



SEP 19 2012

Ms. Kelly Shuey, Administrator  
Community Services Group, Inc.  
320 Highland Drive  
P.O. Box 597  
Mountville, Pennsylvania 17554

RE: Community Services Group  
532 West Saylor Street  
Atlas, Pennsylvania 17851

Dear Ms. Shuey:

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

The purpose of 55 Pa.Code § 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. According to 55 Pa.Code § 2600.54(a)(2), direct care staff persons must have a high school diploma, GED or active registry status on the Pennsylvania nurse aide registry. Documentation provided with the home's waiver request states that [REDACTED] completed the United States equivalent of education through Grade 9, the freshman year of high school, which was verified by Education Credential Evaluators, Inc. This education level does not meet the requirement for a high school diploma.

This waiver is granted under the following conditions:

1. This waiver applies to [REDACTED] of Community Services Group.
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 Community Services Group. [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 § 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald Melusky / 98".

Ronald Melusky  
Director