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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
MAILING DATE: MAR 27 2012

Ms. Gail A. Inderwies, President & Executive Director
Keystone Hospice
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Dear Ms. Inderwies:

As a result of the Department of Public Welfare's (Department) analysis of operations and care provided at the above personal care home, the Department is waiving the regulations of 55 Pa.Code Ch. 2600 (relating to personal care homes) listed on Attachment 1 of this letter. These waivers are granted pursuant to 55 Pa.Code § 2600.19 (relating to waivers).

These waivers are granted under the following conditions:

1. This waiver applies to Keystone Hospice.
2. Keystone Hospice will use an Electronic Health Record System (EHRS) system that is approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for the purposes of documenting medical examinations, creating and documenting resident assessments, and creating and documenting resident care plans. Approval will be established by Keystone Hospice's maintaining licenses in good standing with the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
3. Each resident or potential resident of Keystone Hospice shall have a medical examination by a physician, physician's assistant or certified registered nurse practitioner within 60 days prior to admission or within 30 days after admission. Keystone Hospice will produce an electronic or hard-copy record showing that each resident's medical examination completed for the purposes of complying with Chapter 2600 included an evaluation of the conditions set forth at 55 Pa.Code § 2600.141(a)(1)-(10) upon request of the Department, a resident, a resident's designated person, or any of the entities specified at 55 Pa.Code § 2600.5(a)(relating to access).

4. Keystone Hospice will produce an electronic or hard-copy record showing that each resident was evaluated prior to admission and that Keystone Hospice verified that the needs of the resident could be met by the services provided by the home via the evaluation process upon request of the Department, a resident, a resident's designated person, or any of the entities specified at 55 Pa.Code § 2600.5(a)(relating to access).

5. If the medical examination specified in Condition #3 of this waiver finds that the resident is expected to live fewer than 90 days from the date of admission, Keystone Hospice will assess the resident and establish a plan of care suitable to meet the resident's needs during the end-of-life process.

6. If the medical examination specified in Condition #3 of this waiver finds that the resident is expected to live more than 90 days from the date of admission, or if the condition of a resident expected to live fewer than 90 days improves such that the resident lives more than 75 days from the date of admission, Keystone Hospice will reassess the resident and establish a plan of care based on the assessment within 90 days of the resident's admission to the home. Assessments and care plans will be adjusted annually and when the resident has a significant change in physiological or psychological health status. Each assessment and care plan will address, at a minimum, the medical, dental, vision, hearing, mental health or other behavioral care services that the resident requires and that will be provided to the resident.

7. The Department acknowledges that Keystone Hospice's resident records are maintained in an electronic recordkeeping system and agrees to use that system in its further surveys and compliance inspections. Notwithstanding, Keystone Hospice will produce an electronic or hard-copy record of each resident's assessment and care plan, upon request of the Department, a resident, a resident's designated person, or any of the entities specified at 55 Pa.Code § 2600.5(a)(relating to access).

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.

Ms. Gail A. Inderwies

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

Sincerely,

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

Ronald Melusky
Director

Attachment

Attachment 1
Regulations Waived for Keystone Hospice – 55 Pa.Code

§ 2600.22. Admission.

The following admission documents shall be completed for each resident:

- (1) Preadmission screening completed prior to admission on a form specified by the Department.
- (2) Medical evaluation completed 60 days prior to or 30 days after admission on a form specified by the Department.
- (3) Personal care home assessment completed within 15 days after admission on a form specified by the Department.
- (4) Support plan developed and implemented within 30 days after admission.

§ 2600.141. Resident medical evaluation and health care.

(a) A resident shall have a medical evaluation by a physician, physician's assistant or certified registered nurse practitioner documented on a form specified by the Department, within 60 days prior to admission or within 30 days after admission. The evaluation must include the following:

- (1) A general physical examination by a physician, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner.
- (2) Medical diagnosis including physical or mental disabilities of the resident, if any.
- (3) Medical information pertinent to diagnosis and treatment in case of an emergency.
- (4) Special health or dietary needs of the resident.
- (5) Allergies.
- (6) Immunization history.
- (7) Medication regimen, contraindicated medications, medication side effects and the ability to self-administer medications.
- (8) Body positioning and movement stimulation for residents, if appropriate.
- (9) Health status.
- (10) Mobility assessment, updated annually or at the Department's request.

§ 2600.224. Preadmission screening.

(a) A determination shall be made within 30 days prior to admission and documented on the Department's preadmission screening form that the needs of the resident can be met by the services provided by the home.

§ 2600.225. Initial and annual assessment.

(a) A resident shall have a written initial assessment that is documented on the Department's assessment form within 15 days of admission. The administrator or designee, or a human service agency may complete the initial assessment.

(c) The resident shall have additional assessments as follows:

(1) Annually.

(2) If the condition of the resident significantly changes prior to the annual assessment.

(3) At the request of the Department upon cause to believe that an update is required.

§ 2600.227. Development of the support plan.

(a) A resident requiring personal care services shall have a written support plan developed and implemented within 30 days of admission to the home. The support plan shall be documented on the Department's support plan form.

(c) The support plan shall be revised within 30 days upon completion of the annual assessment or upon changes in the resident's needs as indicated on the current assessment.

(g) Individuals who participate in the development of the support plan shall sign and date the support plan.

(h) If a resident or designated person is unable or chooses not to sign the support plan, a notation of inability or refusal to sign shall be documented.

(i) The support plan shall be accessible by direct care staff persons at all times.

§ 2600.251. Resident records.

(b) The entries in a resident's record must be permanent, legible, dated and signed by the staff person making the entry.

(c) The home shall use standardized forms to record information in the resident's record.