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This message is for Lori Gutierrez, Deputy Director, Office of Policy

Ms. Gutierrez,

My name is Paul Taylor. I am a resident, living independently, of Foulkeways at Gwynedd, the Life Plan Community located in Gwynedd, PA.

I am writing to you because I was informed that the Foulkeways at Gwynedd Nursing Facility will, because of changing regulations, be subject to new rules which, for our facility, are not appropriate. The quality of care provided in Foulkeways at Gwynedd Nursing Facility is very good to excellent; thus, we don't need Federal regulations to be imposed here when we don't receive funds from Medicare or Medicaid. Foulkeways is completely self-funded, principally from the monthly fees that residents pay.

I was told that the Foulkeways at Gwynedd Nursing Facility withdrew from the Medicare program in 2017, because of the amount of work needed to produce reports. Foulkeways believes that nursing staff can be better-utilized in providing care for residents, as opposed to documenting Medicare requirement dictates.

I was told that, under existing Pennsylvania regulations, Foulkeways is expected to produce about 40 to 50 pages of reporting on the status of the Nursing Facility – BUT – if that facility is subject to Federal Medicare regulations, the reports would be on the order of 450 to 500 pages in size. This means that Foulkeways Nursing Facility staff members, instead of providing quality care for the residents, will be wasting time in the production of Medicare-mandated reports. Foulkeways would have to add a Registered Nurse to its staff just to handle the Medicare paperwork; thus, we residents would be burdened with additional fees just to handle paperwork, not to take care of residents.

Please do not adopt the Medicare regulations for any facility, including Foulkeways at Gwynedd's Nursing Facility, that does not depend on Medicare reimbursement, and wants to provide quality care to residents, as opposed to filling out reams of unneeded paperwork.

Thank you,

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