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SOD #I0E811

NOTICE and ORDER

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ORDERS

Valerie Harman
4610 S Biltmore LN STE 103
Madison, WI 53718

C/O Licensee: Beacon Specialized Living Wisconsin INC

**Re: Echo Valley, 0021192
4401 Echo Valley Drive
Eau Claire, WI 54701**

Dear Valerie Harman:

This letter is a statutory NOTICE of VIOLATION and imposed ORDER on the licensee of Echo Valley, located at 4401 Echo Valley Drive, 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 March 31, 2026, a complaint investigation was concluded for Echo Valley 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) #I0E811 for violations of Wis. Stat. ch. 50 or Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 88, which establish the grounds for this action. SOD #I0E811 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

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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.

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 **Echo Valley**:

1. Pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 88.03(6)(g)2.e., effective immediately, the licensee shall develop and implement corrective measures to ensure that residents receive proper care and treatment, that their health and safety are protected and promoted and that their rights are respected. The licensee shall develop and implement corrective measures to resolve the deficiency identified in Statement of Deficiency (SOD) I0E811. The licensee's corrective measures shall ensure the following:

WITHIN 5 DAYS of receipt of this notice, the licensee shall provide the legal representative and case manager (if any) for Resident 2 with a copy of SOD I0E811 and a copy of this Notice and Order letter. The licensee shall retain evidence, acceptable to the department, to verify compliance with this order. Acceptable documentation will be a signed, certified mail receipt or a verification letter or email from the legal representative and case manager.

WITHIN 14 DAYS of receipt of this notice, the licensee shall retroactively, with available information, document a complete investigation report of the alleged incident of caregiver misconduct issued under Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 88.11(3) Investigation of Abuse or Neglect in SOD I0E811. The investigation will conform to requirements and guidelines specified by Wis. Admin. Codes ch. DHS 13, ch. DHS 88 and The Wisconsin Background Check and Misconduct Investigation Program Manual. At the conclusion of the

investigation, the licensee will review the department's reporting requirements and report this incident if necessary.

WITHIN 45 DAYS of receipt of this notice, the licensee's corrective measures shall include the development (or review) of a written procedure to address:

Misconduct Reporting and Investigations

The procedure shall specify the following:

- For all allegations or incidents of misconduct, the licensee shall immediately take steps to ensure the safety of all residents
- How and to whom staff are to report incidents
- How internal investigations will be completed, documented, and reported
- How staff will be trained on the procedures related to allegations of caregiver misconduct
- How residents will be informed of these procedures

Misconduct investigations will be reviewed in accordance with the department's reporting requirements and reported if necessary. The Wisconsin Background Check and Misconduct Investigation Program Manual is available as a reference at: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p0/p00038.pdf>.

ADDITIONALLY,

All managers and service providers will receive training regarding the provider's written procedure required by Order #1. Training will be documented in employee files and will include the date/duration of training, the signature/qualifications of the instructor, and evidence of successful completion of the training.

A copy of the written procedure and all documentation as evidence of meeting the requirements in Order #1 will be made available to department representatives upon request.

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If you have questions about this letter, please contact Kelly Haugen, Assisted Living Regional Director, at (715) 836-4965.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth Brotheridge". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

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

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Enclosure

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