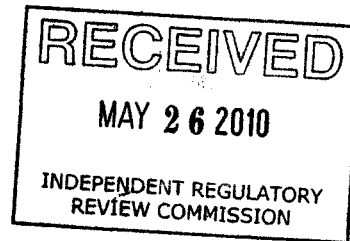


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May 26, 2010

Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101

Re: Final Form Regulation #14-514 (#2712)

Dear Commissioners,

AARP Pennsylvania, on behalf of its nearly 1.8 million members in the Commonwealth, is writing in regard to the Final Form Regulations issued by the Department of Public Welfare impacting Assisted Living Residences. This regulation is numbered #14-514 (#2712).

AARP strongly supports the adoption of these Final Form Regulations. Governor Rendell signed Senate Bill 704 into law on July 25, 2007. Since that time the Department of Public Welfare has worked to craft regulations to implement this law, which defines and licenses assisted living residences. This has been a long process in which the Department of Public Welfare was careful to involve a large number of stakeholders. The process involved soliciting comments from consumers and providers of assisted living, examining best practices of other states, and consulting with interested parties.

AARP's goal as we participated in the review process was to arrive at a set of regulations which would allow consumers to receive services in a setting which would be home-like, safe, and secure. At the same time, we also realized that the regulations must be drafted so as to ensure the availability of assisted living residences and services. We believe the final form regulations achieve our desired outcome. It is unlikely any consumer or provider of assisted living services will find these regulations to be perfect from their perspective. From AARP's perspective, however, the process to arrive at these final form regulations has been open and fair and has taken all points of view into consideration to arrive at a final product which addresses the major issues discussed during stakeholder meetings. We believe it has resulted in a set of regulations that will allow Pennsylvanians greater options in choosing how and where to receive long-term care services.

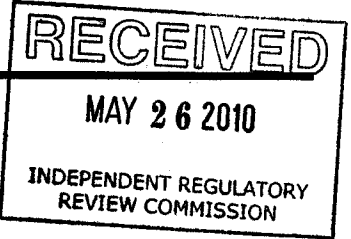
AARP urges the Independent Regulatory Review Commission to give final approval to the Final Form Regulations to define and license assisted living in Pennsylvania. Our members anxiously await the implementation of these regulations so they will know what they can expect should they choose to reside in an Assisted Living residence in the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

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Please accept the attached letter from AARP Pennsylvania as comments on the above-referenced regulation. I would be glad to address any questions.

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