



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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BUREAU OF CHILDREN AND ADULT LICENSING



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Lori Ambler
17332 11 Mile Road
Battle Creek, MI 49014

RE: Application #: AS130306128
Countryside Assisted Living
17310 11 Mile Rd
Battle Creek, MI 49014

Dear Lori Ambler:

Attached is the Original Licensing Study Report for the above referenced facility. The study has determined substantial compliance with applicable licensing statutes and administrative rules. Therefore, a temporary license with a maximum capacity of 3 is issued.

Please review the enclosed documentation for accuracy and feel free to contact me with any questions. In the event that I am not available and you need to speak to someone immediately, please feel free to contact the local office at (269) 337-5066.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
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LICENSING STUDY REPORT**

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	AS130306128
Applicant Name:	Lori Ambler
Applicant Address:	17332 11 Mile Road Battle Creek, MI 49014
Applicant Telephone #:	(269) 966-6843
Administrator/Licensee Designee:	N/A
Name of Facility:	Countryside Assisted Living
Facility Address:	17310 11 Mile Rd Battle Creek, MI 49014
Facility Telephone #:	(269) 965-5855 12/07/2009
Application Date:	
Capacity:	3
Program Type:	AGED

II. METHODOLOGY

12/07/2009	Enrollment
12/10/2009	Application Incomplete Letter Sent application items 1, 45 & 49
12/17/2009	Contact - Document Received Application items completed or corrected.
12/18/2009	Inspection Report Requested - Health inv 1016764
12/28/2009	Application Complete/On-site Needed
12/28/2010	Inspection Completed-Environmental Health : A
01/14/2010	Inspection Completed On-site
02/03/2010	Inspection Completed On-site
02/17/2010	Contact – Telephone Call Made to Licensee/Applicant

III. DESCRIPTION OF FINDINGS & CONCLUSIONS

A. Physical Description of Facility

The home is a rural area, right next door to the licensee's licensed family home. The licensee is leasing the home and has permission to run a foster care home on the premises. It is a two-bedroom ranch style home with an unfinished basement and attached garage. There is a covered porch that extends the entire length of the front of the house and leads to the front door. There is a deck off the kitchen with steps to the backyard. The furnace and water heater are located in the basement. There is an open living and dining room area, a kitchen, one full bath with a shower on the hallway leading to the two bedrooms and another full bath with a bathtub/shower off the larger back bedroom. The washer and dryer are in a laundry/mud room off the dining room that leads to the garage.

Square footage of bedrooms and living space:

Bedroom #1 (in the back of the house) 14'3" x 12'11" = 168 Square feet
Bedroom #2 (in the front of the house) 13'3" X 9'6 ½" = 128.5 Square feet
Living Room 13 x 20 = 260 Square feet
Dining Room 13 x 9'4" – 117 Square feet

The larger back bedroom (#1) is large enough to accommodate two residents. The smaller bedroom is just shy (by 1.5 square feet) of meeting the 130 square feet required by the rules for double occupancy. However, there are currently two beds in the room

and there is a three foot clearance between the beds. Also, the required dressers are in a walk-in closet leaving more usable floor space in the room itself, which would seem to meet the intent of the rule. A variance allowing double occupancy of this room has been requested.

The total living space of 377 square feet meets the total minimum living space for 4 residents.

Sanitation- The home is served by private water and sewer, and received an A rating from the Environmental Inspection completed on 12/28/09. The kitchen is equipped with stove, refrigerator and hot/cold water. Garbage is picked up weekly.

Fire Safety – The home is equipped with the required fire extinguishers, one on the main floor in the kitchen and one in the basement where the furnace is located. There are two identified fire exits on the main floor, the front door and the sliding glass doors off the kitchen. There is a third possible means of egress through the laundry room into the attached garage. There are smoke detectors leading into the hallway to the bedrooms, one in each bedroom and one in the basement. There is a 1 ¾ “solid core wood door with an automatic self-closing device and positive latching hardware at the top of the staircase leading to the basement. Emergency procedures and floor plan with evacuation routes are posted.

B. Administration/Program Description/Resident Care/Records

- 1. Population to be Served and Admission Criteria:** Population to be served is aged people (age 60 and over) who need or require help with daily living including personal needs. The home will not accept a resident whose behavior requires isolation or restraint. Since there are no ramps to enter the home they cannot accept residents who require wheel chairs use who cannot use stairs. Smoking is not permitted under any circumstances.
- 2. Applicant:** Licensee/Applicant is an individual, Lori Ambler, who will also be responsible for daily operations.
- 3. Applicant Qualifications, Experience, Competency, Financial Capability & Stability and Good Moral Character:** Applicant has had five years of experience in adult foster care as the licensee for a family AFC next door to this home. She is current in CPR and First Aide certification. Credit reports indicate that the Amblers filed for bankruptcy in 2005, upon the advice of their attorney. At that time they were awaiting a workman's compensation settlement, which was awarded in 2007. Current financial statements indicate that they have adequate resources remaining from the settlement and regular income from Mr. Ambler's social security as well as an average profit of \$15,000 from their licensed family foster care home next door.

A Licensing Record Clearance Request from is contained in the licensing record indicating good moral character for the licensee. Substantial compliance is achieved.

4. **Staffing Plan, Proposed Ratios, Staff Training and Competencies:** The home will have hired staff that have already been identified, many of whom already have worked for this licensee/applicant in her licensed family AFC and have met the training and competency requirements. There will not be live-in staff.
5. **Records & Record Keeping:** Program statement, admission and discharge policies, job description, house rules, and emergency procedures have all been reviewed and copies are in the licensing file. Applicant has already set up folders for resident files.

Technical assistance was provided to the applicant on Act and administrative rule requirements related to home, resident and employee record keeping including the handling and accounting of resident funds.

Applicant is found to be in compliance with the licensing act and applicable administrative rules.

C. Rule/Statutory Violations: None

IV. RECOMMENDATION

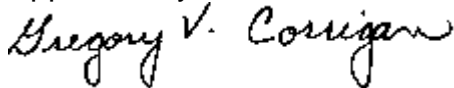
Based on the findings it is recommended that a temporary license be issued. The terms of the license will enable the licensee to operate an AFC for 3 aged residents. The term of the license will be for a six-month period.



Jean Skalski
Licensing Consultant

Date 2/18/10

Approved By:



02/18/2010

Gregory V. Corrigan
Area Manager

Date