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DIRECTOR

June 5, 2025

Kory Fleetham
Ridgeline Burton, LLC
5310 Davison Rd.
Burton, MI 48509

RE: License #: AL250417945
Investigation #: 2025A0569034
The Ridge At Burton Assisted Living

Dear Kory Fleetham:

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) 643-7960.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kent W. Gieselman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Kent W Gieselman, Licensing Consultant
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enclosure

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

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	AL250417945
Investigation #:	2025A0569034
Complaint Receipt Date:	04/14/2025
Investigation Initiation Date:	04/14/2025
Report Due Date:	06/13/2025
Licensee Name:	Ridgeline Burton, LLC
Licensee Address:	5310 Davison Rd. Burton, MI 48509
Licensee Telephone #:	(989) 534-1772
Administrator:	Matt Brawner
Licensee Designee:	Kory Fleetham
Name of Facility:	The Ridge At Burton Assisted Living
Facility Address:	5310 Davison Rd. Burton, MI 48509
Facility Telephone #:	(989) 534-1772
Original Issuance Date:	10/02/2024
License Status:	REGULAR
Effective Date:	04/02/2025
Expiration Date:	04/01/2027
Capacity:	20
Program Type:	AGED

II. ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?
There are concerns about the financial and administrative capabilities of the licensee of this facility.	Yes

III. METHODOLOGY

04/14/2025	Special Investigation Intake 2025A0569034
04/14/2025	Special Investigation Initiated - Letter Email to Amanda Doyle, City of Burton attorney.
04/14/2025	Contact - Document Sent Email to Alice Bryce, City of Burton treasurer.
04/18/2025	Contact - Telephone call made Contact with Marie Wieland.
04/25/2025	Contact - Telephone call made Contact with representative at Cintas made by Chris Holvey.
04/25/2025	Contact - Telephone call made Contact with representative of property owner made by Chris Holvey.
04/25/2025	Contact - Telephone call made Contact with Lawn care company made by Chris Holvey.
04/30/2025	Contact - Document Received Email from Mike Flanagan.
04/30/2025	Contact - Document Sent Email to Mike Flanagan.
05/21/2025	Inspection Completed On-site
05/21/2025	Inspection Completed-BCAL Sub. Compliance
05/30/2025	Contact - Document Sent Email contact with Mike Flanagan.
06/05/2025	Exit Conference

	Exit conference with Kory Fleetham, new licensee designee.
06/05/2025	Corrective Action Plan Requested and Due on 06/20/2025
06/05/2025	APS Referral Referral to APS.

ALLEGATION:

There are concerns about the financial and administrative capabilities of the licensee of this facility.

INVESTIGATION:

This complaint was received as an administrative complaint. The complainant reported that this facility is in receivership and the court appointed receiver is Mike Flanagan, attorney. The complainant reported that Ridgeline, licensee, has not been meeting financial obligations.

On 4/14/2025, a phone call was made to the City of Burton offices. Alice Bryce, city treasurer, confirmed that the property taxes for this address were paid in 2024.

On 4/18/2025, an email was received from licensee designee, Marie Weiland. LD Weiland stated that she has ended her employment with Ridgeline and would like to remove her name as licensee designee of all Ridgeline affiliated licenses, including this license.

On 05/21/2025, an on-site inspection was conducted. The facility was viewed to be in good condition with adequate housekeeping standards being met. Several residents were viewed to be clean, well-groomed and appeared to be doing well.

During the on-site inspection on 05/21/2025, administrator, Matt Brawner, was interviewed. Admin Brawner stated that the licensee, Ridgeline, has been paying employee payroll, but owes so much money to multiple vendors that they have stopped providing services to this facility. Admin Brawner stated that Ridgeline owes Bell Mechanical so much money that they will no longer come out and provide this facility any HVAC services and it is the same for vendors they get paper, cleaning and medical supplies from. Admin Brawner reported that Cisco, the company they get the majority of their food from, recently put them on a 5-day hold, due to non-payment from Ridgeline. Admin Brawner stated that Ridgeline leases the building from Care Trust Reit (CTR) and that CTR is currently suing Ridgeline for lack of lease payments and owing them well into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. Admin Brawner stated that he just received a potential shut off notice from Consumer Energy, saying the gas and

electric will be shut off on 05/29/2025, unless Ridgeline pays \$3,573.70. Admin Brawner reported that they no longer have a company for lawn and snow removal, due to non-payment from Ridgeline. Admin Brawner stated that he was told by Ridgeline back in January 2025, that the licensee designee quit and that she was not allowed to contact her anymore. Admin Brawner reported that he frequently receives calls from vendors asking him to get Ridgeline to pay past due bills.

