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BUREAU OF CHILDREN AND ADULT LICENSING



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June Thompson  
Assured Care Assisted Living, LLC  
Suite 200  
3075 Orchard Vista Dr.  
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

RE: Application #: AL110283714  
The Willows Assisted Living #1  
3507 Hollywood Road  
St. Joseph, MI 49085

Dear Ms. Thompson:

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 20 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,

Susan Gamber, Licensing Consultant  
Bureau of Children and Adult Licensing  
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enclosure

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
BUREAU OF CHILDREN AND ADULT LICENSING  
LICENSING STUDY REPORT**

**I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION**

**License #:** AL110283714

**Applicant Name:** Assured Care Assisted Living, LLC

**Applicant Address:** 25180 Lahser Road  
Southfield, MI 48034

**Applicant Telephone #:** (248) 262-2200

**Administrator/Licensee Designee:** June Thompson, Designee

**Name of Facility:** The Willows Assisted Living #1

**Facility Address:** 3507 Hollywood Road  
St. Joseph, MI 49085

**Facility Telephone #:** (269) 428-0715  
05/08/2006

**Application Date:**

**Capacity:** 20

**Program Type:** AGED  
ALZHEIMERS

## II. METHODOLOGY

05/08/2006	Enrollment
05/18/2006	Inspection Report Requested - Fire replacement for AL110281851
05/18/2006	Inspection Report Requested - Health replacement for AL110281851
05/18/2006	Contact - Document Sent Fire and safety application letter.
05/18/2006	File Transferred To Field Office Kalamazoo
05/23/2006	Application Incomplete Letter Sent
11/02/2006	Inspection Completed-Environmental Health: A
01/31/2007	Contact - Document Received variance request
04/09/2007	Inspection Completed-Fire Safety: D
06/13/2007	Contact - Document Sent inactive application letter
07/10/2007	Comment voice mail from Neil Kray-plans submitted to Office of Fire Safety
11/13/2007	Inspection Completed-Fire Safety: A
11/14/2007	Inspection Completed-BFS Full Compliance

## III. DESCRIPTION OF FINDINGS & CONCLUSIONS

### A. Physical Description of Facility

The Willows #1 is a 20 bed, one story facility connected to a second 20 bed separately licensed facility. The facilities are licensed separately but share administration and a central kitchen. The Willows #1 contains its own dining and living rooms, bedrooms, and bathrooms. Fire doors separate the two facilities.

This facility is located near an expressway and a heavily trafficked road. The facility does have an interior courtyard for residents to enjoy the outdoors.

This facility was previously licensed to another licensee, but has been extensively remodeled and redecorated by the current applicant.

The facility has 20 private bedrooms, each containing at least a toilet and hand washing sink. In addition, eight of the private bathrooms contain bathing facilities, leaving 12 residents to share a common bathing area. That common bathing area contains a wheelchair accessible whirlpool tub and a wheelchair accessible shower located in a large common spa room. The applicant has been granted a variance to R 400.15407(4), which requires one bathing area per eight occupants.

The bedrooms are large enough to provide for a small living area in each room, and the facility contains a large common living area that is also used for group activities. The facility meets the square footage requirements for 20 residents.

The facility uses municipal water and septic systems. The Berrien County Health Department has given the facility an "A" rating, signifying substantial compliance with applicable rules.

The Office of Fire Safety has issued approval with applicable fire safety rules.

## **B. Program Description**

The program statement identifies acceptance of individuals who are physically handicapped and the aged, including individuals with various dementia diagnoses. The front door to The Willows #1 has a keypad lock, approved by the Office of Fire Safety, to accommodate individuals who might wander away.

The program statement advises that activities will be provided to enhance physical, social, and cognitive abilities. Direct care staff receive a training overview in Alzheimer's.

The applicant is Assured Care Assisted Living Group, LLC, DBA the Willows, whose corporate address is 25180 Lahser Road Southfield MI 48034. Vijay Sahore is president.

The applicant has signed an operating agreement with Leisure Living Management, mailing address 3075 Orchard Vista Drive, Suite 200, Grand Rapids, MI 49456, to manage the daily operation of the facility. June Thompson of Leisure Living has been identified as license designee; Mary Ann Ferro of Leisure Living is administrator.

The applicant has submitted budget and financial information to substantiate financial capability. The license designee and administrator have submitted evidence of good moral character, physical health, TB tests and qualifications to manage an adult foster care facility.

According to the applicant's program statement the facility will be staffed with at least one direct care staff per 15 residents during awake hours, and at least one awake staff during resident hours of sleep. Direct care staff will be trained as required by licensing rules in addition to training in Alzheimer's and dementia care.

In addition the facility has a director of nursing, an activity director, a dietary director, housekeeping director, maintenance director, an admissions director, and an office manager. A cook, activity aide, and housekeeper will work under their direction, in addition to the direct care staff.

The applicant submitted program and admission statements as well as discharge, refund, and personnel policies for review.


The applicant has been provided technical assistance on the statutory requirements (Section 400. 734(b) of PA 218) pertaining to the hiring of persons who provide direct service to residents.

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.

The applicant is found to be in substantial compliance with the licensing act and applicable administrative rules.

#### IV. RECOMMENDATION

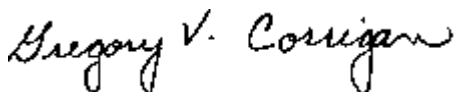
I recommend issuance of a temporary license to this AFC adult large group home (capacity 13-20).



Susan Gamber  
Licensing Consultant

November 14, 2007  
Date

Approved By:



Gregory V. Corrigan  
Area Manager

November 14, 2007  
Date