

September 12, 2025

**CERTIFIED MAIL**

Khalid Saleban Mire, Mustafe Ahmed, Abdul Siyad  
2305 Argonne Drive Northeast  
Columbia Heights, Minnesota 55421

Application Number **1128223** (AFC)

## **ORDER OF LICENSE DENIAL**

Dear Khalid Saleban Mire, Mustafe Ahmed, and Abdul Siyad:

Based on the recommendation of Cass County, the Department of Human Services (DHS) is denying your application for an adult foster care license ("AFC"). This denial is based on failure to comply with licensing laws and rules. Details of our findings are provided below. Our next steps and your options are also detailed.

### **REASON FOR LICENSE DENIAL**

#### **1. Commissioner's evaluation of program**

In determining whether a licensing action is warranted, DHS evaluated the facts, conditions, and circumstances concerning your program's operation. This includes consideration of the well-being of persons who would be served by your program, available evaluations from consumers of your program, and information about the qualifications of staff persons who would be working in your program. DHS has determined that denial of your license application is appropriate based on the violations identified below and the program evaluation.

On April 24, 2025, you submitted a family adult foster care application to Cass County.

Cass County determined your proposed program does not meet the definition of a family adult foster home because the home is not your primary residence, as required. The commissioner is prohibited from issuing an initial adult foster care license for programs that are not the primary residence of the license holder due to a licensing moratorium that has been in effect since 2009.

The address of the home where you applied to provide AFC services has 3 bedrooms and currently has two vulnerable adults living in the home. Additionally, your plan was to have 3 license holders move into the AFC. There would not be enough bedrooms available in the home for the two vulnerable adults and three license holders identified on the application.

Additionally, you provided false information about your residence and owning, renting or maintaining any other residences in Minnesota. The Commissioner relies on applicants to be complete, accurate, and truthful in their applications. Because the Commissioner determined that you provided false

information, the Commissioner cannot be assured that you will be complete, accurate, and truthful in your interactions with the Commissioner to ensure that you are providing services in compliance with licensing requirements.

Legal Authority: Minnesota Statutes, section 245A.04, subdivision 6.

## **2. False and misleading information or knowingly withheld relevant information**

Cass County determined that you knowingly withheld relevant information or provided false or misleading information to the Commissioner related to your license application.

Cass County determined you knowingly gave false information when you stated on the supplement to the AFC application that you did not own, rent or maintain any other residences in Minnesota. Your application stated you owned a home in Walker, Minnesota. However, Cass County determined that each applicant resided in a different home in Columbia Heights, Minnetonka, and Minneapolis, respectively.

Legal Authority: Minnesota Statutes, section 245A.05, paragraph (a), subparagraph (3).

## **3. Failure to comply with licensing laws and rules**

### *Noncompliance with Licensing Rules and Statutes*

Cass County determined your proposed home does not meet the definition of family adult foster care because the AFC home is not your primary residence. Based on your application, Cass County determined none of the applicants live at the proposed adult foster care address in Walker, Minnesota; rather, the three applicants live in separate residences in Columbia Heights, Minnetonka, and Minneapolis.

Applicable Statute Violated: Minnesota Statutes, section 245A.02, subdivision 6f, paragraph 2; Minnesota Statutes, section 245A.03, subdivision 7.

Legal Authority: Minnesota Statutes, section 245A.05, paragraph (a), subparagraph (2).

## **YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL**

You have the right to appeal the denial. Your request must be in writing and clearly state that you are requesting a contested case hearing for this matter. Your request must be made before the deadlines provided below. If you do not meet this deadline, you lose your right to an administrative appeal. The timeline to appeal began when you received this order.

If you are mailing your request, it must be sent by certified mail and postmarked within 20 calendar days from when you received this order. Please send it to:

Commissioner, Department of Human Services

Office of Inspector General  
Legal Counsel's Office  
Attention: Licensing Legal Unit  
PO Box 64953  
St. Paul, MN 55164-0953

If your request is being personally delivered, it must be received by DHS within 20 calendar days from when you received this order. Please bring it to:

Commissioner, Department of Human Services  
Office of Inspector General  
Legal Counsel's Office  
Attention: Licensing Legal Unit  
444 Lafayette Road North  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Upon DHS' receipt of your timely appeal, your case would be scheduled for a contested case hearing in front of an Administrative Law Judge. Following this hearing, the Commissioner of DHS will issue a final order. If you do not appeal or if the order is affirmed by the Commissioner following a hearing, DHS is prohibited from issuing you a license for two years.

### **Legal representation at the contested case hearing:**

You do not need a lawyer to appeal. However, a lawyer can help you with your appeal. The state or county will not get you a lawyer and will not pay for a lawyer. If you cannot afford a lawyer, you may be able to get free legal advice or help with your appeal. To find out if free help is available, contact: Volunteer Lawyers Network at 612-752-6677; Central Minnesota Legal Services at 612-332-8151; Southern Minnesota Legal Services at 651-222-4731; or go to [www.lawhelpmn.org](http://www.lawhelpmn.org) to find a local legal services program that may be able to help you.

You can also find information on contested cases from the Office of Administrative Hearings website at <https://mn.gov/oah/self-help>. Click on Administrative Law Overview, then click on Administrative Law Contested Case Hearing Guide for a list of frequently asked questions.

### **Legal authority in this licensing action**

- This action is taken under Minnesota Statutes, section 245A.05, subdivision (a), which describes under which conditions DHS may deny a license.
- "Applicant" is defined under Minnesota Statutes, section 245A.02, subdivision 3.
- Applicants have a right to appeal licensing actions and request a contested case hearing, under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 14 and Minnesota Rules, parts 1400.8505 to 1400.8612.
- Minnesota Statutes, section 245.095 defines which programs administered by DHS are included in the exclusion provision, and further defines "excluded," "individual," and "provider."
- Under Minnesota Statutes, section 245A.04, subdivision 7, paragraph (d), clause (2), the commissioner shall not issue or reissue a license if the applicant, license holder, or controlling individual has been denied a license under this chapter within the past two years.

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## Questions

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, you may contact Tawnya Arueya, Supervisor, at 651-201-5571.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature is cursive and appears to read "Christala Culhane".

Christala Culhane, Unit Manager  
Licensing Division  
Office of Inspector General

cc: Shalyn Jaroszewski, Cass County