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April 3, 2026

Elisabeta Biraru and Ionel Birau
2718 Lovington Ave.
Troy, MI 48083

RE: License #: AF630415822
Investigation #: 2026A0626019
Troy Gentle Care Home

Dear Elisabeta Biraru and Ionel Birau:

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.
- Indicate how continuing compliance will be maintained once compliance is achieved.
- Be signed and dated.

A six-month provisional license is recommended. If you do not contest the issuance of a provisional license, you must indicate so in writing; this may be included in your corrective action plan or in a separate document. If you contest the issuance of a provisional license, you must notify this office in writing and an administrative hearing will be scheduled. Even if you contest the issuance of a provisional license, you must still submit an acceptable corrective action plan.

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.

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 (248) 972-9136.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sara E. Shaughnessy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

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

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	AF630415822
Investigation #:	2026A0626019
Complaint Receipt Date:	03/26/2026
Investigation Initiation Date:	03/26/2026
Report Due Date:	05/25/2026
Licensee Name:	Elisabeta Biraru and Ionel Birau
Licensee Address:	2718 Lovington Ave. Troy, MI 48083
Licensee Telephone #:	(248) 602-6706
Administrator:	N/A
Licensee Designee:	
Name of Facility:	Troy Gentle Care Home
Facility Address:	2718 Lovington Ave. Troy, MI 48083
Facility Telephone #:	(248) 602-6706
Original Issuance Date:	10/06/2023
License Status:	REGULAR
Effective Date:	04/06/2024
Expiration Date:	04/05/2026
Capacity:	3
Program Type:	PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED MENTALLY ILL

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II. ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?
Troy Gentle Care Home, a licensed family adult foster care home, is not inhabitable due to a fire. There was no notification made to the department.	Yes
Additional Findings	No

III. METHODOLOGY

03/26/2026	Special Investigation Intake 2026A0626019
03/26/2026	Special Investigation Initiated - Face to Face I initiated the special investigation by conducting an onsite investigation. There was no visible damage observed from the outside of the home. There were two notices on the door, one indicating the fire department was investigating and another stating the home is not safe to occupy. I took photographs of both notices.
03/27/2026	APS Referral An APS referral was not made due to there being no allegations pertaining to abuse or neglect.
03/31/2026	Contact - Telephone call made I completed a telephone interview with the licensee, Elisabeta Biraru.
03/31/2026	Contact - Document Received I received a copy of a certification of fire loss, via email, signed by Lieutenant Jonathan Roberts from Troy Fire Department.
03/31/2026	Exit Conference I completed an exit conference, via telephone, with licensee, Elisabeta Biraru. The findings were discussed and she acknowledged an understanding. She would like to continue her

	license when the repairs have been completed, and will accept the recommendation for a provisional license.
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ALLEGATION:

Troy Gentle Care Home, a licensed family adult foster care home, is not inhabitable due to a fire. There was no notification made to the department.

INVESTIGATION:

On 03/26/2026, I received allegations, via email, indicating there had been a fire at Troy Gentle Care Home and the home was uninhabitable. No report had been submitted to the department.

On 03/26/2026, I completed a telephone interview with licensing consultant, LaShonda Reed. Ms. Reed informed me that she had contact with the licensee, Elisabeta Biraru. Ms. Reed had contacted Ms. Biraru to schedule a renewal inspection and was informed that there had been a fire at the home, and the home was not livable. She asked Ms. Biraru if she had sent a report to the department and she stated she had not. Ms. Reed requested that Ms. Biraru create an incident report and send it to her. Ms. Reed forwarded the incident report to me, via email. It indicated that on 01/23/2026, there was a fire in the fireplace, and the fire alarms started to sound. They turned off the fireplace and the alarms stopped, then started again. They located a small fire in one of the rooms. 911 was called and the resident's power of attorney was contacted. The resident was taken to the hospital and then moved to a different facility.

On 03/26/2026, I completed an unannounced, onsite investigation at 2718 Lovington Avenue, Troy. There was no visible fire damage observed on the outside of the home, but I observed two sticker notices on the door. The top notice was an intent to investigate by the Troy Fire Department, and it indicates no one is to enter without authorization. The second notice was orange and reads, "DO NOT OCCUPY", dated 01/23/2026 and signed by Lieutenant Johnathan Roberts from the Troy Police Department. I took photographs of the notices.

On 03/31/2026, I completed a telephone interview with licensee, Elisabeta Biraru. Ms. Biraru confirmed that there was a fire in the home on 01/23/2026. She had one resident in the home; the resident was examined at the hospital and was then moved to another home. The resident was going to come back, but passed away, not related to the fire. The home is not habitable; there is a missing wall and there is water damage throughout the home. The insurance company has not completed their investigation, and she is not aware of how long that will take or the full extent of the damage. She is hoping the repairs will be completed within six months and

wants to continue providing licensed care when it is completed. Ms. Biraru does not have access to any files or paperwork, as she has not been allowed back into the home since the fire. She sent me, via email, a certification of fire loss, completed by Staff Lieutenant Jonathan Roberts of Troy Fire Department. The certification indicates there was a structure fire at the home with significant smoke and fire damage throughout the structure, potentially covering contents in toxic soot, rendering medication unsafe for consumption or use.

On 03/31/2026, I completed an exit conference with licensee, Elisabeta Biraru, via telephone. Ms. Biraru was informed that due to the home being unsafe to live in, a renewal license could not be issued at this time, and I will be recommending the issuance of a provisional license. I informed her that a renewal inspection and a regular license can be issued when the repairs are completed, and the home is officially declared safe. Ms. Biraru informed me that she understood the recommendation and will keep me informed regarding the progress of the repairs.

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.647	Safety and maintenance of premises.
	(18) A written report must be made to the resident's designated representative; responsible agency, if applicable; and the department within 24 hours from the occurrence of property damage that impacts the facility to provide adult foster care services or relocation of a resident to a different address or any fire.
ANALYSIS:	Based on the information gathered during my investigation, there is sufficient evidence to support that there was no report made to the department within 24 hours of the occurrence of property damage that impacts the facility to provide adult foster care services or the relocation of a resident to a different address or any fire. The licensee, Elisabeta Biraru, confirmed there had been a fire on 01/23/2026 and admitted that she did not report it to the department. There are official notices on the door, from the Troy Fire Department, indicating there is an investigation and that the home is to not be occupied. Ms. Biraru sent me a fire lose certification from the Troy Police Department, further confirming the fire occurred and that the home is not safe.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.647	Safety and maintenance of premises.

	(1) A facility must be constructed, arranged, and maintained to provide adequately for the health, safety, and well-being of occupants.
ANALYSIS:	Based on the information gathered during my special investigation, there is enough evidence to conclude that the facility is not adequate to provide for the health, safety, or well-being of occupants. There has been a fire at the home and it is currently uninhabitable, per Troy Fire Department.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Due to the home not being habitable and there being no current residents, I recommend the issuance of a provisional license for six months for physical plant violations.

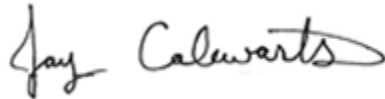


04/03/2026

Sara Shaughnessy
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:



For

04/03/2026

Denise Y. Nunn
Area Manager

Date