September 28, 2017

Shon Shuldberg, Administrator
Ashton Memorial Living Center
PO Box 838
Ashton, ID 83420-0838

Provider #: 135097

RE: FACILITY FIRE SAFETY & CONSTRUCTION SURVEY REPORT COVER LETTER

Dear Mr. Shuldberg:

On September 20, 2017, a Facility Fire Safety and Construction survey was conducted at Ashton Memorial Living Center by the Department of Health & Welfare, Bureau of Facility Standards to determine if your facility was in compliance with State Licensure and Federal participation requirements for nursing homes participating in the Medicare and/or Medicaid programs. This survey found that your facility was not in substantial compliance with Medicare and Medicaid program participation requirements. This survey found the most serious deficiency to be a widespread deficiency that constitutes no actual harm with potential for more than minimal harm that is not immediate jeopardy, as documented on the enclosed CMS-2567, whereby significant corrections are required.

Enclosed is a Statement of Deficiencies and Plan of Correction, Form CMS-2567, listing Medicare and/or Medicaid deficiencies. If applicable, a similar State Form will be provided listing licensure health deficiencies. In the spaces provided on the right side of each sheet, answer each deficiency and state the date when each will be completed. Please provide ONLY ONE completion date for each federal and state tag in column (X5) Completion Date to signify when
you allege that each tag will be back in compliance. **NOTE:** The alleged compliance date must be after the "Date Survey Completed" (located in field X3) and on or before the "Opportunity to Correct" (listed on page 2). After each deficiency has been answered and dated, the administrator should sign the Statement of Deficiencies and Plan of Correction, CMS-2567 Form in the spaces provided and return the originals to this office. If a State Form with deficiencies was issued, it should be signed, dated and returned along with the CMS-2567 Form.

Your Plan of Correction (PoC) for the deficiencies must be submitted by **October 11, 2017**. Failure to submit an acceptable PoC by **October 11, 2017**, may result in the imposition of civil monetary penalties by **October 31, 2017**.

Your PoC must contain the following:

- What corrective action(s) will be accomplished for those residents found to have been affected by the deficient practice;

- How you will identify other residents having the potential to be affected by the same deficient practice and what corrective action(s) will be taken;

- What measures will be put into place or what systemic changes you will make to ensure that the deficient practice does not recur;

- How the corrective action(s) will be monitored to ensure the deficient practice will not recur, i.e., what quality assurance program will be put into place; and,

- Include dates when corrective action will be completed.

- The administrator must sign and date the first page of both the federal survey report, Form CMS-2567. If a State Form was issued as well, it should also be signed, dated and returned.

All references to federal regulatory requirements contained in this letter are found in Title 42, Code of Federal Regulations.

Remedies will be recommended for imposition by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) if your facility has failed to achieve substantial compliance by **October 25, 2017**, (Opportunity to Correct). Informal dispute resolution of the cited deficiencies will not delay the imposition of the enforcement actions recommended (or revised, as appropriate) on **October 25, 2017**. A change in the seriousness of the deficiencies on **October 25, 2017**, may result in a change in the remedy.
The remedy, which will be recommended if substantial compliance has not been achieved by October 25, 2017, includes the following:

Denial of payment for new admissions effective December 20, 2017.

42 CFR §488.417(a)

If you do not achieve substantial compliance within three (3) months after the last day of the survey identifying noncompliance, the CMS Regional Office and/or State Medicaid Agency must deny payments for new admissions.

We must recommend to the CMS Regional Office and/or State Medicaid Agency that your provider agreement be terminated on March 20, 2018, if substantial compliance is not achieved by that time.

Please note that this notice does not constitute formal notice of imposition of alternative remedies or termination of your provider agreement. Should the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services determine that termination or any other remedy is warranted, it will provide you with a separate formal notification of that determination.

If you believe these deficiencies have been corrected, you may contact Nate Elkins, Supervisor, Facility Fire Safety and Construction, Bureau of Facility Standards, 3232 Elder Street, PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0009, Phone #: (208) 334-6626, option 3; Fax #: (208) 364-1888, with your written credible allegation of compliance. If you choose and so indicate, the PoC may constitute your allegation of compliance. We may accept the written allegation of compliance and presume compliance until substantiated by a revisit or other means. In such a case, neither the CMS Regional Office nor the State Medicaid Agency will impose the previously recommended remedy, if appropriate.

If, upon the subsequent revisit, your facility has not achieved substantial compliance, we will recommend that the remedies previously mentioned in this letter be imposed by the CMS Regional Office or the State Medicaid Agency beginning on September 20, 2017, and continue until substantial compliance is achieved. Additionally, the CMS Regional Office or State Medicaid Agency may impose a revised remedy(ies), based on changes in the seriousness of the non-compliance at the time of the revisit, if appropriate.

