

ADULT FOSTER CARE FACILITY LICENSING ACT (Excerpt)

Act 218 of 1979

An act to provide for the licensing and regulation of adult foster care facilities; to provide for the establishment of standards of care for adult foster care facilities; to prescribe powers and duties of the department of social services and other departments; to prescribe certain fees; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts.

History: 1979, Act 218, Eff. Mar. 27, 1980 ;--Am. 1992, Act 176, Imd. Eff. July 23, 1992 .

400.703

(4) "Adult foster care facility" means a governmental or nongovernmental establishment that provides foster care to adults. Subject to section 26a(1), adult foster care facility includes facilities and foster care family homes for adults who are aged, mentally ill, developmentally disabled, or physically disabled who require supervision on an ongoing basis but who do not require continuous nursing care. Adult foster care facility does not include any of the following:

(a) A nursing home licensed under article 17 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.20101 to 333.22260.

(b) A home for the aged licensed under article 17 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.20101 to 333.22260.

(5) "Adult foster care family home" means a private residence with the approved capacity to receive 6 or fewer adults to be provided with foster care for 5 or more days a week and for 2 or more consecutive weeks. The adult foster care family home licensee shall be a member of the household, and an occupant of the residence.

(6) "Adult foster care large group home" means an adult foster care facility with the approved capacity to receive at least 13 but not more than 20 adults to be provided with foster care.

(7) "Adult foster care small group home" means an adult foster care facility with the approved capacity to receive 12 or fewer adults to be provided with foster care.

(8) "Aged" means an adult whose chronological age is 60 years of age or older or whose biological age, as determined by a physician, is 60 years of age or older.

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"Developmental disability" means a disability as defined in section 500(h) of Act No. 258 of the Public Acts of 1974, being section 330.1500 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

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"Foster care" means the provision of supervision, personal care, and protection in addition to room and board, for 24 hours a day, 5 or more days a week, and for 2 or more consecutive weeks for compensation.

400.705

(3) "Licensee" means the agency, association, corporation, organization, person, or department or agency of the state, county, city, or other political subdivision, that has been issued a license to operate an adult foster care facility.

(4) "Mental illness" means a substantial disorder of thought or mood that significantly impairs judgment, behavior, capacity to recognize reality, or ability to cope with the ordinary demands of life.

400.706

(1) "Personal care" means personal assistance provided by a licensee or an agent or employee of a licensee to a resident who requires assistance with dressing, personal hygiene, grooming, maintenance of a medication schedule as directed and supervised

by the resident's physician, or the development of those personal and social skills required to live in the least restrictive environment.

(2) "Physical disability" means a determinable physical characteristic of an individual that may result from disease, injury, congenital condition of birth, or functional disorder.

(4) "Protection", subject to section 26a(2), means the continual responsibility of the licensee to take reasonable action to insure the health, safety, and well-being of a resident, including protection from physical harm, humiliation, intimidation, and social, moral, financial, and personal exploitation while on the premises, while under the supervision of the licensee or an agent or employee of the licensee, or when the resident's assessment plan states that the resident needs continuous supervision.

400.707

(1) "Regular license" means a license issued to an adult foster care facility which is in compliance with this act and the rules promulgated under this act.

(5) "Specialized program" means a program of services or treatment provided in an adult foster care facility licensed under this act that is designed to meet the unique programmatic needs of the residents of that home as set forth in the assessment plan for each resident and for which the facility receives special compensation.

(6) "Special compensation" means payment to an adult foster care facility to ensure the provision of a specialized program in addition to the basic payment for adult foster care. Special compensation does not include payment received by the adult foster care facility directly from the medicaid program for personal care services for a resident, or payment received under the supplemental security income program under title XVI of the social security act, 42 U.S.C. 1381 to 1383c.

(7) "Supervision" means guidance of a resident in the activities of daily living, including all of the following:

(a) Reminding a resident to maintain his or her medication schedule, as directed by the resident's physician.

(b) Reminding a resident of important activities to be carried out.

(c) Assisting a resident in keeping appointments.

(d) Being aware of a resident's general whereabouts even though the resident may travel independently about the community.

400.713

(1) A person, partnership, corporation, association, or a department or agency of the state, county, city, or other political subdivision shall not establish or maintain an adult foster care facility unless licensed by the department.

(12) If the department determines that an unlicensed facility is an adult foster care facility, the department shall notify the owner or operator of the facility that it is required to be licensed under this act. A person receiving the notification required under this section who does not apply for a license within 30 days is subject to the penalties described in subsection (13).

(13) Subject to subsection (12), a person who violates subsection (1) is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 2 years or a fine of not more than \$50,000.00, or both. A person who has been convicted of a violation of subsection (1) who commits a second or subsequent violation is guilty of a felony, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 5 years or a fine of not more than \$75,000.00, or both.

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The attorney general, on behalf of the department, may seek an injunction against an adult foster care facility in either of the following cases:

(a) The facility is being operated without a license in violation of section 13.

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(1) Except as otherwise provided in section 13 or section 22, a person, adult foster care facility, agency, or representative or officer of a corporation, association, or organization who violates this act is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year or a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, or both.