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ADULT RESIDENTIAL LICENSING

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Ms. Monica Stalford, Administrator  
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207 West Summit Street  
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Dear Ms. Stalford:

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 § 2600.225(a) (relating to initial and annual assessment). However, documentation provided with the waiver request indicates that you are requesting a waiver of 55 Pa.Code § 2600.225(b) which addresses the home's option to use its own assessment form.

A waiver of 55 Pa.Code § 2600.225(a) is not needed. As stated in the Adult Residential Licensing – Resident Assessment – Support Plan (RASP) – Instructions for Use, 55 Pa.Code § 2600.225(b) and § 2600.227(b) allow homes to use their own assessment and support plan forms if they “include the same information” as the Department’s forms. A home may use its own forms if the information labeled “mandatory” is contained in the forms. The home’s form(s) do not need to look like the RASP, but the home must be able to demonstrate to the Department during inspections how its forms “crosswalk” with the RASP, that is, where inspectors can find the RASP information on the home’s forms.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald Melusky" followed by a small number "78".

Ronald Melusky  
Director