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**CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT
MAILING DATE:**

AUG 16 2011

Ms. Megan Longley, Administrator
Senior Living MP, LLC
Plush Mills
501 Plush Mills Road
Wallingford, Pennsylvania 19086

Dear Ms. Longley:

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 § 2600.54(a) (relating to qualifications for direct care staff persons) for [REDACTED]

The Department of Public Welfare (Department) is denying a waiver of § 2600.54(a) in accordance with § 2600.19(a)(2) (relating to waivers), since the source of [REDACTED] online high school diploma, Belford High School, is not recognized by the Pennsylvania Department of Education as being an accredited educational institution. [REDACTED] online high school diploma does not meet the educational qualifications for direct care staff persons.

The purpose of § 2600.54(a) is to assure qualified staff provide services to personal care residents. The direct care staff members of the personal care home must be able to understand and meet the personal care home licensing regulations. Other possible alternatives for [REDACTED] to work in the home where she is not providing direct care staff services include completing job duties such as laundry, cooking, landscaping, maintenance, etc.

Ms. Megan Longley

Other possible alternatives to the GED/non-US high school education which may be considered through the waiver process include:

1. An individual may complete the English Literacy portion of the GED.
2. An individual may complete the Test for Basic Adult Level of Education (TABE) or the Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System (CASAS).
3. An individual may seek literacy testing through a CareerLink or job placement service center.

If you disagree with the Department's decision to deny the waiver, you have the right to appeal through hearing before the Bureau of Hearings and Appeals, Department of Public Welfare in accordance with 1 Pa.Code Part II, Chs. 31-35. If you decide to appeal, a written request for an appeal must be received within 10 days of the date of this letter by:

Ronald Melusky, Acting Director
Adult Residential Licensing
Department of Public Welfare
423 Health and Welfare Building
Seventh and Forster Streets
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

This decision is final 11 days from the date of this letter, or if you decide to appeal, upon issuance of a decision by the Bureau of Hearings and Appeals.

Sincerely,


Ronald Melusky
Acting Director

Enclosure(s)