In accordance with 42 CFR §488.331, you have one opportunity to question cited deficiencies through an informal dispute resolution process. To be given such an opportunity, you are required to send your written request and all required information as directed in Informational Letter #2001-10. Informational Letter #2001-10 can also be found on the Internet at:

Go to the middle of the page to Information Letters section and click on State and select the following:

BFS Letters (06/30/11)
2001-10 Long Term Care Informal Dispute Resolution Process
2001-10 IDR Request Form

This request must be received by **October 11, 2017**. If your request for informal dispute resolution is received after **October 11, 2017**, the request will not be granted. An incomplete informal dispute resolution process will not delay the effective date of any enforcement action.

Thank you for the courtesies extended to us during the survey. If you have any questions, please contact us at (208) 334-6626, option 3.

Sincerely,

Nate Elkins, Supervisor
Facility Fire Safety and Construction

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Enclosures
The facility is a single story, Type V (111) construction. The building was completed in 2002 and is fully sprinklered with Quick Response heads. There is smoke detection coverage throughout which includes sleeping rooms, corridors and open spaces to corridors. There is a propane powered generator for emergency power. Currently the Living Center is licensed for 38 SNF/NF beds.

The following deficiencies were cited during the annual Fire/Life Safety survey conducted on September 20, 2017. The facility was surveyed under the LIFE SAFETY CODE, 2012 Edition, Existing Health Care Occupancy and in accordance with 42 CFR, 483.70.

The Survey was conducted by:

Linda Chaney
Health Facility Surveyor
Facility Fire Safety and Construction

Fire Drills
Fire drills include the transmission of a fire alarm signal and simulation of emergency fire conditions. Fire drills are held at unexpected times under varying conditions, at least quarterly on each shift. The staff is familiar with procedures and is aware that drills are part of established routine. Responsibility for planning and conducting drills is assigned only to competent persons who are qualified to exercise leadership. Where drills are conducted between 9:00 PM and 6:00 AM, a coded announcement may be used instead of audible alarms.

Preparation and/or execution of the plan of correction does not constitute admission or agreement by the provider of the truth of the facts alleged or conclusions set forth in the statement of deficiencies.

Specific Residents - No Specific Residents were identified.

Other Residents - All Residents have to ability to be affected. We will have documented fire drills on all shifts quarterly to ensure all the staff have adequate practice and training on what to do in case of a fire. It was found a fire drill done in all 12 months but not all shifts were represented in those 2 quarters.
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Summary Statement of Deficiencies:

K 712 - Systemic Changes - Administrator will educate and plan with Maintenance Supervisor the rule of fire drills and make sure there is a fire drill on every shift every quarter. Interdisciplinary team has planned the next 12 months of drills to include month, shift and related scenario. Maintenance supervisor will choose specific day & time (in designated shift) in month fire drill is practiced.

Monitor - Administrator will monitor monthly fire drills conducted and make sure maintenance supervisor is conducting a fire drill on every shift every quarter. Starting Oct 1, 2017. This will be reviewed for 12 months with QAPI committee.
**K 926**

**Summary:**
Personnel concerned with the application, maintenance and handling of medical gases and cylinders are trained on the risk. Facilities provide continuing education, including safety guidelines and usage requirements. Equipment is serviced only by personnel trained in the maintenance and operation of equipment.

Section 11.5.2.1 (NFPA 99)

This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by:

- Based on record review, and interview, the facility failed to ensure staff were properly trained on the risks associated with the handling and use of medical gases. Failure to provide an education program which includes periodic review of safety guidelines and usage requirements for medical gases and their cylinders, could result in a life threatening or catastrophic accident. This deficient practice could potentially affect residents using oxygen on the date of the survey.

- The facility is licensed for 38 SNF/NF residents and had a census of 31 on the day of the survey.

Findings include:

During the review of facility training records conducted on September 27, 2017 from approximately 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM, no records were available indicating that the facility maintains an ongoing continuing education program for staff which includes periodic review of safety guidelines and usage requirements for medical gases and their cylinders. When asked, the HR Manager stated the facility was not aware of the requirement for medical gas training.

NFPA 101 19.3.2.4 Medical Gas. Medical gas storage and administration areas shall be in accordance with Section 8.7 and the provisions of NFPA 99.

**Provider's Plan of Correction:**

Specific Residents - No Specific Residents were identified.

Other Residents - All Residents have to ability to be affected.

Systemic Changes - Medical Gas Training was conducted on Sept 27, 2017 for all staff in staff meeting. Training information was taken from the "Medical Gases" training by Nate Elkins, Supervisor of Fire and Life Safety. Annual Training will be conducted for all staff in a staff meeting. All staff will receive Medical Gas training as part of their initial employment training.

Monitor - Human Resources will monitor new employees training to make sure they receive Medical Gas safety training. Administrator will monitor yearly trainings for Medical Gas training.
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