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To: Lori Gutierrez, Deputy Director , Office of Policy

From: Carol S. Ritting, lifelong PA resident and voter, currently living At Foulkeways CCRC

Dear Lori Gutierrez, Deputy Director of the Office of Policy,

I am a resident of Foulkeways, CCCR for a reason. I came to here to live out my life and to receive the excellent mental and physical care from the Foulkeway's nursing staff when I'm no longer able to care for myself. Foulkeways health staff have a policy of nursing care that makes residents life smaller and more manageable as their physical and mental needs progress. This takes staff care and services.

Foulkeways made a conscious choice to provide care without applying for Medicare or Medicaid to avoid taking trained nursing staff away from patient care to sit at a computer and do paperwork. Plus, costs will go up for Foulkeways, and for me personally, because of hiring professional staff needed to fill out Regulatory information even though our nursing care at Foulkeways is private and self-funded.

I understand that the State of PA could now require Foulkeways to provide unnecessary paperwork required by most health care facilities who are using Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement. It makes sense to audit agencies getting public funding.

Foulkeways doesn't need auditing to see if we're doing what is required to get government funding because we don't get public funding like Medicare or Medicaid. We want our nurses to give that time to patient care rather than filling out unnecessary forms.

It makes no sense whatsoever to cause a private facility like Foulkeways, and their residents like me, to incur rising costs during these already inflationary times, when their nursing services are "Free from Deficiency" according to DOH's own most recent audit.

Conclusion:

You should exempt Foulkeways from unneeded, costly paperwork imposed by the PA State adoption of Federal Regulations because we do not take public funding like Medicare or Medicaid, and we don't want either Foulkeways residents or the taxpayer to pay the

increase cost of the unneeded regulations.

Regards,
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