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October 19, 2018

Rekha Panati  
Alaya Care L.L.C.  
7330 Tottenham  
Shelby Township, MI 48317

RE: Application #: AS500393894  
**Alaya Care**  
**46175 Sterritt St**  
**Utica, MI 48317**

Dear Ms. Panati:



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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 6 is issued.

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) 975-5053.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "L. Reed".

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

**I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION**

**License Application #:** AS500393894

**Licensee Name:** Alaya Care L.L.C.

**Licensee Address:** 46175 Sterritt St  
Utica, MI 48317

**Licensee Telephone #:** (586) 453-5653

**Administrator/Licensee Designee:** Rekha Panati, Designee

**Name of Facility:** Alaya Care

**Facility Address:** 46175 Sterritt St  
Utica, MI 48317

**Facility Telephone #:** (586) 453-5653  
04/30/2018

**Application Date:**

**Capacity:** 6

**Program Type:** PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED  
AGED  
ALZHEIMERS



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## II. METHODOLOGY

|            |                                                                                                                                              |
|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 04/30/2018 | On-Line Enrollment                                                                                                                           |
| 05/01/2018 | Contact - Document Sent<br>The Licensing Unit mailed to Alaya Care LLC the Rule & Act booklets.                                              |
| 05/02/2018 | Contact - Document Received<br>The Licensing Unit received the application, record clearances for applicant licensee designee/administrator. |
| 05/04/2018 | Contact - Document Received<br>The Licensing Unit received IRS letter for Alaya Care LLC.                                                    |
| 05/04/2018 | Contact - Document Sent<br>The Licensing Unit sent E-mail for valid corporation.                                                             |
| 05/09/2018 | Contact - Document Received<br>The Licensing Unit received Articles of Organization and valid corporation documents.                         |
| 05/14/2018 | Contact - Document Received<br>The Licensing file received from Central office.                                                              |
| 05/31/2018 | Application Incomplete Letter Sent<br>I sent the application incomplete letter via email.                                                    |
| 08/13/2018 | Application Complete/On-site Needed<br>I received the application incomplete paperwork.                                                      |
| 08/31/2018 | Inspection Completed On-site                                                                                                                 |
| 09/12/2018 | Inspection Completed-BCAL Full Compliance                                                                                                    |



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I received city wheelchair ramp zoning approval. I received photos of the non-slip strips for the showers.

### **III. DESCRIPTION OF FINDINGS & CONCLUSIONS**

#### **A. Physical Description of Facility**

The facility is a single-family home located in the city of Utica and is a residential setting. The home is a 1-story brick, ranch style home with a crawl foundation. The home features a 2-car garage, porch and is located on a corner lot. The home has a wheelchair ramp at the entry of the home and was approved by the City of Utica Buildings Permit Department on 09/11/2018. A lease agreement was provided, and the purpose of the lease was sufficient and included the detailed right to inspect the premises. The lease agreement effective dates are June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019.

The home is located in the Utica school district. Located within the City of Utica are many restaurants, family dining, and fast food restaurants. The nearest hospital is Beaumont Hospital Troy and Henry Ford Macomb Hospital. There are six churches within the City of Utica, as well as various other churches which can easily be located just outside the city limits. The Utica Public Library is your local source of information services. A variety of media is offered including books, periodicals, audio books and children's video cassettes. Internet access is also available. There are many neighboring cities for entertainment. The City of Utica has a Parks and Recreation Department with several offerings. There are programs for Seniors including transportation services at a very modest cost.

The gas furnace and water heater are located on the main level of the home and is enclosed. The door is equipped with a 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " wood door. The 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " wood door is stoppable by a wood frame and is equipped with an automatic self-closing device and positive latching hardware. The facility is equipped with interconnected, hardwired smoke detection system, with battery backup, installed by a licensed electrician and is operational.

The home has a total of 11 rooms which includes four bedrooms, two full bathrooms, kitchen, visitors room, dining room, living room and laundry room. The heating/fuel type



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is natural gas with public water and sewage. The cooling system is central air conditioning and force air heating.

Resident bedrooms were measured during the onsite inspection and have the following dimensions:

| <b>Bedroom #</b>       | <b>Room Dimensions</b> | <b>Total Square Footage</b> | <b>Total Resident Beds</b> |
|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1                      | 14'x16'                | 224                         | 2                          |
| 2                      | 11'x11'5"              | 125                         | 1                          |
| 3                      | 11'x13'                | 143                         | 2                          |
| 4                      | 10'x13'                | 130                         | 1                          |
| <b>Total Capacity:</b> |                        |                             | <b>6</b>                   |

A total of square feet calculated for the kitchen, visitors room, dining room and living room is 1059 square feet. The living space exceeds the minimum of 35 square feet per occupant requirement.

Based on the above information, it is concluded that this facility can accommodate six (6) residents. It is the licensee's responsibility not to exceed the facility's licensed capacity.

**B. Program Description**

Alaya Care, LLC is a program developed to serve the aged populate 65 years or older who are disabled, physically handicapped and Alzheimer's populations. The rooms are both private and semi-private. The care provided in the home entails a supervised environment that promotes independence, maximum function and person dignity to all residents. The program is designed to assist with managing incontinence, nutritional and medication routines.

The program goal is to prevent premature institutionalization, to promote movement to minimize the likelihood of wound settling, personal care and the prevention of severe injury from falls in one's unattended private home for the aged and Alzheimer's population. The physically handicapped population goals are to prevent and/or manage depression often associated with serious physical limitations and to heighten attentive personal care.



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Alaya Care, LLC will provide three scheduled meals per day plus snacks, assistance with ambulation and personal care. Recreational activities are person-centered and promoted into the daily routine of the residents. Board games, card playing will be utilized to promote socialization and the utilization of community resources and adult day programs.

