



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

SEP 10 2014

RE: Strabane Woods of Washington
319 Wellness Way
Washington, Pennsylvania 15301
License #: 445420

Dear Ms. Diesel:

Thank you for your request for a waiver of 55 Pa.Code Chapter 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]

A waiver of 55 Pa.Code § 2800.54(a) is hereby granted for [REDACTED]. According to 55 Pa.Code § 2800.54(a)(2), direct care staff persons shall have a high school diploma, GED or active registry status on the Pennsylvania nurse aide registry. Documentation provided with the waiver request confirms that [REDACTED] earned a high school diploma from Lupon School of Fisheries in Lupon, Davao Oriental. The Department has determined that this non-U.S. educational program is similar to U.S. education requirements. Strabane Woods of Washington must keep a copy of this documentation.

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 that reads "Matthew Jones / J" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Matthew J. Jones
Director