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My mother has been an 11-year resident of Foulkeways at Gwynedd, as was my father before his death 2 years ago.

I am concerned about the possibility that Federal Medicare regulations may be imposed Foulkeways by the State.

Foulkeways Nursing Facility withdrew from the Medicare program in 2017 to allow the nursing home staff to spend time providing care rather than filling out paperwork for Medicare funding. Foulkeways is a small, self-funded community with a 52-bed nursing home, and those of us with family members residing there do not want Federal regulations imposed.

The quality of care in Gwynedd House Skilled Nursing is excellent. These federal regulations should not be imposed when there is no funding received from Medicare or Medicaid and the 2022 Dept of Health survey indicated no deficiencies.

The cost of care would increase since Nursing Facility care is funded by residents. Foulkeways would have to add an RN to do paperwork for Medicare, to certify the accuracy of Medicare funding that is not received. Recruitment for such a position is quite difficult at this time and would cost at least \$125,000 annually in salary /benefits. This additional cost has not been calculated in the fiscal impact on the self-funded, private-pay Skilled Nursing

I urge the state of Pennsylvania to exempt Foulkeways at Gwynedd from these Federal Medicare regulations

Thanks very much,

Judith Michael
daughter of Foulkeways at Gwynedd resident, Bonnie Michael