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**To:** Lori Gutierrez  
Deputy Director, Office of Policy

Dear Ms. Gutierrez,

I am writing to ask that Folkways at Gwynedd retirement community be exempted from the proposed DOH Pa Nursing Facility Licensure Regulations to PA. Code 201 and 211 to Federal Code 42 CFR Part 483.  
My wife and I chose to join the Folkways community in 2019 in large part to the excellent nursing care several of our friends received here. We were and have remained impressed by the continued emphasis on quality of care and control of costs.  
My wife broke her hip and was afforded excellent trauma care prior to transport to the hospital. Upon return, she was treated in our Gwynedd nursing unit for several days. She still marvels at the quality and compassion of the nursing staff.  
I am concerned that these regulations will force our nurses to spend too much time filling out forms that will not improve the level of care provided at this facility. They will also force us to hire staff due to time requirements to complete this information.  
Folkways made a decision in 2017 to leave the Medicare system which has cost us money but allowed us to concentrate on nursing care. Our nursing care unit is consistently rated by PA as the best of the best.  
Please allow us to receive the current level of care without added costs in this time fraught with inflation! Please exempt Folkways at Gwynedd from this regulation.

Thank you for your consideration.  
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