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DIRECTOR

October 14, 2024

Judith Fitton
3501 S. Jerome Road
Pittsford, MI 49271

RE: License #: AF300317037
Investigation #: 2024A1032047
Saving Grace

Dear Judith Fitton:

Attached is the Special Investigation Report for the above referenced facility. No substantial violations were found.

Please review the enclosed documentation for accuracy and contact me with any questions. If I am not available and you need to speak to someone immediately, please contact the local office at (616) 356-0183.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dwight Forde".

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

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	AF300317037
Investigation #:	2024A1032047
Complaint Receipt Date:	08/16/2024
Investigation Initiation Date:	08/22/2024
Report Due Date:	10/15/2024
Licensee Name:	Judith Fitton
Licensee Address:	3501 S. Jerome Road Pittsford, MI 49271
Licensee Telephone #:	(517) 523-3024
Name of Facility:	Saving Grace
Facility Address:	3501 S. Jerome Road Pittsford, MI 49271
Facility Telephone #:	(517) 607-5557
Original Issuance Date:	11/13/2012
License Status:	REGULAR
Effective Date:	05/21/2023
Expiration Date:	05/20/2025
Capacity:	6
Program Type:	PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AGED

II. ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?
Resident A uses a wheelchair and does not have a proper means of egress.	No
Additional Findings	No

III. METHODOLOGY

08/16/2024	Special Investigation Intake 2024A1032047
08/22/2024	Special Investigation Initiated - On Site
08/22/2024	Contact - Telephone call received Interview with licensee Scott Fitton
09/27/2024	Exit Conference

ALLEGATION:

Resident A uses a wheelchair and does not have a proper means of egress.

INVESTIGATION:

On 8/22/24, I called the number listed for the complainant but the person who answered advised that there was no one living there by that name.

On 8/22/24, I interviewed employee Cary Rowe-Hukill in the home. Ms. Rowe-Hukill stated that there was a new deck being installed in the home, but that it was incomplete due to a worker shortage. She advised that the licensee received a quantity of Trex building material for a very good price and decided to construct the addition. She stated that the ramp that leads to the deck was redesigned so that the one wheelchair resident could use it to exit the building. She reported that either Resident A's husband or member of household, Scott Fitton will assist her.

I interviewed Resident A in the home. Resident A reported that she is able to use the ramp without difficulty and propels herself using her feet. Resident A stated that generally speaking, she finds the home quite suitable.

I observed two means of egress from the home. There was a front door. There is a door leading from the deck into the dining room area. There is a ramp leading to the deck that is wheelchair accessible, however, because the deck is new construction, two steel car ramps were inserted to allow for continuous motion up the ramp, which originally terminated lower than the top of the deck. The modification was sturdy when I walked on it.

I interviewed household member Scott Fitton by telephone. Mr. Fitton stated that he will typically wheel Resident A down the ramp if she needs to leave the home for appointments. He stated that they are expanding the deck area and that a new ramp is being leased from Careline Health Group.

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.1439	Means of egress; wheelchairs.
	(1) Family homes accommodating residents who regularly require wheelchairs shall minimally be equipped with 1 ramp located at a primary means of egress from the first floors.
ANALYSIS:	I observed the modified wheelchair ramp to run continuously from the deck to the ground. Resident A denied experiencing any problems with the modified ramp. Therefore, there is insufficient evidence to establish a violation.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION NOT ESTABLISHED

On 9/27/24, I conducted an exit conference with member of household, Scott Fitton. I shared my findings, and Mr. Fitton agreed with the conclusions reached.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend no change to the status of this license.

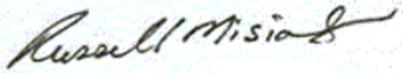


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Dwight Forde
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:



10/14/24

Russell B. Misiak
Area Manager

Date