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October 6, 2000

WARNING LETTER

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Refer to MIN 01- 01

David Strand
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Dear Mr. Strand:

On September 26, 2000, a representative of the State of Minnesota, acting on behalf of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), inspected your Allina Medical Clinic—Faribault located at 924 NE First Street, Faribault, MN (FDA certificate #188417). This inspection revealed a serious regulatory problem involving mammography at your facility.

Under a United States Federal law, the Mammography Quality Standards Act of 1992, your facility must meet specific requirements for mammography. These requirements help protect the health of women by assuring that a facility can perform quality mammography. Based on the documentation your site presented at the time of the inspection the following Level 1 and Level 2 findings were documented at your facility:

Level 1 Non-Compliance:

1. The system to communicate results is inadequate for your Allina Medical Clinic—Faribault site because there is no system in place to provide timely lay summaries to all mammography patients regardless of the assessment category of their films.

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Level 2 Non-Compliance:

2. Phantom QC records were missing for at least two weeks but less than four weeks for the  mammography system located at the Faribault site.

The specific problems noted above appeared on your MQSA Facility Inspection Report which was issued to your facility following the close of the inspection.

Because these conditions may be symptomatic of serious underlying problems that could compromise the quality of mammography at your facility, they represent a serious violation of the law which may result in FDA taking regulatory action without further notice to you. These actions include, but are not limited to, placing your facility under a Directed Plan of Correction, charging your facility for the cost of on-site monitoring, assessing civil money penalties up to \$10,000 for each failure to substantially comply with, or each day of failure to substantially comply with, the Standards, suspension or revocation of your facility's FDA certificate, or obtaining a court injunction against further mammography.

It is necessary for you to act on this matter immediately. Please explain to this office in writing within 15 working days from the date you received this letter:

- * The specific steps you have taken to correct all of the violations noted in this letter. In particular, please submit specimen lay letters for all assessment levels.
- * Each step your facility is taking to prevent the recurrence of similar violations.
- * Sample records that demonstrate proper record keeping procedures if the findings relate to quality control or other records.

Please submit your response to Thomas W. Garvin, Radiological Health Specialist, Food and Drug Administration, 2675 N. Mayfair Road, Suite 200, Milwaukee, WI 53226-1305.

Finally, you should understand that there are many FDA requirements pertaining to mammography. This letter pertains only to findings of your inspection and does not necessarily address other obligations you have under the law. You may obtain general information about all of FDA's requirements for mammography facilities by contacting the Mammography Quality Assurance Program, Food and Drug Administration, P.O. Box 6057, Columbia, MD 21045-6057 (1-800-838-7715) or through the Internet at <http://www.fda.gov.cdrh/mammography/index.html>.

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If you have specific questions about mammography facility requirements or about the content of this letter please feel free to phone Mr. Garvin at (414) 771-7167 ext. 12.

Sincerely,


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