STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Home and Community Living Administration
PO Box 45600, Olympia, WA 98504-5600

June 24, 2026

ELECTRONIC-FACSIMILE

Administrator
Gencare Lifestyle Federal Way at Steel Lake
31200 23rd Avenue South
Federal Way, WA 98003

Assisted Living Facility License # **2484**
Licensee: Angelo Abela

IMPOSITION OF CIVIL FINES

Dear Administrator:

On June 15, 2026, the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Residential Care Services completed a follow-up visit at your facility. This letter constitutes formal notice of civil fines on the license for your assisted living facility, also known as **Gencare Lifestyle Federal Way at Steel Lake,** located at **31200 23rd Avenue South, Federal Way,** by the State of Washington, Department of Social and Health Services. These actions are taken under the authority granted pursuant to Laws of 1998, Chapter 272 and RCW 18.20.190.

The civil fines on the license are based on the following violation of the RCW and/or WAC as described in the attached Statement of Deficiencies (SOD) report dated June 15, 2026**.**

Civil Fines

WAC 388-112A-0060 (1)(a)(i)(ii)(iii)(b)(iii)(c)(1) What are the training and certification requirements for volunteers and long-term care workers in assisted living facilities and assisted living facility administrators?

WAC 388-78A-2474 (2)((a)(b)(c)(e) Training and home care aide certification requirements. **$400.00**

The licensee failed to ensure two staff members completed all required training to perform their job duties and responsibilities. This failure placed all the residents at risk of unmet care needs from staff with incomplete training.

This is an uncorrected deficiency previously cited on April 16, 2026, for subsection (2)(a) and (e).

WAC 388-78A-2290 (3)(a)(b)(c)(d)(e)(4)(a)(b)(c)(5) Family assistance with medications and treatments. **$400.00**

The licensee failed to ensure two residents had a completed written plan for family assistance with medication management. This failure placed both residents at risk for unmet care needs.

This is an uncorrected deficiency previously cited on April 16, 2026, for WAC 388-78A-2290 subsection (3)(b).

WAC 388-78A-2130 (1)(b)(c)(3)(a)(b)(4) Service agreement planning. **$200.00**

The licensee failed to ensure one resident's care plan (equivalent to negotiated service agreement) included staff instructions to monitor possible medication side effects and guidance on the resident psychiatric care needs. This placed the resident at risk of unmet care needs and a decreased quality of life.

This is an uncorrected deficiency previously cited on April 16, 2026, for WAC 388-78A-2130 subsection (3)(b).

NOTE: These are the violations, which resulted in the fines; see the attached Statement of Deficiencies for any additional violations.

Attestation (Plan of Correction):

Return the enclosed SOD within 10 calendar days with the following:

- The date you have or will have each deficiency corrected;
- A signature and date attesting that you are taking actions to correct and maintain correction for each cited deficiency.

Return the signed and dated SOD to:

Jim Sherman, Field Manager
Region 2, Unit D
20425 72nd Ave S suite 400
Kent, WA 98032-2388
Phone: (253) 234-6020/ Fax: (253) 395-5071
rcsregion2email@dshs.wa.gov

Appeal Rights:

You have two appeal rights: Informal Dispute Resolution (IDR) and an Administrative Hearing. Each has a different request timeline.

Informal Dispute Resolution [RCW 18.20.195]

You have an opportunity to challenge the deficiencies and/or enforcement actions through the state's IDR process. **All IDR requests must be in writing and include:**

- The deficiencies you are disputing; and
- The method of review you prefer (face-to-face, telephone conference or documentation review).

The written request must be received by the 10th working day from receipt of this letter.

During the IDR process, you will have the opportunity to present written and/or oral evidence to dispute the deficiencies.

You can make an IDR request and find directions on the IDR web page at: http://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/idr.

Formal Administrative Hearing

You may contest the civil fines by requesting a formal administrative hearing to challenge the deficiency, which resulted in the civil fines. **All hearing requests must be in writing and include:**

- A copy of this letter; and
- A copy of the Statement of Deficiencies.

The written request must be received within twenty-eight (28) calendar days of receipt of this letter.

Send your **written** request to:

Office of Administrative Hearings
PO Box 42489
Olympia, Washington 98504-2489

Payment:

If you do not request a formal administrative hearing, the civil fines are due to the Office of Financial Recovery twenty-eight (28) calendar days after receipt of this letter.

Mail a check for **$1,000.00** payable to the 'Department of Social and Health Services', **and if you have or have had a Medicaid resident(s), please include your ProviderOne ID Number # on the check,** to:

DSHS Office of Financial Recovery
PO Box 9501
Olympia, WA 98507-9501
(360) 664-5919 / FAX: (360) 664-8401
OFRMMISVendor@dshs.wa.gov

If the Office of Financial Recovery has not received your payment within twenty-eight (28) days after receipt of this letter, interest will begin to accrue immediately on the balance, at the rate of one percent per month. If you do not submit a hearing request or make payment within twenty-eight (28) days, the balance due will be recovered.

NOTICE: State and federal law provide protections to defendants who are in military service, and to their dependents. Dependents of a service member are the service member's spouse, the service member's minor child, or and individual for whom the service member provided more than one-half of the individual's support for one hundred eight days immediately preceding an application for relief.

One protection provided is the protection against the entry of a default judgment in certain circumstances. This notice pertains only to a defendant who is a dependent of a member of the National Guard or a military reserve component under a call to active service, or a National Guard member under a call to service authorized by the governor of the state of Washington, for a period of more than thirty consecutive days. Other defendants in military service also have protections against default judgments not covered by this notice. If you are the dependent of a member of the national guard or a military reserve component under a call to active service, or a national guard member under a call to service authorized by the governor of the state of Washington, for a period of more than thirty consecutive days, you should notify the Department in writing of your status as such within twenty days of the receipt of this notice. If you fail to do so, then a court or an administrative tribunal may presume that you are not a dependent of an active duty member of the national guard or reserves, or a national guard member under a call to service authorized by the governor of the state of Washington, and proceed with the entry of an order of default and/or a default judgment without further proof of your status. Your response to the Department about your status does not constitute an appearance for jurisdictional purposes in any pending litigation nor a waiver of your rights.

If you have any questions, please contact Jim Sherman, Field Manager, at (253) 234-6020.

Sincerely,

Matt Hauser
Compliance Specialist
Residential Care Services

Enclosure

cc: Field Manager, Region 2, Unit D
RCS Regional Administrator, Region 2
HCS Regional Administrator, Region 2
DDA Regional Administrator, Region 2
WA LTC Ombuds
Office of Financial Recovery, Vendor Program Unit
HQ Central Files
DRW
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