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SOD #QLT614

NOTICE and ORDER

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Tawni Huffman
102 N. 58th Ave. W.
Grand Rapids, MN 55807

C/O Licensee: Scandia Capital Partners LLC

**Re: Vitacare Living – Menomonie II, 0018750
1902 Talen Street
Menomonie, WI 54751**

Dear Tawni Huffman:

This letter is a statutory NOTICE of VIOLATION and imposed ORDER on the licensee of Vitacare Living – Menomonie II, located at 1902 Talen Street in Menomonie, and sets forth appeal rights, if any. This regulatory action is taken by the Department of Health Services (Department) pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 50.03(5g), and Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 83.

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

On 09-15-25, a complaint investigation and verification visit were concluded for Vitacare Living – Menomonie II 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 83, or both, which set forth requirements for the administration and operation of a community-based residential facility (CBRF). The Department is issuing Statement of Deficiency (SOD) #QLT614 for violations of Wis. Stat. ch. 50 or Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 83, which establish the grounds for this action. SOD #QLT614 is enclosed.

ORDER TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS

1. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 50.03(5g)(b)3., effective immediately, the licensee shall comply with the requirements specified by Wis. Stat. ch. 50 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 83 that establish the standards for the operation of the Community Based Residential Facility 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. § 50.03(5g)(cm), 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 Wis. Stat. § 50.03(5g)(b)7., **EFFECTIVE UPON RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE and ORDER**, the Department of Health Services **HEREBY ORDERS** that **Vitacare Living – Menomonie II NOT ADMIT ANY NEW OR ADDITIONAL RESIDENTS** until all violations in SOD #QLT614 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. § 50.03(5g)(b), **EFFECTIVE UPON RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE and ORDER**, the Department of Health Services **HEREBY ORDERS** that **Vitacare Living – Menomonie II:**

1. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 50.03(5g)(b)3. and (b)6., effective immediately, the licensee will comply with requirements specified by Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 83.36(1)(a) and shall provide employees in sufficient numbers on a 24-hour basis to meet the needs of the residents. The facility will develop (or review/revise) written procedures to ensure:

- Staffing patterns will be sufficient to meet the personal care needs of residents, to ensure needed supervision, to provide needed services (e.g., toileting, bathing, medication management, interventions to prevent falls, personal cares, meals), and to facilitate a safe evacuation of the building in the event of an emergency.

-When a resident or residents (as a group) require the assistance of two or more staff members to address care and service needs, to provide supervision, or to evacuate the building in an emergency, the licensee will ensure sufficient, qualified staff members are on duty, present and available to assist residents at all times.

-Written staff schedules will be current and shall include each employee's full name, job assignment and time worked. Records will be amended, as necessary, to ensure an accurate and complete record of time worked by all facility employees, and/or employees of contract agencies providing routine services to facility residents.

Additionally:

- All managers and resident care staff (as appropriate) will receive in-service training regarding the provider's written procedures 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 an outline of course content.

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

2. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 50.03(5g)(b)6., within 7 days of receipt of this notice, the CBRF will provide each resident's legal representative and case manager (if any), with a copy of Statement of Deficiency (SOD) QLT614 and a copy of this Notice and Order letter. The licensee shall retain documentation, 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 each legal representative and case manager (if any). The documentation required by Order #2 will be available to department representatives upon request.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE*

In addition to other sanctions enumerated in Wis. Stat. § 50.03(5g)(b)1. to 8., according Stat. § 50.03(5g)(c)1.b., the Department of Health Services may impose a forfeiture on a licensee or any other person who violates the applicable statutory provisions or administrative rules governing CBRFs. 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 that you violated state statutes or administrative code provisions, or both, as identified in the enclosed SOD #QLT614. Therefore, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 50.03(5g)(c), **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that a total **FORFEITURE OF \$3,130 IS IMPOSED** for the following violations described in SOD #QLT614.

* According to Art. X, §2 of the Wisconsin Constitution and Wis. Stat. § 50.03(5g)(c)1.c., all forfeitures collected by the Department are deposited in the State's School Fund.

<u>TAG</u>	<u>DHS Code</u>	<u>Forfeiture Amount</u>
N196	83.14(2)(a)	\$ 1,000
N352	83.32(3)(h)	\$ 300
N389	83.35(3)(d)	\$ 500
N396	83.36(1)(a)	\$ 1,000
N410	83.37(1)(k)	\$ 330

Total Forfeiture Due: \$3,130

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 REVISIT FEE

According to Wis. Stat. § 50.03(5g)(cm), if the Department imposes a sanction on, or takes other enforcement action against a community-based residential facility 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 community-based residential facility.

On 09-15-25, a verification visit was concluded for Vitacare Living – Menomonie II by the Division of Quality Assurance, Bureau of Assisted Living, to determine if the violation(s) contained in Statement of Deficiency (SOD) #QLT613 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
PO Box 48
Eau Claire, WI 54702

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 Vitacare Living – Menomonie II. There are no appeal rights for revisit fees.

POSTING OF NOTICES

According to Wis. Admin. Code DHS §§ 83.13(3)(a) and 83.14(2)(h), each facility shall immediately upon receipt post next to its CBRF license, and in a public area that is visually and physically available, any citation/statement of deficiency, notice of revocation, notice of non-renewal, and any other notice of enforcement action. Citations and statements of deficiency shall remain posted for ninety (90) days following receipt. Notices of revocation, non-renewal, and other notices of enforcement action shall remain posted until a final determination is made.

Therefore, the license shall immediately post this Notice and Order letter and it shall remain posted until a final determination is made.

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If you have questions about this letter, please contact the regional office at (715) 836-4790.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth Brotheridge". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kenneth" and last name "Brotheridge" clearly distinguishable.

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

Enclosure

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