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Ms. Doreen Diesel, Administrator
UPMC Senior Communities
200 Lothrop Street, Forbes Tower
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213

RE: Strabane Woods of Washington
319 Wellness Way
Washington, Pennsylvania 15301

Dear Ms. Diesel:

Thank you for your request for a waiver of 55 Pa.Code Ch. 2800 (relating to assisted living residences). You have requested a waiver of 55 Pa Code § 2800.54(a) (relating to qualifications for direct care staff persons) for [REDACTED]

Your request for waiver is being returned for additional information. The purpose of § 2800.54(a) is to assure qualified staff provide services to personal care home residents. The direct care staff members of the personal care home must be able to understand and meet the personal care home licensing regulations.

Your request for waiver did not include any supporting documentation. The Department of Public Welfare encourages [REDACTED] to seek educational testing and to then re-submit documentation substantiating [REDACTED] assessed educational level.

Other possible alternatives to the GED/non-US high school education which may be considered through the waiver process include:

1. An individual may complete the English Literacy portion of the GED.
2. An individual may complete the Test for Basic Adult Level of Education (TABE) or the Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System (CASAS). A grade level equivalency of 12.9 on the TABE or CASAS is needed in order to be recognized as a literacy alternative to a US diploma; the documentation will indicate that the individual has "completed adult secondary education".
3. An individual may seek literacy testing through a careerlink or job placement service center.
4. A three-year transcript which lists the specific courses taken to earn the diploma or degree (including dates of completion).
5. Documentation from World Education Services substantiating Glenn Marshall's educational assessment level.

Upon receipt of a completed request for a waiver, a full and careful review of all documentation will occur. Please return the completed waiver request to Ms. Tara Pride, Director of Regulatory Implementation, Bureau of Human Services Licensing, 631 Health and Welfare Building, 625 Forster Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120.

If you have any questions regarding the waiver process, you may contact the Operator Support Hotline at telephone number (866) 503-3926.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tara Pride". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T".

Tara Pride

Director of Regulatory Implementation