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Paula Hahn, Administrator
Fritzingertown Senior Living Community
159 South Old Turnpike Road
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Dear Ms. Hahn:

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 § 2600.81(b) (relating to qualifications for physical accommodations and equipment).

A waiver of 55 Pa.Code § 2600.81(b) is not needed. There is no regulation which speaks to trapeze bars. However, it is the home's responsibility that with any assistive device, the device must be equipped or used in the manner which does not jeopardize resident safety. The Department recommends that you address the use of the assistive device in detail in the resident's assessment and support plan, as per the regulations.

Please be advised that this document differs from the explanation under 55 Pa.Code § 2600.81(b) in the Licensing Measurement Instrument, published August 20, 2008. The home may present this letter to any agent of the Department who questions your use of the trapeze bar.

If you have any questions regarding the waiver process, please contact Ms. Tara Pride, Director of Policy & Training, at telephone number (717) 783-3670.

Sincerely,

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

Ronald Melusky
Acting Director