There will be 24-hour personal care, protection and supervision of the residents. The services will include assistance with food preparation, eating and feeding, bathing, grooming, dressing and transferring. Transportation services are available as an additional service. At least twice a week there will be cognitive, behavioral and community integration interventions provided for the residents.

Alaya Care, LLC has an Alzheimer's population philosophy and mission. The program specific goals are to assist in avoiding or delaying placement into a more restrictive setting, to provide significant relief for family caregivers which helps maintain family unity and functionality. The overall goal it ensures that the personal needs are attended to with prompting and assistance. Staff will be trained and required to complete courses in practices specific to the population.

Alaya Care, LLC has appropriate policies in place for admission, discharge, emergency discharge, fee and refunds, reporting requirements and staff competencies. Resident/recipient rights, House Rules, medication management, infection and disease control and emergency preparedness programs are in place. Staff training, and job description are sufficient along with proposed staffing patterns and personnel policies. A sufficient budget and verification of resources was provided by Alaya Care, LLC.

### **C. Applicant and Administrator Qualifications**

Alaya Care, LLC is a Domestic Limited Liability Company established 05/07/2018. Alaya Care, LLC has appointed Rekha Panati to as act the licensee designee and administrator. Rekha Panati has a bachelor's degree in physical therapy. Rekha Panati has worked 15 years as physical therapist and 13 years working in a skilled nursing facility. Rekha Panati has worked with all populations in the program statement including persons with varying stages of dementia, post-operative care, pain management strategies, and muscle weakness. She has provided direct personal care including assisting with showers, transferring patients in and out of bed, toileting and activities of daily living.

Rekha Panati completed direct care training 06/04/2018 and submitted verification of adult foster care training. Rekha Panati has an active CPR and First Aide certificate. Rekha Panati submitted a negative TB test and a medical clearance from a licensed physician.



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The staffing pattern for the original license of this 6-bed facility is adequate and includes a minimum of minimum of staff to four residents per shift. Rekha Panati acknowledges that the staff to resident ratio will change to reflect any increase in the level of supervision, protection, or personal care required by the residents. Rekha Panati has indicated that direct care staff will be awake during sleeping hours.

Rekha Panati acknowledged that at no time would this facility rely on "roaming" staff or other staff that are on duty and working at another facility to be considered part of this facility's staff to resident ration or expectation to assist in providing supervision, protection, or personal care to the resident population.

Rekha Panati acknowledges an understanding of the qualification, suitability, and training requirement for direct care staff prior to each person working in the facility tin that capacity or being considered as part of the staff to resident ratio.

Rekha Panati acknowledges an understanding of the responsibility to access the good moral character of employees and contractors who have ongoing "direct access" to residents or the resident information or both. The licensing consultant provided technical assistance on the process for obtaining criminal record checks utilizing the Michigan Long Term Care Partnership website ([www.miltcpartnership.org](http://www.miltcpartnership.org)) and the related documents required to be maintained in each employee's record to demonstrate compliance.

Rekha Panati acknowledges an understanding of the administrative rules regarding medication procedures and that only those direct care staff that have received medication training and have been determined competent by the licensee, can administer medication to residents. In addition, Rekha Panati has indicated that resident medication will be stored in a locked cabinet and that daily medication logs will be maintained on each resident receiving medication.

Rekha Panati acknowledges his responsibility to obtain all required good moral character, medical, and training documentation and signatures that are to be completed prior to each direct care staff or volunteer working directly with residents. In addition, Rekha Panati acknowledges their responsibility to maintain all required documentation in each employee's record for each licensee or licensee designee, administrator, and direct care staff or volunteer and follow the retention schedule for those documents contained within each employee's record.

Rekha Panati acknowledges an understanding of the administrative rules regarding the admission criteria and procedural requirements for accepting a resident into the home for adult foster care.





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Rekha Panati acknowledges the responsibility to obtain the required written assessment plan, resident care agreement, and health care appraisal forms and signatures that are to be completed prior to or at the time of each resident's admission to the home as well as updating and completing those forms and obtaining new signatures for each resident on an annual basis.

Rekha Panati acknowledges their responsibility to maintain a current resident record on file in the home for each resident and follow the retention schedule for all of the documents that are required to be maintained within each resident's file.

Rekha Panati acknowledges an understanding of the administrative rules regarding the handling of resident funds and valuables and intends to comply. Rekha Panati acknowledges that a separate *Resident Funds Part II BCAL-2319* form will be created for each resident in order to document the date and amount of the adult foster care service fee paid each month and all of the resident's personal money transactions that have been agreed to be managed by the applicant.

Rekha Panati acknowledges an understanding of the administrative rules regarding informing each resident of their resident rights and providing them with a copy of those rights. Rekha Panati indicated that it is their intent to achieve and maintain compliance with these requirements.

Rekha Panati acknowledges an understanding of the administrative rules regarding the written and verbal reporting of incidents, accidents, and the responsibility to conduct an immediate investigation of the cause. Rekha Panati has indicated her intention to achieve and maintain compliance with the reporting and investigation of each incident and accident involving a resident, employee, and/or visitor.

Rekha Panati acknowledges their responsibility to provide a written discharge notice to the appropriate parties when a 30-day or less than 30-day discharge is requested. Rekha Panati acknowledges that residents with mobility impairments may only reside on the main floor of the facility.

#### **D. Rule/Statutory Violations**

The applicant was found to be in substantial compliance with the licensing act and applicable administrative rules at the time of inspection.



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**IV. RECOMMENDATION**

I recommend issuance of a temporary license to this AFC adult small group home (capacity 1-6).

*L. Reed*

10/18/2018

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LaShonda Reed  
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:

*A. Hunter*

10/19/2018

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Ardra Hunter  
Area Manager

Date