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DIRECTOR

January 15, 2026

Deborah Pettyplace
The Barton Woods Group, Inc.
9472 Kochville Road
Freeland, MI 48623

RE: License #: AL730352302
Investigation #: 2026A0572014
Barton Woods Assisted Living East

Dear Deborah Pettyplace:

Attached is the Special Investigation Report for the above referenced facility. Due to the violations identified in the report, a written corrective action plan is required. 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 time frames 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 responsible party and a date.

If you desire technical assistance in addressing these issues, please feel free to contact me. In any event, the corrective action plan is due within 15 days. Failure to submit an acceptable corrective action plan will result in disciplinary action.

Please review the enclosed documentation for accuracy and contact me with any questions. In the event that I am not available and you need to speak to someone immediately, please contact the local office at (517) 643-7960.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony Humphrey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping flourish at the end of the name.

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enclosure

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
BUREAU OF COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SYSTEMS
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT**

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	AL730352302
Investigation #:	2026A0572014
Complaint Receipt Date:	12/02/2025
Investigation Initiation Date:	12/04/2025
Report Due Date:	01/31/2026
Licensee Name:	The Barton Woods Group, Inc.
Licensee Address:	9472 Kochville Road Freeland, MI 48623
Licensee Telephone #:	(989) 695-2014
Administrator:	Rebecca Williams
Licensee Designee:	Deborah Pettyplace
Name of Facility:	Barton Woods Assisted Living East
Facility Address:	9472 Kochville Road Freeland, MI 48623
Facility Telephone #:	(989) 695-5380
Original Issuance Date:	07/29/2014
License Status:	REGULAR
Effective Date:	01/29/2025
Expiration Date:	01/28/2027
Capacity:	20
Program Type:	PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AGED

II. ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?
More than a year after Resident A's death, Barton Woods Assisted Living East still owes the estate \$34,920.06, having refunded only half of Resident A's prepaid care balance and ignoring a court judgment ordering full repayment.	Yes

III. METHODOLOGY

12/02/2025	Special Investigation Intake 2026A0572014
12/04/2025	Special Investigation Initiated - Letter Complainant.
12/08/2025	Contact - Document Received Complainant.
12/11/2025	Contact - Document Received Documents from Complainant.
01/12/2026	Inspection Completed On-site Administrator, Rebecca Williams.
01/14/2026	Inspection Completed-BCAL Sub. Compliance
01/14/2026	Exit Conference Administrator, Rebecca Williams.

ALLEGATION:

More than a year after Resident A's death, Barton Woods Assisted Living East still owes the estate \$34,920.06, having refunded only half of Resident A's prepaid care balance and ignoring a court judgment ordering full repayment.

INVESTIGATION:

On 12/02/2025, the local licensing office received a complaint for investigation. Resident A was not interviewed as Resident A passed away on 11/19/2024.

On 12/04/2025, contact was made with the Complainant. I received a response on 12/08/2025. The Complainant stated, "Barton Woods has ignored every request to

appear back before the Court. Even with the default judgment against them our only way to actually get the money the court has ordered them to pay is via them willingly paying us (which they refuse to do), a judgement lien on the property (which requires them to sell the business/property, or attempting to garnish their bank accounts (which they have ways to dodge).”

On 12/11/2025, the Complainant sent me several documents which included a ledger signed by Rebecca Williams showing their pre-payments. The Complainant informed that they had prepaid for 12 months from May of 2024 to April 2025 (\$55,074.60). During the course of that prepayment period, they added an additional 6 months (\$28,123.20) which is included in the attachment. Resident A passed away on 11/19/2024. They took into account that they were responsible for 30 days after Resident A’s passing which would be 12/19/2024. Per the statement in the 2nd attachment, the total remaining from the first 12-month pre-payment as of the end of December would have been \$20,897.10. With the addition of pro-rated costs for 12/19/2024 through 12/31/2024, there’s another \$1,823.88 owed to Resident A’s Estate, plus the additional 6 month pre-payment contract that wasn’t used.

