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May 15, 2026

ELECTRONIC MAIL

SOD # P97M16

NOTICE and ORDER

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

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Dale Kelm
218 22nd Ave W.
Ashland, WI 54806

C/O Operator: Kelm, Dale

**Re: Birch Haven North RCAC, 0014850
320 Superior Avenue
Washburn, WI 54891**

Dear Dale Kelm:

This letter is a statutory NOTICE of VIOLATION and imposed ORDER on the operator of Birch Haven North RCAC, located at 320 Superior Avenue, 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 May 12, 2026, a standard survey, verification visit & complaint investigation was concluded for Birch Haven North RCAC 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) #P97M16 for violations of Wis. Stat. ch. 50 or Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 89, which establish the grounds for this action. SOD #P97M16 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 PO Box 48, Eau Claire, WI 54702.*

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, Northwestern 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 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.

NOTICE OF REVISIT FEE

According to Wis. Stat. § 50.034(10), if the Department takes enforcement action against a residential care apartment complex 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 residential care apartment complex.

On May 12, 2026, a verification visit was concluded at Birch Haven North RCAC by the Division of Quality Assurance, Bureau of Assisted Living, to determine if the violation(s) contained in Statement of Deficiency (SOD) #P97M15 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
221 W. Madison St., STE 205
Eau Claire, WI 54703

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 Birch Haven North RCAC. There are no appeal rights for revisit fees.

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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 stroke extending from the end.

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

Enclosure

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