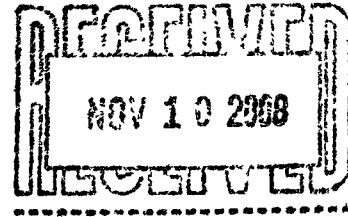


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Governor Edward G. Rendell
225 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120



Dear Governor Rendell:

Fair Oaks Personal Care Home (Assisted Living) was founded in 1891 as The Congregational Home. We have served the frail elderly on West Liberty Avenue since 1926. We have a resident population of approximately 100 and a staff of nearly 70. On a scale of 1 to 10, I would say we are a ten. We offer three delicious meals with various choices a day to each resident; we provide maid service once a week; we provide all laundry services every week; cable is provided free in each apartment; maintenance service 24/7; excellent daily activities; and nursing services (bathing, medication distribution, dressing; incontinence care; and tasks of daily living when their health requires it.) We do not offer intravenous or gastric feedings at our facility. Should hospice be needed, that is provided by Odyssey Hospice. We have Weston Therapy Group on campus which provides Occupational, Physical, and Speech Therapy for those who so require it.

We offer professional and caring services for our residents. Our staff is excellently trained and a background check is performed on every new employee. We have registered nurses on staff – here or on call 24/7. We have two physicians, Dr. Tom Bonacorsi and Dr. John Prendergast who come in on weekly and bi-weekly schedules to provide care for those residents who may select one of them as their physician.

We are nestled on 17 acres of beautifully sculptured grounds high on a hill at 2200 West Liberty Avenue. We have worked extremely hard over the years to fill our facility on a regular basis so we may continue to give this important care in this community.

We feel these proposed regulations in their current form would be inconsistent with existing laws, excessively costly to consumers and providers alike and will compromise the growth of assisted living in Pennsylvania.

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