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ELECTRONIC MAIL
SOD # 235X11

NOTICE and ORDER

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Chris Moser
1500 N. Casaloma Dr., Ste. 300
Appleton, WI 54913

C/O Operator: Ashford Martin Corporation

**Re: Neillsville Retirement Community, 0017129
1211 Lloyd Street
Neillsville, WI 54456**

Dear Chris Moser:

This letter is a statutory NOTICE of VIOLATION and imposed ORDER on the operator of Neillsville Retirement Community, located at 1211 Lloyd Street in Neillsville, and sets forth appeal rights, if any. This regulatory action is taken by the Department of Health Services (Department) pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 50.034, and Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 89.

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

On 03-06-24, a complaint investigation was concluded for Neillsville Retirement Community by the Division of Quality Assurance, Bureau of Assisted Living, to determine if the above-referenced facility was in substantial compliance with Wis. Stat. ch. 50 or Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 89, or both, which set forth requirements for the administration and operation of a residential care apartment complex (RCAC). The Department is issuing Statement of Deficiency (SOD) #235X11 for violations of Wis. Stat. ch. 50 or Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 89, which establish the grounds for this action. SOD #235X11 is enclosed.

ORDER TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS

1. Pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 89.56(3)(a), effective immediately, the operator shall comply with the requirements specified by Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 89 that establishes the standards for the operation of the Residential Care Apartment Complex in order to protect and promote the health, safety and welfare of the tenants.

AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AND WITHOUT DELAY, within 45 days of receipt of this notice, the operator shall achieve and maintain substantial compliance with all requirements. All operational and tenant records required as evidence of compliance with applicable rules will be available to department representatives upon request.

*According to Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 89.56(2), you are ordered to submit a Plan of Correction via an attestation of compliance. In satisfaction of this requirement: Insert the name of the facility in the space provided on the Attestation of Correction form F-02172. Within **ten (10)** days of receipt of this NOTICE and ORDER, return the completed Attestation of Correction F-02172 to the Bureau of Assisted Living Northwestern Regional Office at DHSDQABALWRO@dhs.wisconsin.gov.*

The Department may, without notice, conduct an inspection to verify the operator's corrective action at any time after the date of compliance. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 50.034(10), the department may impose a \$200 inspection fee for an on-site inspection to review compliance of violations resulting in enforcement action.

ADDITIONALLY:

WITHIN 10 DAYS of receipt of this notice, the operator may request an extension for the date of compliance. The request for an extension must be submitted to the Assisted Living Regional Director, Western Regional Office, at DHSDQABALWRO@dhs.wisconsin.gov. The Regional Director will communicate to the operator a decision on the date of compliance extension.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE*

According to Wis. Stat. § 50.034(2)(e), and Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 89.56(4), the Department of Health Services may impose a forfeiture for violations of the applicable statutory provisions or administrative rules governing RCACs. If imposed, the forfeiture amount may not be less than \$10 or more than \$1,000 per day for each violation.

The Department has determined there are violations of state statutes or administrative code provisions, or both, as identified in the enclosed SOD #235X11. Therefore, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 50.034(2)(e), and Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 89.56(4), **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that a

* According to Art. X, §2 of the Wisconsin Constitution and Wis. Stat. § 50.034(8)(d), all forfeitures collected by the Department are deposited in the State's School Fund.

total **FORFEITURE OF \$775 IS IMPOSED** for the following violations described in SOD #235X11.

<u>TAG</u>	<u>DHS Code</u>	<u>Forfeiture Amount</u>
U171	89.26(4)	\$ 500
U267	89.34(16)	\$ 275

Total Forfeiture Due: \$775

You must pay the Total Forfeiture amount within ten (10) days of receipt of this NOTICE and ORDER.

REDUCED FORFEITURE OPTION

If you choose not to appeal the forfeiture, any of the violations in SOD #235X11, **AND** any Orders contained in this NOTICE and ORDER, then the Department will reduce the total forfeiture due by 35%.

This 35% reduced forfeiture option also applies to any accruing forfeiture. Final calculation of any accruing forfeiture due will be based on a verified date of compliance.

At this time, the reduced forfeiture amount due to the Department within ten (10) days of receipt of this NOTICE and ORDER is \$503.75.

Please make the forfeiture payment payable to “DHS 639” and send it to:

QUALITY ASSURANCE ANALYST
DHS / DQA / BAL
PO BOX 2969
MADISON, WI 53701-2969

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

According to Wis. Stat. § 50.034(8)(c) and Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 89.59, you may request an administrative hearing of the Department’s action. To notify the Department of your request for a hearing, your written request **must be filed with the Division of Hearings and Appeals (DHA) within ten (10) days after receipt of this NOTICE**. Please note, according to Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 89.59(2), an appeal is filed on the date that it is received by the Division of Hearings and Appeals. Send your request for a hearing to:

RCAC APPEAL
DHA
PO BOX 7875
MADISON WI 53707-7875

Include in your written request for a hearing **ALL** of the following:

- ✓ The name and address of the facility;
- ✓ A description of the action being appealed (attach a copy of this NOTICE to your appeal);
- ✓ The effective date of the action;
- ✓ A concise statement of the reasons for objecting to the action;
- ✓ What type of relief you are seeking; and
- ✓ The name, address and telephone number of any person who may be expected to appear on behalf of the facility.

YOUR APPEAL MAY BE DENIED OR DISMISSED IF THE REQUEST IS INCOMPLETE OR NOT FILED WITH DHA WITHIN THE 10-DAY APPEAL TIME.

Please note that according to Wis. Stat. § 50.034(8)(d), if you file an appeal, then payment of any forfeiture is due within ten (10) days after you receive the final decision in the case after exhaustion of administrative review.

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If you have questions about this letter, please contact William R. Gardner, Assisted Living Regional Director, at (715) 836-4029.

Sincerely,



Kenneth Brotheridge, Assisted Living Director
Bureau of Assisted Living
Division of Quality Assurance

Enclosure

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