFACES IN THE GARAGE.

Comply By: 03/18/25

Surface and Equipment Sanitizers

Hot Water: = at 161.4 Degrees Fahrenheit

Location: DISHWASHER FINAL RINSE CYCLE

Violation Issued: No

Chlorine: = 200PPM at Degrees Fahrenheit

Location: SANITIZER BUCKET NEAR 3 COMP SINK

Violation Issued: No

Food and Equipment Temperatures

Type: Full
Date: 02/18/25
Time: 11:00:59
Report: 7930251042
The Watkins House

Food and Beverage Establishment Inspection Report

Page 2

Process/Item: Upright Cooler
Temperature: 40 Degrees Fahrenheit - Location: MILK
Violation Issued: No

Total Orders	In This Report	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
		0	0	2

DISCUSSION ITEMS: EMPLOYEE ILLNESS LOG AND DATEMARKING FOODS PULLED FROM THE FREEZER.

NOTE: Plans and specifications must be submitted for review and approval prior to new construction, remodeling or alterations.

I acknowledge receipt of the Minnesota Department of Health inspection report number 7930251042 of 02/18/25.

Certified Food Protection Manager: STEPHANIE LYNN FRYER

Certification Number: 39046 Expires: 01/27/28

Inspection report reviewed with person in charge and emailed.

Signed: _____
Establishment Representative

Signed: 
Tina Remmele, R.S.
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St. Cloud District Office
320-223-7302
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