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September 2, 2026

Christine Decker
9914 E ML Ave.
Galesburg, MI 49053

RE: License #: AF390384856
Investigation #: 2026A0581036
CD Mended Hearts AFC Home

Dear Christine Decker:

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) 335-5985.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cathy Cushman". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Cathy" and last name "Cushman" clearly legible.

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enclosure

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

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	AF390384856
Investigation #:	2026A0581036
Complaint Receipt Date:	07/08/2026
Investigation Initiation Date:	07/09/2026
Report Due Date:	09/06/2026
Licensee Name:	Christine Decker
Licensee Address:	9914 E ML Ave. Galesburg, MI 49053
Licensee Telephone #:	(269) 598-7923
Administrator:	N/A
Licensee Designee:	N/A
Name of Facility:	CD Mended Hearts AFC Home
Facility Address:	9914 E ML Ave. Galesburg, MI 49053
Facility Telephone #:	(269) 598-7923
Original Issuance Date:	11/20/2017
License Status:	REGULAR
Effective Date:	05/20/2026
Expiration Date:	05/19/2028
Capacity:	5
Program Type:	DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED

II. ALLEGATION

	Violation Established?
The licensee's husband, Dewayne Decker, engaged in an altercation with the licensee and her family and was arrested.	Yes

III. METHODOLOGY

07/08/2026	Special Investigation Intake -2026A0581036
07/08/2026	APS Referral - APS received the allegations, but denied investigating. No referral necessary.
07/08/2026	Referral - Recipient Rights - Referred to ISK ORR - assigned for investigation.
07/08/2026	Referral - Law Enforcement - Requested Sheriff's Department police report.
07/09/2026	Special Investigation Initiated – Letter - Received police report.
07/09/2026	APS Referral - APS received the allegations, but denied investigating.
07/10/2026	Contact - Telephone call made - Suzie Suchyta contacted licensee to discuss a safety plan.
07/13/2026	Inspection Completed On-site - Interviewed licensee, staff, and residents.
07/14/2026	Contact – Document Received – Dispatch records for facility.
07/20/2026	Contact – Document Received – Email from Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department.
07/22/2026	Contact - Telephone call received - Interview with licensee.
08/19/2026	Contact - Document Received - Email correspondence with Suzie Suchyta
08/25/2026	Contact - Document Sent - Reviewed Kalamazoo District Court for DeWayne Decker.
08/26/2026	Inspection Completed-BCAL Sub. Compliance

09/02/2026	Exit conference with the licensee, Christine Decker.
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ALLEGATION: The licensee's husband, Dewayne Decker, engaged in an altercation with the licensee and her family and was arrested.

INVESTIGATION: On 07/08/2026, I received this complaint as a referral through the Bureau of Community Health System (BCHS) online complaint system. The complaint alleged the licensee, Christine Decker, and her husband, Dewayne Decker, both reside in the facility with Residents A, B, C and D. The complaint alleged Dewayne Decker is abusive towards Christine Decker and her immediate family members and that his behavior is unpredictable. The complaint identified a recent incident where Dewayne Decker had an altercation with Christine Decker and her immediate family members and he was arrested. The complaint neither specified a date when the alleged incident occurred or if the residents were present and witnesses. The complaint alleged Dewayne Decker bailed himself out of jail and was residing back in the facility.

On 07/09/2026, I reviewed Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department police report # 26-23154. According to this report, on 07/02/2026 at approximately 6:30 pm, the Sheriff's Department responded to a potential domestic assault between Dewayne Decker and Family Member 1 (FM-1) at the facility. The report documented Dewayne Decker pushed FM-1 and threatened to kick her in her stomach. The report documented that FM-1 was pregnant. The report alleged Dewayne Decker pretended to grab a knife and charged FM-1. The report documented after arriving on scene police observed Christine Decker, FM-1, FM-2, FM-3, and FM-4 in the facility driveway.

FM-1's statement to police on scene was consistent with what was reported via telephone prior to their arrival. FM-1 reported that during a visit to address family concerns, Dewayne Decker became increasingly hostile, confronted her physically, appeared to retrieve a knife, and charged toward her, causing FM-1 and Christine Decker's other family members to believe he was armed. FM-1 reported that Christine Decker intervened by stepping in between Dewayne Decker and FM-1. FM-1 reported after Dewayne Decker charged her, but he denied his actions. FM-1 provided video evidence to officers which they documented was consistent with FM-1's account.

