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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

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Message:

I am submitting my thoughts regarding the above referenced proposed regulation, requiring assisted living administrators to be licenced nurses or have a four year degree. These qualifications will cause a tremendous hardship to the assisted living communities throughout Pennsylvania and to those residents who reside within them. There are many small assisted living facilities that are very well run by people who do not have a higher education but are very adept at caring for the residents who reside in their facilities and homes. Many of the residents who reside in these smaller assisted living facilities have low monthly incomes. If the guidelines in the regulation are not adjusted to reflect that reality, where will these lower income residents find adequate affordable assisted care when their current place of residence ceases to operate because they cannot meet the education requirements? Our state is already overburdened by the overwhelming roles of residents who require medical assistance in nursing facilities. At the very least a grandfather clause should be considered to allow those managers who are presently managing an assisted living to continue to do so without meeting the new criteria. We need to look at ways in Pennsylvania to help existing skilled nursing care alternatives, not burden them with more legislation. I appreciate your consideration of my thoughts on this issue, Sincerely, Monica Trilli