



January 5, 2024

Miya Lindh, Authorized Agent
Northstar Behavioral Health LLC
1350 Arcade Street
Saint Paul, MN 55106

License Number: 1101848
Licensing Investigation Number: 202208331

CORRECTION ORDER

Dear Miya Lindh,

A licensing investigation of Northstar Behavioral Health, located at 1174 Western Avenue, Fergus Falls, MN, 56721, was conducted to determine compliance with state and federal laws and rules governing the provision of substance use disorder treatment services under Minnesota Statutes 245G. As a result of this licensing investigation a Correction Order is being issued.

A. Reason for Correction Order

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 245A.06, if the Commissioner of the Department of Human Services (DHS) finds that an applicant or license holder has failed to comply with an applicable law or rule and this failure does not imminently endanger the health, safety, or rights of the persons served by the program, the Commissioner may issue a Correction Order to the applicant or license holder.

The following violation(s) of state or federal laws and rules were determined as a result of the licensing review. Corrective action for each violation is required by Minnesota Statutes, section 245A.06 and is hereby ordered by the Commissioner of Human Services.

Policy

1. **Citation:** Minnesota Statutes, section 245G.12.

Violation: The license holder's medical services policy did not include the control of drugs during transportation and the requirement that each drug must be stored in a locked compartment. A client was being transported from the license holder's St. Paul location to the Fergus Falls location. The client's medication was not stored in a locked compartment during transport, and

as a result, the client was able to access and ingest their medication when not supervised by a staff member.

Corrective Action Ordered: Immediately and on an ongoing basis, the license holder must ensure a medical services policy that meets all applicable requirements.

If you fail to correct the violations specified in the Correction Order within the prescribed timelines the Commissioner may issue an Order of Conditional License or may impose a fine and order other licensing sanctions pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, sections 245A.06 and 245A.07.

B. Right to Request Reconsideration

If you believe any of the citations are in error, you have the right to request that the Commissioner of Human Services reconsider the parts of the Correction Order that you believe to be in error. The request for reconsideration must be in writing and received by the Commissioner within 20 calendar days after receipt of this report. Your request for reconsideration must be sent to:

Commissioner, Department of Human Services
ATTN: Legal Unit
Licensing Division
PO Box 64242
St. Paul, MN 55164-0242

Please note that a request for reconsideration does not stay any provisions or requirements of the Correction Order. The Commissioner's disposition of a request for reconsideration is final and not subject to appeal under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 14.

If you have any questions regarding this Correction Order, please contact Ginny Benson, Human Services Licensur at 651-431-6957, as soon as possible.

Ginny Benson, MH/CRF/SUD Senior Licensur
Licensing Division
Office of Inspector General