Police officers also interviewed Dewayne Decker who claimed FM-1 assaulted him by pushing and spitting on him. He stated he neither did anything wrong nor provoked FM-1. Dewayne Decker also denied threatening to kick FM-1 in the stomach, denied retrieving a knife, and denied acting as though he had a knife before charging FM-1. Officers informed Dewayne Decker that video recorded by

FM-1 contradicted his statements and based on the video footage, statements by FM-1 and other witnesses, Dewayne Decker was arrested and taken to jail.

On 07/09/2026, I received information indicating a similar incident occurred in the facility approximately two years ago. I reviewed the facility's electronic file; however, there was no record of any special investigations or correspondence regarding an assault in the facility involving the licensee or any household members, including Dewayne Decker.

I conducted a MiCOURT Case search for Dewayne Decker and determined he was arrested on 11/21/2022; however, the case was closed after an order of nolle prosequi was entered (the prosecutor's decision to dismiss the charges). I subsequently requested the additional police report involving Dewayne Decker from the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department

On 07/10/2026, I reviewed Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department police report # 2022-00038848. According to my review of this police report, on 11/21/2022 at approximately 1:49 pm, police were dispatched to the facility's address because Dewayne Decker attacked FM-2. According to the report, FM-2 returned to the facility with Christine Decker and while FM-2 was sitting near the kitchen area Dewayne Decker became upset with her because he thought she was laughing at him. FM-2 reported to police that she was actually laughing at something on her phone. FM-2 reported to police Dewayne Decker then came up to her and hit her with a closed fist. FM-2 reported to police that direct care staff, Michelle Taylor, intervened between her and Dewayne Decker, but he was able to reach around and slap FM-2 across the face with an open hand. FM-2 reported to police it was the first time he had physically injured her.

The report documented police interviewed Michelle Taylor whose statement was consistent with FM-2's statement; however, Michelle Taylor stated she did not observe Dewayne Decker hit FM-2 a second time.

On 07/10/2026, Integrated Services of Kalamazoo (ISK) Recipient Rights Officer, Suzie Suchyta, contacted Christine Decker, and confirmed she was implementing a safety plan. Christine Decker reported to Suzie Suchyta that Dewayne Decker was residing back in the facility, but he was not being left alone with any of the residents and was not providing direct care. Christine Decker reported to Suzie Suchyta that if she had to leave the facility then additional staff were utilized. Furthermore, Christine Decker reported to Suzie Suchyta that she contacted police to remove Dewayne Decker's firearms from the facility.

On 07/13/2026, I conducted an unannounced onsite inspection at the facility in conjunction with Suzie Suchyta. I attempted to interview Resident A, B, and C; however, due to their limited cognitive abilities, they were unable to provide sufficient responses to complete an interview. Resident D was not interviewed due to attending a day program at the time of the inspection.

I interviewed the licensee, Christine Decker, who described the events leading up to the alleged assault on 07/02/2026. She stated that on 06/25/2026, while she was at the hospital receiving treatment for a health-related issue, a disagreement occurred involving Dewayne Decker, FM-1 and FM-2. She stated Dewayne Decker wanted to leave the hospital to run errands, and FM-2 attempted to intervene. She stated FM-2 became upset and left the hospital room. Christine Decker stated FM-1 subsequently became involved in the disagreement and reportedly told Dewayne Decker that she wished he had died from his prior stroke.

Christine Decker stated that on 07/02/2026, FM-2 contacted her to resolve the conflict from the 06/25 hospital visit. Christine Decker stated FM-2 and her husband, FM-3, and FM-1 and her boyfriend, FM-4, arrived at the facility shortly after 6 pm. Christine Decker stated all four residents were present in the facility, but were reportedly in their bedrooms. The residents' bedrooms are located off a hallway immediately adjacent to the living room where the incident occurred. Christine Decker stated the residents remained in their bedrooms during the entire incident.

Christine Decker stated that an argument occurred in the living room between FM-1 and Dewayne Decker. She stated FM-1 got into Dewayne Decker's face, and Dewayne Decker reportedly raised his foot and stated he would kick FM-1 in the stomach. Christine Decker stated FM-1 was approximately 15 weeks pregnant. FM-1 subsequently spit at Dewayne Decker.

