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Ms. Mary Cater, Administrator
Weaverland Mennonite Homes
40 Hillside Road
Stevens, Pennsylvania 17578

RE: Lincoln Christian Home
1307 Apple Street
Ephrata, Pennsylvania 17522

Dear Ms. Cater:

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

The purpose of 55 PaCode § 2600.54(a) 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. According to § 2600.54(a)(2), direct care staff persons shall have a high school diploma, GED or active registry status on the Pennsylvania nurse aide registry. The home's waiver request submitted to the Department states that [REDACTED] has the standard Mennonite education which concludes at the eighth grade, but does not meet the required qualifications.

A waiver of 55 Pa.Code § 2600.54(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 [REDACTED] of Lincoln Christian Home.
2. This waiver will expire one year to the date of this letter. After one year to the date of this letter, the home will be expected to comply with the regulation or reapply for the waiver if the conditions have not yet been met.

3. [REDACTED] must obtain an education equivalency score of 12.9 by completing either the Test for Basic Adult Level of Education (TABE) or Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System (CASAS) through a local literacy council.
4. Upon completion of testing through the local literacy council, [REDACTED] shall provide a copy of her test results to the administrator of Lincoln Christian Home. [REDACTED] test results shall be kept in her personnel file, and shall be made available to the Department upon request.

The Department of Public Welfare will review this waiver 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.

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

Sincerely,



Ronald Melusky
Director