



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Aging and Long-Term Support Administration
PO Box 45600, Olympia, WA 98504-5600

April 17, 2025

ELECTRONIC-FACSIMILE

Administrator
THE BRIDGE ASSISTED LIVING AT MOUNT VERNON
301 S Laventure Rd
Mount Vernon, WA 98274

Assisted Living Facility License # **1826**
Licensee: Mt Vernon Operations LLC

IMPOSITION OF CIVIL FINES

Dear Administrator:

On April 8, 2025, the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Residential Care Services completed a follow-up visit at your facility. This letter constitutes formal notice of civil fines on the license for your assisted living facility, also known as **THE BRIDGE ASSISTED LIVING AT MOUNT VERNON**, located at **301 S Laventure Rd, Mount Vernon**, by the State of Washington, Department of Social and Health Services. These actions are taken under the authority granted pursuant to Laws of 1998, Chapter 272 and RCW 18.20.190.

The civil fines on the license are based on the following violation of the RCW and/or WAC as described in the attached Statement of Deficiencies (SOD) report dated April 8, 2025.

Civil Fines

<u>WAC 388-78A-2474 (2)(a)(b)(c)(d)(e) Training and home care aide certification requirements.</u>	<u>\$400.00</u>
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The licensee failed to ensure staff completed 70-hour basic training within 120 days from their date of hire for two staff, specialty dementia and mental health training for three staff, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) approved hands-on cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid training for four staff. This failure resulted in four staff not having the necessary training related to their job duties and expectations and placed all 29 residents at risk for compromised care and safety.

This is an uncorrected deficiency for subsections (2)(b)(c)(d), previously cited on January 31, 2025.

WAC 388-78A-2484 (2) Tuberculosis—Two step skin testing.

\$300.00

The licensee failed to ensure three staff completed a two-step skin testing to screen for tuberculosis (TB) (an infectious disease caused by bacteria that most often affects the lungs). This failure placed all 29 residents at risk of possible exposure to a communicable disease.

This is an uncorrected deficiency previously cited on January 31, 2025.

WAC 388-78A-2481 (1)(a) Tuberculosis—Testing method—Required.

\$200.00

The licensee failed to ensure one staff had a trained professional read the results of their tuberculosis (TB) (an infectious disease caused by bacteria that most often affects the lungs) skin test 48 to 72 hours after administration of the test. This failure placed all 29 residents at risk of possible exposure to a communicable disease.

This is an uncorrected deficiency previously cited on January 31, 2025.

NOTE: These are the violations, which resulted in the fines; see the attached Statement of Deficiencies for any additional violations.

Attestation (Plan of Correction):

Return the enclosed SOD within 10 calendar days with the following:

- The date you have or will have each deficiency corrected;
- A signature and date attesting that you are taking actions to correct and maintain correction for each cited deficiency.

Return the signed and dated SOD to:

Kim Ripley, Field Manager
Region 2, Unit A
3906 172nd St NE Suite 100
Arlington, WA 98223
Phone: (206) 794-8568 / Fax: (360) 651-6940
rcsregion2email@dshs.wa.gov

Appeal Rights:

You have two appeal rights: Informal Dispute Resolution (IDR) and an Administrative Hearing. Each has a different request timeline.

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Informal Dispute Resolution [RCW 18.20.195]

You have an opportunity to challenge the deficiencies and/or enforcement actions through the state's IDR process. **All IDR requests must be in writing and include:**

- The deficiencies you are disputing; and
- The method of review you prefer (face-to-face, telephone conference or documentation review).

The written request must be received by the 10th working day from receipt of this letter.

During the IDR process, you will have the opportunity to present written and/or oral evidence to dispute the deficiencies.

Please **email** your request(s) and supporting documentation to:

RCSIDR@dshs.wa.gov

OR

FAX to: 360-725-3225

Formal Administrative Hearing

You may contest the civil fines by requesting a formal administrative hearing to challenge the deficiency, which resulted in the civil fines. **All hearing requests must be in writing and include:**

- A copy of this letter; and
- A copy of the Statement of Deficiencies.

The written request must be received within twenty-eight (28) calendar days of receipt of this letter.

Send your **written** request to:

Office of Administrative Hearings
PO Box 42489
Olympia, Washington 98504-2489

Payment:

If you do not request a formal administrative hearing, the civil fines are due to the Office of Financial Recovery twenty-eight (28) calendar days after receipt of this letter.

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Mail a check for **\$900.00** payable to the 'Department of Social and Health Services', **and if you have or have had a Medicaid resident(s), please include your ProviderOne ID Number # on the check**, to:

DSHS Office of Financial Recovery
PO Box 9501
Olympia, WA 98507-9501
(360) 664-5919 / FAX: (360) 664-8401
OFRMMISVendor@dshs.wa.gov

If the Office of Financial Recovery has not received your payment within twenty-eight (28) days after receipt of this letter, interest will begin to accrue immediately on the balance, at the rate of one percent per month. If you do not submit a hearing request or make payment within twenty-eight (28) days, the balance due will be recovered.

NOTICE: State and federal law provide protections to defendants who are in military service, and to their dependents. Dependents of a service member are the service member's spouse, the service member's minor child, or and individual for whom the service member provided more than one-half of the individual's support for one hundred eight days immediately preceding an application for relief.

One protection provided is the protection against the entry of a default judgment in certain circumstances. This notice pertains only to a defendant who is a dependent of a member of the National Guard or a military reserve component under a call to active service, or a National Guard member under a call to service authorized by the governor of the state of Washington, for a period of more than thirty consecutive days. Other defendants in military service also have protections against default judgments not covered by this notice. If you are the dependent of a member of the national guard or a military reserve component under a call to active service, or a national guard member under a call to service authorized by the governor of the state of Washington, for a period of more than thirty consecutive days, you should notify the Department in writing of your status as such within twenty days of the receipt of this notice. If you fail to do so, then a court or an administrative tribunal may presume that you are not a dependent of an active duty member of the national guard or reserves, or a national guard member under a call to service authorized by the governor of the state of Washington, and proceed with the entry of an order of default and/or a default judgment without further proof of your status. Your response to the Department about your status does not constitute an appearance for jurisdictional purposes in any pending litigation nor a waiver of your rights.

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If you have any questions, please contact Kim Ripley, Field Manager, at (206) 794-8568.

Sincerely,



Matt Hauser
Compliance Specialist
Residential Care Services

Enclosure

cc: Field Manager, Region 2, Unit A
RCS Regional Administrator, Region 2
HCS Regional Administrator, Region 2
DDA Regional Administrator, Region 2
WA LTC Ombuds
Office of Financial Recovery, Vendor Program Unit
HQ Central Files
DRW
HP