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Lori Gutierrez  
Deputy Director  
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Dear Ms. Gutierrez,

Pursuant to proposed Department of Health Regulations that replace 28 PA. Code Chapters 201 and 211, I have the following comments.

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

First, while living at Foulkeways, I discovered I had a large growth in my neck that was found to be Thyroid Cancer. After I had surgery and was recovering from the Thyroid Cancer surgery, I had to have a tracheotomy to assist with my breathing and later a feeding tube was placed down my throat to address swallowing issues that developed due to the extensive surgery. When it was time to leave the hospital, I needed to go to a nursing home, but I could not locate one that would take me with those conditions. Foulkeways was then the only one willing to take me with these challenging treatment conditions.

Second, my wife, after knee replacement surgery, spent three days post-hospitalization as an inpatient in the skilled nursing facility. All her needs were met from the moment she arrived. The equipment needed to make her stay as safe and comfortable as possible was provided. They even had ancillary services, such as PT and OT provided there directly to her, aiding in her recovery.

While in the Foulkeways Nursing Care facilities, we both received outstanding care from a very attentive and capable staff of nurses and aides. Having visited friends and relatives in several other Nursing Care facilities in the area, I realize that we were both very fortunate to be at Foulkeways. The care we received was far superior to what I witnessed elsewhere, as they always seemed to be short of staff.

With this in mind, I would truly hate to see the Foulkeways nursing staff burdened with any additional tasks that would reduce the time available to spend with the patients as these changes would do. Particularly, when they would be for requirements not needed for our small facility in support of the Medicare program that is not in use here.

Respectfully submitted,

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