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April 4, 2025

Licensee
Northstar of Owatonna LLC
160 18th Place Northeast
Owatonna, MN 55060

RE: Project Number(s) SL40709015

Dear Licensee:

This is your **official notice** that you have been **granted your assisted living facility license**. Your license effective and expiration dates remain the same as on your provisional license. Your updated status will be listed on the license certificate at renewal and **this letter serves as proof** in the meantime. If you have not received a letter from us with information regarding renewing your license within 60 days prior to your expiration date, please contact us at (651) 201-5273 or by email at Health.assistedliving@state.mn.us.

The Minnesota Department of Health completed an initial survey on March 4, 2025, for the purpose assessing compliance with state licensing statutes. At the time of the survey, the Minnesota Department of Health noted violations of the laws pursuant to Minnesota Statute, Chapter 144G.

The Department of Health 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 Department of Health 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. § 144G.31 Subd. 4, MDH may assess fines based on the level and scope of the violations; **however, no immediate fines are assessed for this survey of your facility.**

DOCUMENTATION OF ACTION TO COMPLY

Per 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 residents/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 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 Department of Health 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,



Jodi Johnson, Supervisor
State Evaluation Team
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Telephone: 507-344-2730 Fax: 1-866-890-9290

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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION		(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 40709	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. BUILDING: _____ B. WING _____		(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 03/04/2025
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER NORTHSTAR OF OWATONNA LLC			STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 160 18TH PL NE OWATONNA, MN 55060		
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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: SL40709015-0 On March 3, 2025, through March 4, 2025, the Minnesota Department of Health conducted a full survey at the above provider. At the time of the survey, there was one resident; one 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 March 4, 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 to the FBEIR for any compliance dates.	0 480			
01910 SS=F	144G.71 Subd. 22 Disposition of medications (a) Any current medications being managed by the assisted living facility must be provided to the resident when the resident's service plan ends or medication management services are no longer part of the service plan. Medications for a resident who is deceased or that have been discontinued or have expired may be provided for disposal. (b) The facility shall dispose of any medications remaining with the facility that are discontinued or expired or upon the termination of the service contract or the resident's death according to state and federal regulations for disposition of medications and controlled substances. (c) Upon disposition, the facility must document in the resident's record the disposition of the medication including the medication's name, strength, prescription number as applicable, quantity, to whom the medications were given, date of disposition, and names of staff and other individuals involved in the disposition. This MN Requirement is not met as evidenced by: Based on interview and record review, the licensee failed to document in the resident's record the disposition of the medication including the prescription numbers as applicable, for one of one discharged resident (R2). 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	01910			

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01910	Continued From page 4 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: The licensee's discharged resident roster dated March 3, 2025, indicated R2 discharged on November 6, 2024, to family. R2's unsigned Service Plan (Waiver) - Addendum to Contract dated effective October 20, 2024, indicated R2 received assistance with medication administration. R2's Medication Release Form for Discharge from the Community (identified as the form used for the disposition of medications) dated October 24, 2024, included the name of medication, strength, amount remaining, signature of accepting person and signature of releasing medications person. The document did not include the prescription numbers for the prescriptions as applicable. - The following medications were listed without a prescription number: lisinopril (blood pressure), olanzapine (antipsychotic), escitalopram (antidepressant), furosemide (fluid retention) and Trulicity (insulin) injection pen (diabetes). On March 3, 2025, at 12:15 p.m., clinical nurse supervisor (CNS)-B and licensed practical nurse/owner (LPN/O)-A stated R2's disposition of medications lacked the prescription numbers. CNS-B stated none of the licensee's discharged residents would have the prescription numbers listed, and they would need to update the disposition of medication form to include this.	01910			

