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Lori Gutierrez
Deputy Director

Dear Ms. Gutierrez,

I have recently heard about the Department of Health's proposal to adopt the Federal Medicare regulations for all Pennsylvania Nursing Homes even though they do not accept Medicare Funds.

The very reason our facility has for not accepting these funds is to allow our nursing staff more time to provide patient care. The care provided by Gwynedd House staff here at Foulkeways is excellent. Having worked in and with nursing homes for over 35 years in three different states, I have seen that the best care possible is given to all patients here. I have heard one nurse state "I love working here because I have the ability to provide the care that is needed". Another said, "I was ready to give up nursing until I came here to work".

With the staff shortages due to COVID, we need the all of our nursing personnel to have the time to provide care, not fill out compliance forms.

Please do not enact these proposed changes.

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