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Lori Gutierrez  
Office of Policy

Dear Lori,

My mother, Shirley Hathaway, is a long-time resident of Foulkeways, a CCRC in Gwynedd, PA. I cannot say enough about the excellence of care in there, as she transitioned from independent living October of 2020 during the time of the covid pandemic. Staff worked together with each other, my mother and with me in a way which was personal and time consuming for them. It made the difficult time so much better for everyone! I fail to see how filling out documentation on the number of hours spent per resident per day would improve on it, but rather be a burden on all concerned. As in, if it is not broke, don't fix it!!

My mother, if she could, would surely write to you about these proposed regulations, as she was always wont to be a champion for those who could not fight for themselves; in her later years, when she could still write, she often wrote to those in government about policies which would cause hardship for such persons. It would be a shame to have her limited resources go to pay for a burden of unnecessary paperwork, burdens which surely will increase costs for residents of Foulkeways if these proposed regulations are implemented. And, the proposed regulations, to my mind, are a slap in the face to those who provided essential care, who went above and beyond during this very stressful past year and a half.

To summerise:

- Foulkeways at Gwynedd's Nursing Facility withdrew from the Medicare program in 2017 because we wanted to allow the nursing home staff time to spend with providing care rather than sitting at a computer documenting for Medicare money
- Our quality of care in Gwynedd House (Nursing Facility) is very good/excellent, we don't need the Federal regulations to be imposed on the staff while we receive no funds from Medicare or Medicaid

- The costs of care will go up for us as our Nursing Facility care is Resident funded
- We are in the middle of a COVID pandemic, there are staff shortages, the imposition of additional government requirements is burdensome and unnecessary

I hope that going past the 12am deadline for public comment does not negate my comment.

Respectfully yours,

Linda Ellis

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