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Memorandum

VIA E-MAIL

DATE: Wednesday, August 13, 2025

TO: Representative Douglas Wozniak, Chair, JCAR
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FROM: Paige Fults, Director, Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs

SUBJECT: Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) Briefing Memo for
Rule Set 2023-65 LR (Adult Foster Care Family Homes)

Rules Primer

Adult foster care family homes are licensed in accordance with the department's authority set forth in the adult foster care licensing act (1979 PA 218). The Adult Foster Care (AFC) Family Homes administrative rules provide for the licensing and regulation of adult foster care family homes, including establishing the standard of quality-of-care requirements. This rule set is one of six individual AFC rule sets that are being rescinded and will be replaced by a proposed new rule set (Licensing Adult Foster Care Facilities) that includes rules from all six sets.

Summary of the Final Proposed Rule

This rule set is being rescinded and replaced with one new rule set, Licensing Adult Foster Care Facilities.

Stakeholder Engagement

Various associations representing adult foster care facilities worked with the department. The associations included LeadingAge of Michigan, Michigan Center for Assisted Living (MCAL) and Michigan Assisted Living Association (MALA).

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The following members of the AFC Advisory Council helped draft the Licensing Adult Foster Care Facilities rule set:

- Deb Mock, Hope Network Behavioral Health
- Jessica Kross, Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services
- Jennifer Warnos, Guardian Finance and Advocacy Services.

In addition to the members of the AFC Advisory Council listed above, the following members reviewed, provided feedback and supported the final version of the Licensing Adult Foster Care Facilities rule set.

- Kathy Lentz, Integrated Services of Kalamazoo
- Marie Eagle, The Arc Michigan
- Jenny Post, Health Care Association of Michigan
- Danis Russell, Genesee County CMH
- Belinda Hawks, MDHHS
- Jamie Saturnino, Quality Living Systems
- Nadine Carson, Care Provider Solutions
- Lauren Paton, Angels Place.

The AFC Advisory Council meeting minutes can be found at: [AFC Advisory Council Meeting Minutes](#).

Public Engagement and Public Hearing/Comment/Information

A virtual zoom town hall meeting was held on October 2, 2024, to discuss the proposed new rule set on Licensing Adult Foster Care Facilities, and 500 people attended the meeting. Approximately 90 questions were asked and written comments regarding changes were accepted until October 16, 2024.

The public hearing was held on July 8, 2025, at 1 p.m. in the G. Mennen Williams Building in Lansing, MI, and 3 people attended. No one spoke at the hearing.

The public comment period began on May 9, 2025, and ended on July 8, 2025, at 5 p.m. No comments were received.

Modifications Made Due to Public Comment

No modifications were made to the proposed administrative rules following the public hearing and the public comment period.

Significant Issues Not Incorporated in the Final Proposed Rules

None.

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