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Dept. of Public Welfare  
Office of Medical Assistance Programs  
Room 515 - Health Welfare Bldg.  
Harrisburg, Pa. 17105

Attention: Regulations Coordinator,

I read with concern THE TOUGH CHANGES in Penna's new State Health Care, as I am a resident in a small Assisted Living facility. Already our 70 residents, whose average age is 87 years, are anxious over the new Assisted Living Regulations, and how our monthly bills may reflect the added costs in meeting the new regulations here.

As I understand Act 43 (which had not been considered since the 1930's), a child of "an indigent person" can be held responsible for the parents' cost of care. This seems very unwise to me; two of my four grandchildren are in College, and their parents work full time. That would place a real and unfair burden on them.

PLEASE RECONSIDER and CHANGE or REPEAL THE LAW - Act 42 and Act 43 as passed in July as part of the Budget Penna. Bulletin Doc. # 05-1435

I am truly disappointed to read that Pennsylvania ranks <sup>50</sup> low - possibly 48<sup>th</sup>) in available home and community-based care.

Sincerely,  
Rebecca F. McWain

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