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To Lori Gutierrez, Deputy Director, Office of Policy,

I am a resident of Foulkeways, a Continuing Care Community in Lower Gwynedd, Pa. Although Foulkeways has its own 52 bed Nursing Facility, which my husband comfortably resided in for three years prior to his death from Lewy Bodies Dementia, Foulkeways, by choice, is not a member of the Medicare program for Nursing Facilities. However, we are now being told we must hire and pay for a Nurse Technician to work at our facility to gather information for Medicare.

Should you be doing this to gather information on our highly rated non-Medicare facility to compare with information on your Medicare Facilities, I feel you should at least be responsible for the hiring and funding of this nurse, and to also reimburse Foulkeways for the facilities this person would use while gathering this information, since we have no need for such information.

However, if this information gathering is not for the purpose of comparison, I see no need for such a Medicare Nurse Technician at Foulkeways.

Sincerely,

Jean Robertson