



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
AGING AND LONG-TERM SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION
800 NE 136th Ave Ste 200, Vancouver, WA 98684

Caring Places Management, LLC
HERITAGE HOUSE MORTON
PO BOX 1329
Morton, WA 98356

RE: HERITAGE HOUSE MORTON # 2010

Dear Administrator:

This document references Compliance Determination 39106 (Completion Date 04/03/2024).

The Department completed a full inspection of your Assisted Living Facility on 04/03/2024 and found that your facility does not meet the Assisted Living Facility requirements.

The department staff who did the inspection and provided consultation:

Kyle Gehlen, ALF Licensur - LTC
Jennifer Siharath, ALF Licensur
Richard Westom, NCI, ALF Complaint Investigator

Consultation:

WAC 388-78A-2484 Tuberculosis Two step skin testing. Unless the staff person meets the requirement for having no skin testing or only one test, the assisted living facility choosing to do skin testing, must ensure that each staff person has the following two-step skin testing:

(1) An initial skin test within three days of employment; and

The facility failed to ensure tuberculosis tests were completed within 3 days of hire for 2 of 3 sampled staff. Executive Director was able to clarify the difference between the hire date and orientation date. The hire date is when they offer the position to the employee, which

is usually completed via a telephone call or email, and the orientation date is the first day the employee is on the floor and is getting oriented to the facility. The orientation date is when the first step of tuberculosis testing is initiated. Executive Director had documentation of the employees orientation date. Executive Director has a plan moving forward to document this on the staff rosters given during inspections.

WAC 388-78A-2950 Water supply. The assisted living facility must:

(6) Provide all sinks in resident rooms, toilet rooms and bathrooms, and bathing fixtures used by residents with hot water between 105 F and 120 F at all times; and

The facility failed to ensure the hot water temperatures of the sinks used by residents were always between 105- and 120-degrees Fahrenheit. The facility has recently had new water tanks installed and were fine tuning the temperature adjustments. The facility was able to get the hot water temperatures of the sinks between 105- and 120-degrees Fahrenheit before the department exited the facility.

You Must:

- Begin the process of correcting the deficiency or deficiencies immediately; and
- Complete correction as soon as possible.

You Are Not:

- Required to submit a plan-of-correction for the deficiency or deficiencies found.

The Department May:

- Inspect the facility to determine if you have corrected all deficiencies.

You May:

- Contact me for clarification of the deficiency or deficiencies found.

In Addition, You May:

- Request an **Informal Dispute Resolution (IDR)** review within 10 working days after you receive this letter. Your IDR request **must** include:
 - o What specific deficiency or deficiencies you disagree with;
 - o Why you disagree with each deficiency; and
 - o Whether you want an IDR to occur in-person, by telephone or as a paper review.
 - o Send your request to:

IDR Program Manager
Department of Social and Health Services
Aging and Long-Term Support Administration
Residential Care Services
PO Box 45600
Olympia, WA 98504-5600

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If You Have Any Questions:

- Please contact me at (360)397-9556.

Sincerely,



For

Jody Just, Field Manager

Region 3, Unit Z

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