Christine Decker stated that Dewayne Decker then opened drawers in the kitchen and appeared to look for a knife. Christine Decker stated that cooking knives were secured in a cabinet with a magnetic lock and that only she and staff members had access to. Christine Decker stated Dewayne Decker did not obtain a knife, but he returned to the living and approached FM-1, and at which time Christine Decker stated she stepped between them. She stated everyone was yelling and she could not recall everything that was being said. She stated Dewayne Decker was telling FM-3 and FM-4 to get FM-1 and FM-2 out of the facility. Christine Decker stated that FM-1 contacted law enforcement. She also stated that she heard FM-1 instruct FM-4 to "go get your gun", but he did not do so. She stated law enforcement arrived and arrested Dewayne Decker.

Christine Decker stated a prior incident occurred approximately three to four years ago in which Dewayne Decker struck FM-2 across the face while FM-2 was visiting the facility. Christine Decker stated residents were living in the facility at the time, although she could not recall who the residents were or their locations during the incident. She stated police were contacted and Dewayne Decker was arrested. She stated FM-2 began the process of obtaining a restraining order, but did not follow through and the charges were ultimately dropped. Christine Decker stated that Dewayne Decker subsequently participated in counseling for approximately six months.

Christine Decker stated Dewayne Decker has a history of becoming frustrated and yelling when he does not understand something, including matters relating to resident care. She stated that his physician would not further increase his medication and indicated he would need to see a psychiatrist. Christine Decker denied that Dewayne Decker becomes frustrated directly with residents.

Christine Decker acknowledged that Dewayne Decker cannot currently be alone with or have access to residents. She stated staff are present approximately two to three days per week and that she schedules appointments and errands during those times. She stated Dewayne Decker is retired and remains in the facility. She stated he performs maintenance type tasks around the property and does not provide direct care work. Christine Decker stated that if Dewayne Decker is found guilty in the pending criminal matter, he would need to move out of the facility. She stated he would need to reside with relatives or friends.

I interviewed direct care staff, Loretta Fee. She stated she has volunteered at the facility for over five years and currently comes in the facility approximately two days per week, generally from 4 am to 4 pm. She stated the licensee, Christine Decker, typically contacts her the day before she is needed. Loretta Fee identified another direct care staff working in the facility an additional two to three days per week.

Loretta Fee stated FM-1 and FM-2 previously visited the facility frequently, with FM-2 often visiting or going places with Christine Decker; however, Loretta Fee stated she had not seen them for several months. Loretta Fee stated she was aware that an incident occurred involving Dewayne Decker and FM-1 and/or FM-2 but stated she was not present when words were exchanged and did not witness the incident.

Loretta Fee stated she has never observed Dewayne Decker arguing with anyone. She stated she did not know why Dewayne Decker could not care for residents by himself, but believed Christine Decker felt safer having another person present.

Loretta Fee described the residents' typical daytime routines. She stated Resident A recently began attending a day program Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays and generally returns between 2 or 3 pm. She stated Resident B and Resident C frequently spend time outside while Resident D also attends a day program except on Wednesdays and weekends. She stated when residents are inside, they generally spend time in the living room or other common areas.

I interviewed Dewayne Decker, the licensee's husband. Dewayne Decker stated that on 07/02/2026, he and Christine Decker were in the living room when Christine Decker received a call from FM-2 indicating that FM-2 and FM-1 wanted to come to the facility to discuss previous disagreements. Dewayne Decker stated he was tired and did not want to have the discussions that evening. He stated approximately 15-20 minutes later, FM-1 and FM-2 arrived with their significant others. Dewayne Decker stated they entered the facility without knocking and began discussing previous conflicts. He stated that FM-2 was yelling and FM-1 joined in. Dewayne

Decker stated all four residents were in the facility, but he stated they were in their bedrooms sleeping.

Dewayne Decker stated the argument continued and FM-1 approached him, pushed him, and spit on him. He stated he wanted to contact police and went into the kitchen looking for his phone. Dewayne Decker stated that while in the kitchen, he placed his hands behind his back, subsequently walked toward the others, brought his hands forward, and said, "boo". Dewayne Decker stated someone alleged that he had a knife, but he denied the allegations. Dewayne Decker initially stated he did not threaten anyone; however, he subsequently acknowledged telling FM-1, who is pregnant, that he was going to push her in the stomach. He stated police subsequently arrived and arrested him.

Dewayne Decker stated there is currently a no-contact order prohibiting him from having contact with FM-1. He stated he was scheduled to begin counseling and believed the current criminal charges would ultimately be dismissed. He stated that if the charges were not dismissed, he may have to reside with an immediate relative.

