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To: Lori Gutierrez, Deputy Director, Office of Policy

I am a resident of Foulkeways, a long term care facility in Gwynedd, PA.

I understand that there are revised regulations proposed that would require registered nurses to do Medicare paperwork. The Nursing Home facility at Foulkeways is private pay. We, the residents, fund our own care in our Nursing Facility. We do not receive funds from Medicare or Medicaid.

The quality of care in our Nursing Facility is very good. It is one of the reasons I chose to come to Foulkeways, and I understand that our 2022 DOH survey was free of deficiencies.

Our staff is competent and spends time caring for residents rather than sitting in front of computers doing paperwork for Medicare funding that we do not receive.

When we came to Foulkeways in 2017, my husband needed extra care. I watched as the staff treated him with kindness and went out of their way to engage him in conversation and activities. He knew he was surrounded by caring individuals, and I am so thankful for that. Our staff provides wonderful resident care, and that time with and care of our residents would be negatively impacted if Medicare paperwork (for no Medicare funding) were required.

My personal cost for care will increase if these proposed regulations go into effect. And yet I will receive no additional benefits. Foulkeways will have to hire more Registered Nurses to do the Medicare paperwork, and again, we do not receive Medicare funding.

I think Foulkeways should be exempt from Federal Medicare regulations imposed on us by the state.

Thank you for reading and considering my comments.
Our care as residents at Foulkeways is at stake.
Susan Ochs

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