

Biannual Inspection Report for Adult Foster Care Facilities

Fiscal Year 2026

Pursuant to Section 11 Subsection (8) of the Adult Foster Care Facility Licensing Act,
1979 PA 218, MCL 400.711

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Executive Summary:

The Biannual Inspection Report for Health Facilities and Agencies for FY 2026 contains reporting requirements which are mandated pursuant to [Section 11\(8\) of the Adult Foster Care Facility Licensing Act, 1979 PA 218, MCL 400.711.](#)

Section 11(8) of the Adult Foster Care Facility Licensing Act, 1979 PA 218, MCL 400.711 requires the following:

The department shall submit biannual reports to the appropriation subcommittees for the department, the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget director containing a summary of input from individuals who perform inspections for entities regulated by the bureau of community and health systems, or a successor agency within the department. The feedback and input must be regarding the adequacy of federal and state guidelines pertaining to the areas that the individual inspects for the entities described in this section. The summary must include details of the feedback excluding information that identifies the inspectors providing the feedback. The summary may be cumulative in nature but must be understandable to the general public.

Pursuant to these requirements, this report has been prepared and issued electronically to the recipients listed in statute to meet the annual reporting requirements. In addition, this report is also posted online at www.michigan.gov/laralegreports, under 2026 LARA MCL Reports.

Department Overview:

LARA is composed of agencies and commissions that promote business growth and job creation through streamlined, simple, fair, and efficient regulations, while at the same time protecting the health and safety of Michigan's citizens.

The Bureau of Community and Health Systems (BCHS) serves to protect and ensure safe, effective, efficient, and accessible community and health care services delivered by state licensed, certified, and permitted providers in Michigan. It is responsible for state licensing of facilities, agencies, and programs as well as certification and permitting of nurse and medication aides, trainers, and training programs along with certification of qualified interpreters under all of the following public acts:

- Adult Foster Care Facility Licensing Act, Act 218 of 1979
- Mental Health Code, Act 258 of 1974
- Public Health Code, Act 368 of 1978
- Deaf Person's Interpreters Act, Act 204 of 1982

The majority of state licensing activities involve the issuance and renewal of licenses, certifications, and permits to qualified covered providers; conducting initial, routine and revisit inspections to determine compliance with state and federal requirements; and investigating complaints.

Methodology:

This report provides a summary of input from individuals who perform inspections for entities regulated by the Bureau under section 11 of the Adult Foster Care Facility Licensing Act. It summarizes their input regarding the adequacy of state guidelines pertaining to adult foster care (AFC) facilities.

Definitions:

Section 11(8) does not define “**individuals who perform inspections.**” Based on the context, this phrase has been interpreted to mean licensing consultants and other personnel who inspect, survey, or visit AFC facilities for regulatory purposes.

Section 11(8) refers to “**federal and state guidelines**”. However, the Bureau does not determine compliance with any federal guidelines for AFC facilities. In addition, section 11 (8) does not define “**state guidelines.**” Based on the context in which this term is used, it is interpreted to mean state statutes and administrative rules.

Survey of Inspectors:

To gather the information for this report, a survey was conducted. A total of 54 personnel were surveyed. Responses were received from 25 personnel (46% response ratio). The survey opened on January 14, 2026, and closed on January 21, 2026.

Section 11(8) requires that the **identity (ID)** of inspectors (i.e., survey respondents) shall not be disclosed. Therefore, the survey was designed to ensure that all respondents are anonymous. Each respondent was assigned an ID number so written comments could be linked to an individual respondent. The survey included 2 questions.

Reporting Requirements:

Question 1: What is your opinion regarding the adequacy of state guidelines pertaining to the areas that you inspect? "Guidelines" mean state laws and administrative rules.

Rating	Responses
Inadequate	0
Somewhat Inadequate	1
Adequate	19
More than Adequate	5
Excessive	0

Question 2: Briefly summarize your opinion of any state guidelines that you think are inadequate or excessive, along with any recommendations you have for improving them. Cite the state law or administrative rule along with the subject.

Licensing Adult Foster Care Facilities Administrative Rules (R 400.601 to 400.745) are the guidelines that are referenced below unless otherwise noted. In 2025 BCHS consolidated 6 adult foster care rule sets into 1 single set.

ID	Guidelines	Comments
8	R 400.675 (4) (c) Resident medications.	Resident medications. This rule is too broad with regards to "prolonged use," of the as needed medication. There are no specifics as to the number of days that would be considered as prolonged use before a review process begins. There should be some guidelines regarding how many days should be considered as prolonged use; for example 1 week. This would assist both the licensees and the consultants when reviewing the medication logs and determining if this rule should be cited or not.
9		No issues with it.
11		Since the rule changes, things are greatly improved.
12	R 400.623 (5) (a) Applicant, licensee and administrator qualifications; licensee, administrator and staff requirements; parole or probation or convicted of felony.	A better screening tool of licensee's suitability and denial of application. This would be based on the licensing review, and the applicant not demonstrating the capacity to safely and effectively operate an AFC home due to the behavior and responses of the applicant during the licensing process. Especially when consultation has been provided to the applicant on multiple occasions and competency of the rules is not displayed. Or when an applicant displays egregious behaviors that raise concerns regarding the

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	R 400.713 (3) (d) Hearing opportunity.	judgment, stability, and ability to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the residents.
20		I think the ruleset updates in 2025 improved a lot of weak areas in our previous licensing rules. I do wish there was stronger policy in place to filter out applicants who really struggle with basic application tasks such as knowing how to budget, what a floorplan is, how to utilize online resources provided to them, and general concerns that suggest they are not suitable for licensure. Consultants are limited in disapproving applicants unless there is a significant barrier or the applicant stops responding. I think requiring applicants to attend an in-person training that assesses their suitability and trains how to complete the application process prior to the application being assigned to a field consultant would be extremely helpful and prevent a lot of disciplinary action. I am just happy that new licensee training is now a rule requirement though so that is a step in the right direction.
22	<p>Adult Foster Care Small Group Homes - Rescinded. (Rule set consolidated into new Licensing Adult Foster Care Facilities rule set.)</p> <p>R 400.14305 (3) Rescinded.</p>	<p>The new AFC Licensing rules were promulgated and became effective on November 3, 2025. The following rule was removed: Rule 400.14305 (3). This rule stated that “A resident shall be treated with dignity and his or her personal needs, including protection and safety, shall be attended to at all times in accordance with the provisions of the act.” While this rule could often be utilized as a catch all rule, it covered situations that might not be specifically addressed in the other rules.</p>