Dewayne Decker stated that prior to the 07/02/2026 incident, FM-2 visited the facility approximately once per week, although he was often not present during her visits. He stated he currently performs maintenance around the facility and garage and may cook occasionally but does not provide direct care to residents and is not left alone with them in the facility. He stated he also does not transport residents to medical appointments but indicated he may accompany Christine Decker, staff and residents on community outings.

Dewayne Decker initially stated he had not previously been arrested; however, when asked about a prior incident involving FM-2, he acknowledged that he had been arrested, but stated the charges were ultimately dropped. As the prior incident occurred several years ago and did not result in a conviction, it was not explored in detail during the interview.

On 07/20/2026, I reviewed video recordings taken by FM-1 during the 07/02/2026 incident, which was subsequently obtained from law enforcement. The recordings captured portions of the incident that occurred inside the facility and are separate video clips; therefore, they do not depict the entire incident continuously from beginning to end. The following observations were made during my review of the video footage:

- Video 1: I reviewed a video identified as "Video 1-2", which was approximately 5 minutes and 50 seconds in length. The video was recorded primarily as a close-up of Dewayne Decker and appeared to be take place in the living room of the facility. Due to the position of the camera, not all individuals present could be observed.

The video depicted a verbal altercation involving Dewayne Decker, Christine Decker, FM-1, FM-2 and others who could be heard in the background. Dewayne Decker repeatedly stated that he had been pushed and spit on and indicated that he wanted his phone to contact law enforcement. FM-1 and FM-2 disputed that Dewayne Decker had been pushed and alleged that Dewayne Decker had threatened to kick FM-1, who was pregnant, in the stomach. Dewayne Decker denied saying he was going to kick FM-1. FM-1 later acknowledged spitting on Dewayne Decker, stating that she did so because he had wanted to push her and had threatened to kick her in the stomach.

Throughout the video, FM-1 and FM-2 repeatedly yelled at Dewayne Decker and used profanity toward him. FM-1 was observed moving into proximity to Dewayne Decker's face while continuing to argue with him. At one point, FM-1 made an obscene hand gesture toward Dewayne Decker. FM-1 also made statements regarding Dewayne Decker's relationships with his children and grandchildren, while Dewayne Decker responded with statements removing FM-1 from his will. FM-2 and another individual referenced a prior incident involving Dewayne Decker and FM-2.

Dewayne Decker repeatedly asked FM-1 and FM-2 to leave the facility and asked Christine Decker to have them leave. Toward the end of the video, Dewayne Decker stood from the couch and attempted to move away; however, FM-1 was standing in his path. Dewayne Decker repeatedly asked FM-1 to move and continued requesting his phone from Christine Decker so he could contact law enforcement regarding FM-1 spitting on and shoving him. Dewayne Decker was not provided with his phone.

- Video 2: I reviewed a video identified as "Video 2", which was approximately 5 minutes and 57 seconds in length. The video began with Dewayne Decker in the kitchen, leaning over behind the kitchen peninsula. Dewayne Decker stood up and abruptly walked around the peninsula toward FM-1, who was recording, with both hands behind his back. FM-1 stated, "he's got a fucking knife!" Christine Decker stepped between Dewayne Decker and FM-1 and stated, "that's a threat". Another individual asked whether the interaction had been recorded.

Dewayne Decker continued toward FM-1 with his hands behind his back and told FM-1 and FM-2 to leave. Dewayne Decker then brought his hands forward, showing they were empty, and stated, "I don't have anything." FM-1 responded that he did and alleged it was in his back pocket. Dewayne Decker stated that FM-1 had assaulted him and pointed to an area on his shoulder where spit was visible. FM-1 told Christine Decker that her business was going to "get shut down" and she would lose her house because of Dewayne Decker. FM-1 and FM-2 continued yelling at Dewayne Decker while he

repeatedly asked them to leave the facility, asked Christine Decker for his phone and to have FM-1 and FM-2 leave.

- Video 3: I reviewed a video identified as "Video 2-2" and determined that it was a duplicate of Video 2.
- Video 4: I reviewed a video identified as "Video 3", which was approximately 6 minutes in length. Dewayne Decker was observed sitting on the couch and asked to speak with Christine Decker privately in another room; however, Christine Decker declined. Dewayne Decker stated that he did not want to continue the discussion while everyone was screaming and wanted to discuss the matter at another time when everyone was "levelheaded". FM-1 and FM-2 continued to engage Dewayne Decker and stated they wanted to resolve the issues at that time.

