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Re: Regulation No. 14-514
Proposed Regulations for Assisted Living Residences

Dear Ms. Weidman:

I write to register objections to some of the Proposed Assisted Living Regulations. I feel:

(1) The Regulations will greatly increase the costs to Assisted Living Residences, which will increase the costs of for the Residents. For Example: Reg. sec. 2800.11 (c)(1) & with fees of \$105 per bed plus \$500.00 per year (causing thousands in increase); Reg. sec. 2800.102 (c), requiring one bath or shower in each living unit (causing many thousands increase in renovations).

(2) The Regulations require goods and services which many Assisted Living Residents cannot or should not access, and thus will expose them to harm. For Example: Reg. sec. 2800.101 (d)(2), requiring microwaves and refrigerators in each living unit, and Reg. sec. 2800.102 (c) requiring at least one bathtub or shower in the bathroom of each living unit. Many Residents cannot use microwaves, and cannot shower or bathe themselves.

(3) The Regulations are over-broad and/or confusing. For example: Reg. sec. 2800.41 (b) and 2800.228 (b)(1), requiring communication "in a language understood by or mode of communication used by resident". What does this require? Another example: Reg. sec. 2800.83, providing indoor temperature shall be at least 70 degrees F.. What about Summer and 90 degrees F.? Another example: Reg. sec. 2800.101 (h), requiring each unit to have a lock. What about an emergency, where access to several Residents at once is needed, with locked doors?

I feel the Proposed Regulations need to address many difficult problems in drafting, and in the effect they will have on the well-being of the Assisted Living Residents themselves. For all the above reasons, I feel the Proposed Regulations should be rejected.

Thank you for your patient cooperation.

Respectfully,



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