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ELECTRONIC MAIL
SOD #9GJ312

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Sheryl Johnson
W11474 US Hwy 8
Hawkins, WI 54530

C/O Licensee: Sheryl Johnson

**Re: Northwoods Assisted Living LLC, 0014401
W11474 US Hwy 8
Hawkins, WI 54530**

Dear Sheryl Johnson:

This letter is a statutory NOTICE of VIOLATION and imposed ORDER on the licensee of Northwoods Assisted Living LLC, located at W11474 US Hwy 8 in Hawkins, and sets forth appeal rights, if any. This regulatory action is taken by the Department of Health Services (Department) pursuant to Wis. Stat § 50.033(2), and Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 88.

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

On 04-08-25, a complaint investigation, self-report investigation, and verification visit were concluded for Northwoods Assisted Living LLC 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 88, or both, which set forth requirements for the administration and operation of an adult family home (AFH). The Department is issuing Statement of Deficiency (SOD) #9GJ312 for violations of Wis. Stat. ch. 50 or Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 88, which establish the grounds for this action. SOD #9GJ312 is enclosed.

ORDER TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS

1. Pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 88.03(6)(g)2.b., effective immediately, the licensee shall comply with the requirements specified by Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 88 that establishes the standards for the operation of the Adult Family Home in order to protect and promote the health, safety and welfare of the residents.

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

The Department may, without notice, conduct an inspection to verify the licensee's corrective action at any time after the date of compliance. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 50.033(3), 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 licensee may request an extension for the date of compliance. The request for an extension must be submitted to the Assisted Living Regional Director, Northwestern Regional Office, at DHSDQABALWRO@dhs.wisconsin.gov. The Regional Director will communicate to the licensee a decision on the date of compliance extension.

ORDER NOT TO ADMIT NEW OR ADDITIONAL RESIDENTS

Based on the results of the Department's investigation and pursuant to authority provided in Wis. Stat. § 50.02(2)(am)2., and Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 88.03(6)(g)2.f., **EFFECTIVE UPON RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE and ORDER**, the Department of Health Services **HEREBY ORDERS** that **Northwoods Assisted Living LLC NOT ADMIT ANY NEW OR ADDITIONAL RESIDENTS** until all violations in SOD #9GJ312 are corrected, compliance is verified by the Department, and this Order is rescinded in writing.

SPECIAL ORDERS

Based on the results of the Department's investigation, and pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 50.02(2)(am)2., **EFFECTIVE UPON RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE and ORDER**, the Department of Health Services **HEREBY ORDERS** that **Northwoods Assisted Living LLC:**

1. Pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code §§ DHS 88.03(6)(g)2.b., and 2.e., the licensee will protect and promote each resident's right to self-direction and treatment choice as prescribed in accordance with Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 88.10(3)(e) and Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 88.10(3)(m). The licensee will ensure each resident's right to be treated as an adult with dignity, respect, and individuality in a homelike environment. In the absence of a documented treatment plan, based on clinical or therapeutic indications, no restriction on a

resident's freedom of choice (e.g., restricted access to areas of the home or food or beverages) will be arbitrarily imposed. The licensee will develop (or review/revise) written procedures to include:

Fair Treatment

- Measures the licensee will take to ensure all caregivers protect and promote each resident's right to make decisions related to care, activities, daily routines and other aspects of life which enhance the resident's self-reliance and support the resident's autonomy and decision-making.
- Resident rights training for all employees. Training will be provided by a qualified professional (e.g., certified social worker, ombudsman, resident rights specialist). Before providing the training, the instructor will be provided with copies of Statement of Deficiency 9GJ312, and this notice and order letter. Documentation of training will be maintained in employee files and will include the date/duration of training, the signature/qualifications of the instructor, and an outline of course content.

2. Pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 88.03(6)(g)2.e., WITHIN 7 DAYS of receipt of this notice, the licensee shall provide the legal representative and case manager (if any) for each current resident with a copy of Statement of Deficiency 9GJ312 and a copy of this Notice and Order letter. The licensee shall retain evidence, acceptable to the department, to verify compliance with Order #2. Acceptable documentation will be a signed, certified mail receipt or a verification letter or email from the legal representative and case manager. Required evidence will be made available to the department representatives upon request.

NOTICE OF REVISIT FEE

According to Wis. Stat. § 50.033(3), if the Department takes enforcement action against an adult family home for violation of this subchapter or rules promulgated under it, and the Department subsequently conducts an onsite inspection to review the facility's action to correct the violation(s), the Department may impose a \$200 inspection fee on the adult family home.

On 04-08-25, a verification visit was concluded for Northwoods Assisted Living LLC by the Division of Quality Assurance, Bureau of Assisted Living, to determine if the violation(s) contained in Statement of Deficiency (SOD) #9GJ311 were corrected. **Therefore, an inspection fee of \$200 is being assessed.**

Please send a check or money order in the amount of \$200 made payable to "Division of Quality Assurance" and send it to:

Division of Quality Assurance
Bureau of Assisted Living
Northwestern Regional Office
610 Gibson St., Suite 1
Eau Claire, WI 54701-3687

The revisit fee is due within ten (10) days of receipt of this Notice. Failure to submit this revisit fee will result in the issuance of a subsequent statement of deficiency with additional enforcement sanctions against Northwoods Assisted Living LLC. There are no appeal rights for revisit fees.

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth Brotheridge", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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

Enclosure

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cc: Aging/Disability Resource Center, Price County
Price County Human Services
Division of Medicaid Services
Ombudsman, Price County
Disability Rights Wisconsin
Waiver Agencies