



**From:** [Joseph Ward](#)  
**To:** [DH, LTCRegs](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Fwd: Comments on DOH Proposed Regulation Changes  
**Date:** Saturday, August 28, 2021 9:43:35 AM

---

***ATTENTION:** This email message is from an external sender. Do not open links or attachments from unknown sources. To report suspicious email, forward the message as an attachment to [CWOPA\\_SPAM@pa.gov](mailto:CWOPA_SPAM@pa.gov).*

Forwarding message below for Lori Gutierrez originally sent to the wrong email address.

Joseph Ward

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** **Joseph Ward** <[jjward265@gmail.com](mailto:jjward265@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Fri, Aug 27, 2021 at 1:56 PM  
**Subject:** Comments on DOH Proposed Regulation Changes  
**To:** <[RA-DHLTDRegs@pa.gov](mailto:RA-DHLTDRegs@pa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Mary Knapp <[Mary\\_Knapp@foulkeways.org](mailto:Mary_Knapp@foulkeways.org)>

Lori Gutierrez  
Deputy Director  
Office of Policy

Dear Ms. Gutierrez,

In regards to proposed Department of Health Regulations that replace 28 PA. Code Chapters 201 and 211, I would like to offer the following testimony and request a hearing.

I am currently an independent resident of Foulkeways, a continuing care community in Gwynedd, PA. I would like to share with you several instances of the exceptional care and treatment of patients in Gwynedd House, Foulkeway's skilled nursing facility.

In 2018 my wife, after surgery, spent three days post-hospitalization as an inpatient in the skilled nursing facility. During her stay she was well cared for by the very capable staff. All the necessary services were made available including PT and OT that came directly to her room.

In 2019, I developed thyroid cancer requiring surgery. As a result of the surgery, I was discharged by Fox Chase Cancer Center with a tracheotomy and nasal feeding tube. Not many nursing facilities would accept me with these conditions but Foulkeways not only welcomed me but went out of their way to obtain the necessary equipment and supplies to support my recovery. I was placed in a room immediately next to the nursing station so It was close to the nursing staff in case of an emergency. During my six weeks recovery there I received what I judge to be highly skilled nursing and personal care, lacking nothing to meet my needs. This made me so glad that we chose to retire to Foulkeways with all the necessary medical care, Living at Foulkeways also made it easy to visit each other in the Nursing facility. It was more

a homey feeling than being in a hospital.

I believe that imposing additional unnecessary regulations to be Medicare compliant would impact the level of care that we both received, leading to a reduction in the excellent level of patient care and the “normal” living environment that Foulkeways’s skilled nursing facility has worked so hard to achieve. We choose Foulkeways because it was different and stood out as excellent from all other skilled nursing facility.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be happy to testify at a hearing on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

**Joseph Ward**  
**808 Foulkeways**  
**Gwynedd, PA 19436**