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MARLON I. BROWN, DPA ACTING DIRECTOR

August 21, 2023

Clarence Rivette DeWitt ALC, LLC 3520 Davenport Avenue Saginaw, MI 48602

> RE: License #: AH190397181 Investigation #: 2023A1021080 The Woodlands Of DeWitt

Dear Clarence Rivette:

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 authorized representative 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) 284-9730.

Sincerely,

KinveryHost

Kimberly Horst, Licensing Staff Bureau of Community and Health Systems 611 W. Ottawa Street Lansing, MI 48909

enclosure

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

#### I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

| License #:                     | AH190397181             |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
|                                | A1190397101             |
| Investigation #:               | 2023A1021080            |
|                                | 00/10/0000              |
| Complaint Receipt Date:        | 08/16/2023              |
| Investigation Initiation Data  | 08/16/2022              |
| Investigation Initiation Date: | 08/16/2023              |
| Report Due Date:               | 10/15/2023              |
|                                |                         |
| Licensee Name:                 | DeWitt ALC, LLC         |
|                                |                         |
| Licensee Address:              | 910 Woodlands Dr        |
|                                | DeWitt, MI 48820        |
|                                |                         |
| Licensee Telephone #:          | (989) 327-7922          |
|                                |                         |
| Administrator:                 | Evonne White            |
| Authorized Representative:     | Clarence Rivette        |
| Authorized Representative.     |                         |
| Name of Facility:              | The Woodlands Of DeWitt |
|                                |                         |
| Facility Address:              | 910 Woodlands Dr        |
|                                | DeWitt, MI 48820        |
|                                |                         |
| Facility Telephone #:          | (517) 624-2831          |
|                                | 0.1/00/0000             |
| Original Issuance Date:        | 04/29/2020              |
| License Status:                | REGULAR                 |
|                                | REGULAR                 |
| Effective Date:                | 10/29/2022              |
|                                |                         |
| Expiration Date:               | 10/28/2023              |
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| Capacity:                      | 45                      |
|                                |                         |
| Program Type:                  | AGED                    |
|                                | ALZHEIMERS              |

# II. ALLEGATION(S)

#### Violation Established?

|   | Established? |
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| Resident A issued improper discharge.                                   | Yes          |
| Resident A discharge letter did not provide correct appeal information. | Yes          |
| Additional Findings   | No           |

# III. METHODOLOGY

| 08/16/2023 | Special Investigation Intake<br>2023A1021080                        |
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| 08/16/2023 | Special Investigation Initiated-Letter<br>Reviewed Discharge Letter |
| 08/21/2023 | Exit Conference   |

# ALLEGATION:

#### Resident A issued improper discharge.

## **INVESTIGATION:**

On 08/16/2023, this licensing consultant received Resident A's discharge letter. The discharge letter stated,

"Our office represents The Woodlands at Dewitt Senior Living Community (hereafter "The Woodlands"). Enclosed is a Notice to Quit, providing 30 days for your wife, (Resident A) to move out from The Woodlands located at 910 Woodlands Drive, Unit 312, Dewitt, MI 48820. As you are the guardian of (Resident A), this letter is written to notify you that The Woodlands will commence an eviction action to remove (Resident A) from the premises if she fails to leave by September 15, 2023.

The Woodlands is issuing this discharge, as you have engaged in a series of abusive behaviors at the home, including making racist and bigoted comments towards staff at the Woodlands. This behavior creates a hostile environment for both staff and residents alike that cannot be tolerated. This 30-day Written Notice is issued in compliance with the State of Michigan's Licensing Rules for Homes for the Aged, Mich Admin R 325.1922."

| APPLICABLE RULE |   |
|-----------------|---|
| MCL 333.20201   | Policy describing rights and responsibilities of patients or<br>residents; adoption; posting and distribution; contents;<br>additional requirements; discharging, harassing, retaliating,<br>or discriminating against patient exercising protected right;<br>exercise of rights by patient's representative; informing<br>patient or resident of policy; designation of person to<br>exercise rights and responsibilities; additional patients'<br>rights; definitions.  |
|                 | <ul> <li>(3) The following additional requirements for the policy described in subsection (2) apply to licensees under parts 213 and 217:</li> <li>(e) A home for the aged resident may be transferred or discharged only for medical reasons, for his or her welfare of that or other residents, or for nonpayment of his or her stay, expect as provided by title XVII or title XIX. A nursing home patient may be transferred or discharged only as provided in sections 21773 to 21777. A nursing home patient or home for the aged resident is entitled to be given reasonable advance notice to ensure orderly transfer or discharge. Those actions shall be documented in the medical record.</li> </ul> |

| ANALYSIS:   | Resident A was issued a discharge letter due to her guardian's statements towards staff at the facility. The reasoning for the discharge does not meet licensing criteria for discharge from the facility. |
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| CONCLUSION: | VIOLATION ESTABLISHED  |

### ALLEGATION:

#### Resident A discharge letter did not provide correct appeal information.

#### INVESTIGATION:

Resident A's discharge letter stated,

"You have a right to file a complaint regarding this discharge with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services."

| APPLICABLE RULE |  |
|-----------------|--|
| R 325.1922      | Admission and retention of residents.  |
|                 | <ul> <li>(13) A home shall provide a resident and his or her authorized representative, if any, and the agency responsible for the resident's placement, if any, with a 30-day written notice before discharge from the home. The written notice shall consist of all of the following: <ul> <li>(c) A statement notifying the resident of the right to file a complaint with the department. The provisions of this subrule do not preclude a home from providing other legal notice as required by law.</li> </ul></li></ul> |
| ANALYSIS:       | Review of Resident A's discharge letter revealed the discharge letter did not provide correct information on how to file a complaint with the Licensing Department.  |
| CONCLUSION:     | VIOLATION ESTABLISHED  |

### **IV. RECOMMENDATION**

Contingent upon receipt of an acceptable corrective action plan, I recommend no change in the status of the license.

KinveryHost

08/16/2023

Date

Date

Kimberly Horst Licensing Staff

Approved By:

08/21/2023

Andrea L. Moore, Manager Long-Term-Care State Licensing Section