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Re: a Pennsylvania Department of Health proposal to increase the homes' minimum level of direct care to 4.1 hours daily per patient, up from the current 2.7 hours,  
The time per patient should be at least 4.1 hours per day. Considering that people in nursing homes need a lot of personal care for bodily functions, including but not limited to feeding, cleaning, dressing, getting to where they need to be to do all of those things and more, and medical care, even five hours per day probably is not enough.  
An essential related matter is pay for health care workers. Their pay should be at least \$15 per hour, not the totally inadequate \$8/hr. No one can have a decent standard of living on \$8/hr. No one can be expected to be motivated to do their best work at \$8/hr. Raise that pay level!

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