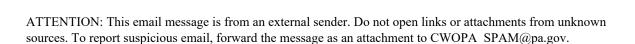
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Lori Gutierrez Deputy Director Office of Policy

To:

Dear Deputy Director Lori Gutierrez,

My husband and I are residents of Foulkeways, a continuing care facility. My husband, John, is a resident of the Gwynedd Unit where he is completely dependent on skilled care. I believe he receives high quality of care. There are no extra nurses or aids in his unit. However, the nurses and aids we do have are able to concentrate on their PRIMARY JOB which is looking after the needy residents entrusted to them.

Currently, Foulkeways receives no funds from medicare or medicaid. We operate according to 28PA, code 201 and 211. Should Foulkeways be forced to change its program to accommodate Federal code 42 CFR part 483, the quality of care we value and depend on would be drastically, negatively impacted. There is even the fear that the continuing care promised us when we chose to move here could, under the new regulations, no longer be offered. To continue to operate under the onus of the proposed new regulations could require much higher resident fees. This could be an impossible burden for some of us.

We are in the midst of the COVID pandemic. There are staff shortages in all are facilities. Our operational model allows staff to be the caregivers they trained to be, not paper pushers. Additional government requirements would be burdensome and, at our facility, are unnecessary.

Please, meet with our administrators and medical staff so that they may explain the particular circumstances at Foulkeways. You will learn why it is working now and why the proposed changes, which may, on the surface, seem to provide a clarifying uniformity for institutions, would impose serious hardships on our staff and residents and might even put the long term purpose of our community in jeopardy.

THANK YOU for your ATTENTION. This is VERY IMPORTANT to all of us! I write as an advocate for my husband, John, and for the community I love and depend on.

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