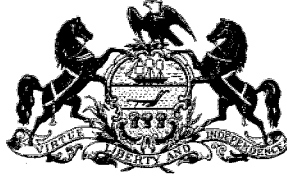


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*The Honorable Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
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Dear Secretary Richman and Chairman Coccodrilli:

As a follow-up to my correspondence submitted on October 9th, please consider the following additional comment as you prepare the final-form assisted living licensure regulations (No. 14-514).

****Administrator Staffing—Section 2800.56—Please re-consider the proposed requirement that a designee be present at all times the named administrator is not present, and that the designee must also possess the qualifications of a fully credentialed administrator. This would impose a burden on providers to ensure that an individual who possesses the qualifications of an administrator be present on the property 24/7. It would be more practical to maintain the current practice.*

In addition, the minimum 40 hours per week of administrator on-site hours is not only a burdensome doubling of the current 20 hour requirement, it also virtually ensures that an individual cannot serve as an administrator at both a Personal Care Home and an Assisted Living Residence. Given that dual licensure situations are permissible under the statute, it would seem that the same individual could serve as administrator for both, if necessary.

Sincerely,

*Tim Hennessey, Republican Chairman
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