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Subject: [External] Response to proposed Department of Health Pennsylvania Nursing Facility Licensure Regulations to 28

PA. Code 201 and 211 to Federal Code 42 CFR Part 483

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To: Lori Gutierrez, Deputy Director, Office of Policy

Dear Ms. Gutierrez,

I'm distressed to learn that there are proposed federal regulations which would impact Foulkeways at Gwynedd in a number of ways, most importantly quality of care for residents.

My father spent almost 20 years living at Foulkeways, the last few in Abington House (Personal Care) and Gwynedd House (Skilled Nursing). As his cognitive health declined, he was fortunate to have access to programs such as OMA, Music & Memory, and SAIDO. I feel that his quality of life was enhanced by these programs which offer cognitive stimulation and interaction with caring staff members.

It was a great solace to our family that these programs were available to him and that staff members were able to commit their time above and beyond the care of daily living. Staff are committed to the care and enrichment of the residents. I'm concerned that if they're burdened with the time commitments the regulations will require, residents will suffer.

Foulkeways is a premier community where creative, outside-the-box resident care is paramount. My hope is that this type of care will be enabled to continue.

Thank you for your time.

Amy W. Doherty