FM-2 repeatedly questioned Dewayne Decker regarding their relationship and referenced a prior incident in which Dewayne Decker hit her. Dewayne Decker acknowledged the prior incident and stated that he and Christine Decker subsequently attended counseling. During the continued argument, Dewayne Decker stated, "some shit is about to happen here in a minute" because FM-2 continued speak to him; however, he did not clarify what was going to happen. Dewayne Decker repeatedly requested his phone.

- Video 5: I reviewed a video identified as "Video 4", which was approximately 6 minute and 8 seconds in length. Dewayne Decker was sitting on the couch while the verbal argument continued. FM-1 again stated that Dewayne Decker had threatened to kick her in the stomach, while Dewayne Decker stated that FM-1 had pushed him and indicated there was video of the incident. Dewayne Decker repeatedly asked FM-1 and FM-2 to leave the facility.

FM-1 continued making disparaging statements toward Dewayne Decker and, along with FM-2, criticized his treatment of Christine Decker. Dewayne Decker remained seated on the couch during these exchanges and did not approach FM-1 or FM-2. Dewayne Decker was subsequently provided with a phone and appeared to contact law enforcement. The verbal disagreement continued with Dewayne Decker while he remained seated.

On 07/22/2026, I interviewed Christine Decker. She stated Dewayne Decker received probation and counseling and indicated if he completed these requirements then the charges against him would be dropped. She stated she expected additional information on 08/20/2026 when he has his Pre Trial conference.

I informed Christine Decker that after reviewing the video footage of the 07/02 incident, I had concerns with not only Dewayne Decker's behavior, but also FM-1's and FM-2's behavior. She stated she asked FM-1 and FM-2 to not return to her

facility. She agreed if she wanted to visit FM-1 and FM-2 then she would do so in their own homes rather than them coming to the facility. She also stated there was currently a no contact order between FM-1 and Dewayne Decker.

On 08/31/2026, a review of the MiCOURT Case search showed that Dewayne Decker had a pretrial hearing on 07/21/2026 followed by a plea/sentencing hearing on 08/20/2026; however, the case was subsequently scheduled for a another pretrial hearing on 09/15/2026. As of the date of this report, the criminal matter remains pending.

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.621	Capability.
	Licensees, staff, volunteers, and members of the household shall be capable of ensuring the welfare of residents.
ANALYSIS:	Based on my investigation, there is sufficient evidence to establish that the licensee, Christine Decker, failed to ensure the welfare of the residents on or around 07/02/2026 when a prolonged and escalating confrontation involving yelling, profanity, threats, and other confrontational behavior occurred inside the facility among Christine Decker, her husband, Dewayne Decker, and extended family members, while the residents were within close proximity. Interviews with Christine Decker and Dewayne Decker and review of video footage confirm Christine Decker was present when the incident occurred, but was unable to effectively stop the confrontation or remove the involved individuals from the facility. As a result, the residents remained exposed to the escalating confrontation for an extended period of time.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.681	Resident rights; licensee responsibilities.
	(1) A resident shall be treated with dignity and respect, free from exploitation, and protected and safe.

ANALYSIS:	During the 07/02/2026 incident, Resident A, B, C, and D, were in the facility while an ongoing family dispute escalated to threats, yelling, profanity, and other confrontational behavior. This exposed the residents to a volatile environment within their home and failed to provide them with protection and safety, as required.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

On 09/02/2026, I conducted my exit conference with the licensee, Christine Decker. She acknowledged the findings and stated Dewayne Decker's criminal matter had been continued to 09/15. I informed Christine Decker that an additional special investigation may be conducted depending on the outcome of the criminal matter.

Christine Decker stated that FM-1, FM-2, FM-3 and FM-4 are currently not permitted to visit the facility. She stated the residents are her primary concern and noted that three out of four residents are hard of hearing. Christine Decker acknowledged; however, that any of the residents could have left their bedrooms and been exposed to the incident. Christine Decker stated she would review the report and submit a corrective action plan.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Upon receipt of an acceptable plan of correction, I recommend no change in the current license status. The Department may conduct an additional special investigation following resolution of the pending criminal matter.

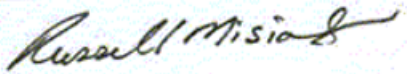


09/02/2026

Cathy Cushman
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:



9/2/26

Russell Misiak
Area Manager

Date