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Ms. Donna McLean, Administrator
Whitehead Personal Care Home
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Youngwood, Pennsylvania 15697

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Dear Ms. McLean:

Thank you for your request for a waiver of 55 Pa.Code Ch.2600 (relating to personal care homes). You have requested a waiver of 55 Pa.Code 2600.94(a) (relating to landings and stairs).

A waiver of 55 Pa.Code 2600.94(a) is hereby granted under the authority of 55 Pa.Code 2600.19 (relating to waivers).

This waiver is granted under the following conditions:

1. This waiver applies to Whitehead Personal Care Home.
2. This waiver applies to the door at the top of the steps which connects the first floor to the second floor. This waiver allows the door to swing into the stairway without the required landing.
3. The variance granted by the Pennsylvania Labor and Industry Industrial Board on December 14, 2010 (file #495818) must remain in effect.
4. Whitehead Personal Care Home must ensure that all residents are able to safely use the steps referenced in this waiver.
5. Whitehead Personal Care Home must ensure that residents unable to safely use the steps referenced in this waiver must live on the 1st floor of the home exclusively.
6. Whitehead Personal Care Home must ensure that residents' mobility needs as they relate to safe usage of the steps must be accurately and correctly reflected in the residents' Assessments and Support Plans. The home must ensure that residents' Assessments and Support Plans are updated at least annually to reflect changes in their mobility needs as they relate to safe usage of the steps.
7. Whitehead Personal Care Home must post a sign by the steps stating that the steps are for emergency use only.

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This waiver is in effect for as long as the conditions under which the waiver is granted continue to be met. The Department of Public Welfare will review this waiver each year during its annual inspection to determine compliance with the preceding conditions.

Failure to comply with the conditions of this waiver or with other requirements of 55 Pa.Code Chapter 2600 may result in termination of this waiver or other licensing action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Melusky', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ronald Melusky
Acting Director