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Lori Gutierrez, Deputy Director, Office of Policy

Dear Ms. Gutierrez:

My husband and I write regarding the proposed changes in DOH regulations.

We are residents of Foulkeways in Gwynedd, PA. The Nursing Facility here withdrew from the Medicare Program in 2017 because we wanted staff in the nursing home to spend time providing care to residents rather than being tied up in documentation for Medicare reimbursement. This has worked well for us. The quality of care in our nursing facility is very good/excellent even without Medicare reimbursement. We feel strongly that the proposed regulations will detract from this excellent care while at the same time, we don't receive funds from Medicare or Medicaid to help offset the additional administrative costs. We dread having costs of resident care increase since all costs are resident funded. We also believe that imposing these additional regulations during the current Covid pandemic is unacceptable because of the unnecessary added burden.

We urge that these proposed regulations be modified to exempt those nursing homes who do not receive Medicare and Medicaid funding.

Sincerely yours,

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