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I am writing regarding the new proposed changes in Assisted Living Homes. There is a need to have some regulation, however there are two of the new proposed changes that I have concerns that they maybe excessive and would make the homes more costly and put them out of reach of many needing that kind of care.

1. Administrators must be a registered nurse.

A good administrator does not need hands on resident care. They need to over see the associates in each areas of care. There does need to be a registered nurse to over see the medical and medication needs of the residents.

2. Care giving staff must have a high school diploma or GED.

We just had our Father in two different Assisted Living facilities for two years before his death. In seeing to the day to day needs of the elderly at those homes the aids, housekeeping, food preparation and dinning staff were pleasant, loving and took care of unpleasant hygiene requirements without complaint. None of these areas need a High School diploma or GED. I am in favor of higher education; however for some there are many reasons that is not possible. They can still be excellent caregivers.

Please consider these thoughts when setting up the new rules.

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Sincerely,

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