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RE: UPDATE - Extension of Public Comment Period, DPW Proposed Regulation #14-514 (#2712), Assisted Living Residences

PALA 2800 ALR Questionnaire

Pennsylvania Assisted Living Association

August 19, 2008

Dear Providers:

As PALA indicated in the previous email/fax, the Assisted Living Residence Regulations 2800 are posted in the PA Bulletin. The Office of Long Term Living (OLTL) is accepting your comments and inquiries until **September 15, 2008**. You must send your comments via hard copy to OLTL and we suggest a copy be sent to the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) simultaneously. The OLTL must respond to each comment or question they receive.

Due to a publication error on the part of DPW, the public comment period is extended to **September 15, 2008**, but PALA recommends you send your comments in **ASAP!** PALA would appreciate a copy of your comments and issues with ALR 2800 also.

The addresses are as follows:

Gail Weidman
Office of Long Term Living
BOX 2675
Harrisburg, PA 18104

Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Whether you are considering ALR Licensure or cannot meet or lack interest in being licensed under the ALR regulations, please take the time to complete this survey. Your comments will help us deliver a strong message to IRRC and the Standing Committees on the major fatal flaws we have found in relationship to the 2800 Regulations. We need to hear from you!

2800.11 Procedural requirements for licensure or approval of ALR

- (1) A \$500 license application or renewal fee
- (2) A \$105 per bed fee that may be adjusted by the Department annually at a rate not to exceed the consumer price index. The Department shall publish a notice in the PA Bulletin when the per bed fee is increased.

Question:

8/19/2008

What do you currently pay for your PCH License? \$ 50.00
 Under the ALR Regulations you would pay \$500 + \$105 x 130 beds = \$ 13,650.00

2800.101 Resident living unit

(2) Existing homes - require 175 sq. ft. (excluding bathroom and closet.) Shared rooms require an additional 80 sq. ft.

Question:

Do your resident rooms meet the required square footage requirements?

YES Private rooms with 175 sq. ft.

NO Shared rooms with 255 sq. ft.

_____ Personal Care Home can not meet the square footage requirements

2800.101 (d) Kitchen Capacity

Existing Facilities Facilities that convert to residences after _____ (effective date) must meet the following requirements:

The residence shall provide a small refrigerator and microwave oven in each living unit. The residence shall provide access to a sink for dishes, a stovetop for hot food preparation and a food preparation area in a common area. The common resident kitchen shall not include the kitchen used by the residence staff for the preparation of resident or employee meals or the storage of goods.

Question:

Can your home meet kitchen capacity requirement: _____ YES ✓ NO
 If answer yes, estimate the cost for refrigerator & microwave/room: \$ _____

2800.56 Administrator Staffing

(a) The administrator shall be present in the residence an average of 40 hours or more per week, in each calendar month. At least 30 hours per month shall be during normal business hours (b) The administrator shall designate a staff person to supervise the residence in the administrator's absence. The designee shall have the same training required for an administrator.

Question:

If you elected to be an AL Residence and operate under the 2800 regs, can you afford for 2 individuals to be trained under the ALR regulations? ___ YES ___ NO

2800.25 Resident Residence Contract and 2800.220 Assisted Living Residence Services

(a) Services Residence must provide core services as specified in subsection (b).

(b) Core Services. The residence must at a minimum, provide the following services:

- (1) Meals and snacks
- (2) Laundry services
- (3) Social and recreational activities
- (4) Assistance with performing ADL's and IADL's
- (5) Assistance with self-administration of medication or medication administration as indicated in the resident's assessment and support plan
- (6) Household services
- (7) Transportation

This fee schedule and bundling of Core Service is open for interpretation as written. The question remains as to whether the fee schedule for services and accompanying charges for the services to the resident will be permitted. It does not address if the

residence has the option to bundle or unbundle specific core services.

Question: Do you currently bundle Core Services? ___ YES NO

Please e-mail **DReeseatPALA@aol.com** or **FAX 570.586.4024** your response to Pennsylvania Assisted Living Association by **Wednesday- August 20th**, close of business in order for me to calculate your responses.

Questions: Please call Daneen Reese, Executive Director of PALA at 570.586.4292.

"Laughter and Tears in the Caregiving Years"

**September 17th and 18th
Holiday Inn Grantville**

Submitted but not approved Application for 12 CEU's from NAB/NCERS that apply to PCH AND NHA Administrators

Hear Jacqueline Marcell, Author of ElderRage
Mike Hall - Deputy Secretary address 2800 AL Regulations
Bob Muller Fire Drill Expert - Fire Drills -The Good, The Bad & The Ugly!

Register NOW!

Sincerely,

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