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Ms. Lynn Pellicciotti, Administrator
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Dear Ms. Pellicciotti:

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

Your request for waiver is being returned for additional information. Each waiver request must include documentation that the non-U.S. educational program is similar to or exceeds U.S. educational requirements. This includes, at a minimum, a transcript showing at least three years of the specific courses taken to earn the diploma (including dates of completion).

The purpose of § 2600.54 is to ensure qualified staff provide services to personal care home residents. The direct care staff members of the personal care home must be able to understand and meet the personal care home licensing regulations.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald Melusky" followed by a stylized flourish.

Ronald Melusky
Director