On 4/25/2025, a phone conversation took place with Wanda Dodd from Cintas, which provides sprinkler and fire alarm inspections to all Ridgeline facilities. Representative Dodd stated that all Cintas services have been placed on hold, due to non-payment, for up to twenty different locations managed by Ridgeline, which includes the four facilities in Genesee County and the two facilities in Lapeer County. Representative Dodd stated that Cintas has started the legal process in attempts to receive money owed to them by Ridgeline.

On 4/25/2025, a phone call was made to Matt Spencer of Liem Enterprises, who confirmed that he provided lawn and snow removal services to the four Ridgeline facilities located in Genesee County, which includes this facility, and the two Ridgeline facilities located in Lapeer County. Matt Spencer stated that he has filed a lawsuit against Ridgeline, due to non-payment of services provided in the amount of over \$54,000. Matt Spencer stated that his attorney has not received any return phone calls or emails from Ridgeline in attempts to resolve this matter.

On 4/25/2025, a phone conversation took place with Vice Manager of Portfolio Management for Care Trust Reit, Rory Williams. VM Williams stated that CTR owes the two properties located in Goodrich. VM Williams confirmed that CTR has begun legal steps to remove Ridgeline from these properties, due to non-payment of their lease contract. VM Williams reported that the lease contract they have with Ridgeline states that Ridgeline will make rent payments and pay the property taxes, which they have not been doing. VM Williams reported that they are transitioning these properties into a receivership by 5/1/2025 and that a receiver has been appointed by the court, who will take over the functioning of these facilities and appoint a new management company to run them.

On 4/30/2025, a phone conversation took place with Michael Flanagan of Flanagan & Associates, LLC. Michael Flanagan confirmed that CTR has sought legalities against Ridgeline, that a receivership has been put into place, and that he has been appointed as receiver over both The Ridgeline at Goodrich Assisted Living and The Ridgeline at Goodrich Memory Care facilities. Receiver Flanagan stated that he has taken the place of the licensee, Ridgeline, and will oversee the functioning of this facilities for the next 3-4 months and/or until a new company can purchase the properties and become the new licensee. Receiver Flanagan stated that he has appointed Comfort Care as the new management team for these facilities.

On 4/30/2025, an email was received from Receiver Flanagan. The email contained a copy of the court documents appointing Michael Flanagan as the receiver, which gives

him possession of the facility and full power and authority to operate, manage, and conserve the facility.

On 5/20/2025, a second call was made to Receiver Flanagan to obtain clarification regarding the receivership. Receiver Flanagan stated that he is now essentially the licensee of this facility, and that Ridgeline is no longer involved with this facility/license. Receiver Flanagan confirmed that he has appointed Comfort Care as the new management of this facility and that Comfort Care will be taking the appropriate steps to purchase this facility and become the new licensee.

On 6/5/2025, an exit conference was held with new appointed licensee designee from Comfort Care, Kory Fleetham. LD Fleetham confirmed that Comfort Care is now managing this license and that they have been working on getting all outstanding bills from Ridgeline paid and back into good standing with vendors this facility uses.

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.15201	Qualifications of administrator, direct care staff, licensee, and members of household; provision of names of employee, volunteer, or member of household on parole or probation or convicted of felony; food service staff.
	(2) A licensee shall have the financial and administrative capability to operate a home to provide the level of care and program stipulated in the application.
ANALYSIS:	Administrator, Matt Brawner, stated that multiple vendors that he uses for services for this facility have either stopped or put their services on hold, due to non-payment from the licensee, Ridgeline Goodrich, LLC. Rory Williams from Care Trust Reit, the property owners, has confirmed that CTR has sought legalities against Ridgeline, due to breach of their lease contract and lack of lease and property tax payments. Michael Flanagan has confirmed that as a result of CTR's legalities, this facility is part a receivership, and that he has been appointed by the court as the receiver. Receiver Flanagan has essentially become the new licensee of this license and has appointed a new management team to run the facility. There was sufficient evidence found to prove that the receivership currently in place for this facility was a direct result of a lack of financial and administrative capability of Ridgeline Burton, LLC.
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

IV. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that the status of this license remain unchanged with the receipt of an acceptable corrective action plan.



06/05/2025

Kent W. Gieselman
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:



06/05/2025

Mary E. Holton
Area Manager

Date