Left from 12-month pre-payment: \$20,897.10
Pro-rated from 12/19/2024 - 12/31/2024: \$1,823.88
Full 6-month pre-payment: \$28,123.20
Total Owed: \$50,844.18

On 12/11/2025, I received the following documents from the Complainant:

- A Ledger of Resident A’s 12-month Prepayment.
- 12 month and 6 month Prepayment Option Contracts
- Default Judgement
- Returned check made by Barton Woods Group.

On 12/11/2025, I reviewed Resident A’s 12-month Prepayment Ledger. It shows that they paid \$55,074.60 for a 6% discount for the time period of May 2024 through April 2025, with \$4882.50 being applied to each month. A prepayment discount of \$3,515.40 was granted.

On 12/11/2025, I reviewed the Prepayment Option Contract, which confirms that Resident A’s Estate had a cost of care of 12 payments in the amount of \$4,882.50 per month for a total of \$58,590.00. A 6% discount was received of \$3,515.50 which makes the total cost of care \$55,074.60. An additional 6 Month Prepayment Option was made at a cost of \$4882.50 per month for a total of \$29,295.00. With a 4% discount of \$1,171.80, the total for the 6-month period that was not utilized is \$28,123.20.

On 12/11/2025, I reviewed a Default Judgement which indicates that Resident A’s Estate initially sought damages in the amount of \$50,844.18. After one payment of \$25,422.09 which is half the amount owed for cost of care, Barton Woods Group

now owes \$25,422.09 in cost of care refunds, plus \$9,334.64 in attorney fees and an additional \$143.33 in interests, for a total of \$35,920.06.

On 12/11/2025, I reviewed a returned check from Barton Woods Group Inc., dated 06/26/2025 in the amount of \$25,422.09.

On 01/12/2026, I made an unannounced onsite to Barton Woods Assisted Living, located in Saginaw County Michigan. Administrator, Rebecca Williams, was present for an interview.

On 01/12/2026, I interviewed Administrator, Rebecca Williams regarding the allegation. Rebecca Williams informed that they had multiple families to repay roughly at the same time and this is the last family that they must refund. Rebecca Williams does not deny that they owe Resident A's Estate money but informed that on account of paying back so many families and suffering from some financial fraud, they have not been able to pay Resident A's Estate in full as of now. Rebecca Williams does not have a timetable for when the payment will be made but informed that it will be one lumpsum payment. Since the family obtained a lawyer, they are not allowed to speak with the family directly. Barton Woods Group will pay the attorney representing Resident A's Estate and their attorney will pay the Estate. Rebecca Williams acknowledged that they owe over \$30,000 with the added attorney fees and interest and informed that they are not fighting it, it's just taking some time for them to make the final payment.

On 01/14/2026, an exit conference was held with Administrator, Rebecca Williams regarding the results of the special investigation. Rebecca Williams informed that they are well aware that they owe the money to the Estate and will be paying them soon.

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.637	Handling of resident funds and valuables.
	(14) A licensee shall provide a complete accounting on an annual basis and on request of all resident funds and valuables that are held in trust or that are paid to the facility, a resident, or a resident's designated representative. An accounting of a resident's funds and valuables that are held in trust or are paid to the facility must also be provided, on the resident's or the resident's designated representative's request, not more than 5 business days after the request and at the time of the resident's discharge from the facility.

ANALYSIS:	Based on my interviews with the Complainant, the Administrator for Barton Woods Assisted Living, and review of documents, there is enough evidence to establish a licensing rules violation. The Complainant informed that they are owed a refund for cost of care that was not utilized due to Resident A passing away. A judgement in the amount of \$35,920.06 was made. Administrator Rebecca Williams acknowledges that they owe the money and plan on paying the family back.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

IV. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that no changes be made to the licensing status of this large adult foster care group home, pending the receipt of an acceptable corrective action plan (capacity 13-20).



01/15/2026

Anthony Humphrey
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:



01/15/2026

Mary E. Holton
Area Manager

Date