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01910	Continued From page 5 The licensee's Disposition and Disposal of Medication policy dated October 1, 2023, noted upon disposition, the licensee would document the following information in the clinical record: a. Name, strength and prescription number of medication, as applicable. b. Quantity c. Method of disposition or to whom the medications were given d. Date of disposition e. Name/signature of staff or other individuals involved in the disposition f. If applicable, to whom the medications were given. No further information was provided. TIME PERIOD FOR CORRECTION: Seven (7) days	01910			

Type: Full
Date: 03/04/25
Time: 15:04:11
Report: 8044251060

Food and Beverage Establishment Inspection Report

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Location:

Northstar of Owatonna
160 18th Pl NE
Owatonna, MN 55060
Steele County, 74

Establishment Info:

ID #: 0044134
Risk:
Announced Inspection: No

License Categories:

Expires on: / /

Operator:

Phone #:
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.

3-400A Destroying Organisms: cooking time/temperature, freezing

3-401.11D(1)(2)

MN Rule 4626.0340D(1)(2) Discontinue offering raw or undercooked fish, shellstock, eggs, steak tartar or comminuted beef to a highly susceptible population which includes children.

Staff indicated that undercooked eggs were sometimes offered with unpasteurized eggs.

Going forward, all eggs will be served scrambled.

Comply By: 03/04/25

Surface and Equipment Sanitizers

Hot Water: = at 160.0 Degrees Fahrenheit
Location: Dishwasher
Violation Issued: No

Food and Equipment Temperatures

Process/Item: Cold Holding
Temperature: 39.0 Degrees Fahrenheit - Location: Milk in fridge
Violation Issued: No

Process/Item: Cold Holding
Temperature: 40.0 Degrees Fahrenheit - Location: fridge
Violation Issued: No

Type: Full
Date: 03/04/25
Time: 15:04:11
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Food and Beverage Establishment
Inspection Report

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

HRD inspection conducted with nurse evaluator Susan Kalis. Inspection report reviewed on site with Michel.

Domestic kitchen consists of laminate flooring, wooden hollow base cabinets, painted gypsum walls and ceilings, laminate counters and domestic equipment, including dishwasher.

Establishment Info: northstarofowatonna@gmail.com

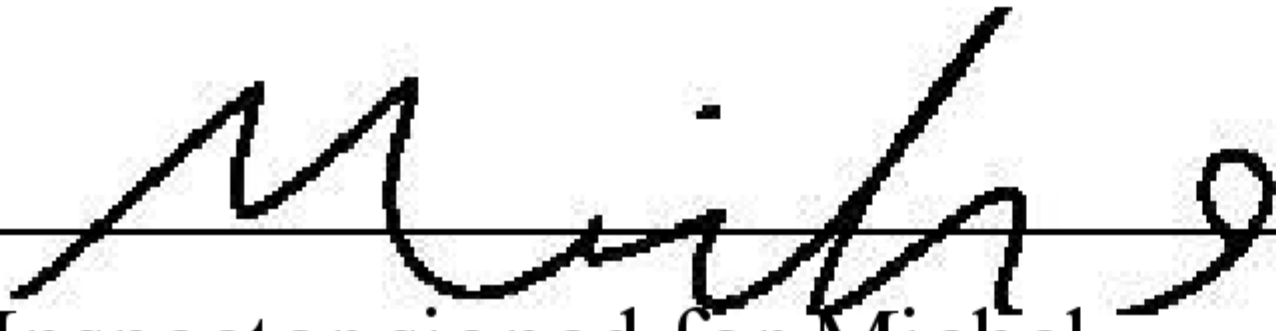
NOTE: Plans and specifications must be submitted for review and approval prior to new construction, remodeling or alterations.

I acknowledge receipt of the Minnesota Department of Health inspection report number 8044251060 of 03/04/25.

Certified Food Protection Manager Michel S. Ramirez-Cantu

Certification Number: FM124200 Expires: 07/07/27

Inspection report reviewed with person in charge and emailed.

Signed: 
Inspector signed for Michel

Signed: 
Michael DeMars, RS
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