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March 10, 2025

Nichole VanNiman  
Beacon Specialized Living Services, Inc.  
Suite 110  
890 N. 10th St.  
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

RE: License #: AS390394306  
**Beacon Home At Kalamazoo**  
**2710 West Main Street**  
**Kalamazoo, MI 49006**

Dear Nichole VanNiman:

Attached is the Renewal Licensing Study Report for the facility referenced above. The violations cited in the report require the submission of a written corrective action plan. The corrective action plan is due 15 days from the date of this letter and must include the following:

- How compliance with each rule will be achieved.
- Who is directly responsible for implementing the corrective action for each violation.
- Specific dates for each violation as to when the correction will be completed or implemented.
- How continuing compliance will be maintained once compliance is achieved.
- The signature of the licensee or licensee designee or home for the aged authorized representative and a date.

Upon receipt of an acceptable corrective plan, a regular license and specialized certification for the mentally ill and developmentally disabled populations, will be issued. If you fail to submit an acceptable corrective action plan, disciplinary action will result.

Please contact me with any questions. In the event that I am not available and you need to speak to someone immediately, you may contact the local office at (517) 284-9730.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cathy Cushman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS  
BUREAU OF COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SYSTEMS  
RENEWAL INSPECTION REPORT**

**I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION**

**License #:** AS390394306

**Licensee Name:** Beacon Specialized Living Services, Inc.

**Licensee Address:** Suite 110  
890 N. 10th St.  
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

**Licensee Telephone #:** (269) 427-8400

**Licensee Designee:** Nichole VanNiman

**Administrator:** Aubry Napier

**Name of Facility:** Beacon Home At Kalamazoo

**Facility Address:** 2710 West Main Street  
Kalamazoo, MI 49006

**Facility Telephone #:** (269) 427-8400

**Original Issuance Date:** 10/23/2018

**Capacity:** 6

**Program Type:** DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED  
MENTALLY ILL

## II. METHODS OF INSPECTION

Date of On-site Inspection: 03/07/2025

Date of Bureau of Fire Services Inspection if applicable: N/A

Date of Health Authority Inspection if applicable: N/A

No. of staff interviewed and/or observed 3

No. of residents interviewed and/or observed 5

No. of others interviewed 2 Role: Compliance and Nurse

- Medication pass / simulated pass observed? Yes  No  If no, explain.
- Medication(s) and medication record(s) reviewed? Yes  No  If no, explain.
- Resident funds and associated documents reviewed for at least one resident? Yes  No  If no, explain.
- Meal preparation / service observed? Yes  No  If no, explain.  
Onsite inspection did not take place during a meal time; however, food was observed in the facility.
- Fire drills reviewed? Yes  No  If no, explain.
- Fire safety equipment and practices observed? Yes  No  If no, explain.
- E-scores reviewed? (Special Certification Only) Yes  No  N/A   
If no, explain.
- Water temperatures checked? Yes  No  If no, explain.
- Incident report follow-up? Yes  No  If no, explain.
- Corrective action plan compliance verified? Yes  CAP date/s and rule/s:  
N/A
- Number of excluded employees followed-up? 2 N/A
- Variances? Yes  (please explain) No  N/A   
A variance to R 400.14315 was granted on 06/20/2024 allowing the licensee to utilize an electronic system to track Adult Foster Care payments.

### III. DESCRIPTION OF FINDINGS & CONCLUSIONS

This facility was found to be in non-compliance with the following rules:

**R 400.14403            Maintenance of premises.**

**(1) A home shall be constructed, arranged, and maintained to provide adequately for the health, safety, and well-being of occupants.**

**FINDING:** The basement bathroom was in disrepair during the inspection as it was being remodeled. The floor had been demoed, and the bathroom sink/vanity had been removed.

The light in the basement staff office, which residents have access to, was flickering.

**R 400.14403            Maintenance of premises.**

**(2) Home furnishings and housekeeping standards shall present a comfortable, clean, and orderly appearance.**

**FINDING:** The carpeting in the basement resident bedroom was observably dirty.

**REPEAT VIOLATION ESTABLISHED  
SEE RENEWAL LSR DATED 03/27/2023, CAP DATED 03/29/2023**

**R 400.14403            Maintenance of premises.**

**(5) Floors, walls, and ceilings shall be finished so as to be easily cleanable and shall be kept clean and in good repair.**

**FINDING:** Multiple ceiling tiles in the basement resident bedroom appeared to have water damage.

**R 400.14403            Maintenance of premises.**

**(6) All plumbing fixtures and water and waste pipes shall be properly installed and maintained in good working condition. Each water heater shall be equipped with a thermostatic temperature control and a pressure relief valve, both of which shall be in good working condition.**

**FINDING:** The bathtub off the hallway on the main level had observable flaking and chipping indicating it needs to be repaired.

**REPEAT VIOLATION ESTABLISHED**

**SEE RENEWAL LSR DATED 03/27/2023, CAP DATED 03/29/2023**

**R 400.14403            Maintenance of premises.**

**(8) Stairways shall have sturdy and securely fastened handrails. The handrails shall be not less than 30, nor more than 34, inches above the upper surface of the tread. All exterior and interior stairways and ramps shall have handrails on the open sides. All porches and decks that are 8 inches or more above grade shall also have handrails on the open sides.**

**FINDING:** The basement stairs have no handrail for the last two steps, which are open on one side.

It should be noted, a stairway has two or more steps. Each stairway must have at least one handrail. Stairways with open sides must have rails on all open sides. All handrails are to be properly installed and meet the minimum height requirement.

**R 400.14511            Flame-producing equipment; enclosures.**

**(1) If the heating plant is located in the basement of a small group home, standard building material may be used for the floor separation. Floor separation shall also include at least 1 3/4-inch solid core wood door or equivalent to create a floor separation between the basement and the first floor.**

**FINDING:** The facility's furnace is in the basement where residents reside; however, there is no floor separation from the basement to the facility's main level. Subsequently, a fire door needs to be installed at either the top or the bottom of the facility's basement stairs to create floor separation.

#### IV. RECOMMENDATION

Contingent upon receipt of an acceptable corrective action plan, renewal of the license and specialized certification for the mentally ill and developmentally disabled populations are recommended.



03/10/2025

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Cathy Cushman  
Licensing Consultant

Date