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Mr. Ben Dourte, Administrator
Elwyn, Inc.
111 Elwyn Road
Elwyn, Pennsylvania 19063

RE: Elwyn – Spring Haven

Dear Mr. Dourte:

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

A waiver of 55 Pa.Code § 2600.54(a) is not needed. According to § 2600.54(a)(2), direct care staff members must have a high school diploma, GED or active registry status on the Pennsylvania nurse aide registry. Documentation from World Education Services provided to the Department confirmed that [REDACTED] earned the U.S. equivalency of an associate degree from a regionally accredited institution which exceeds the criteria for a high school diploma. Elwyn – Spring Haven must keep a copy of this documentation.

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 black ink, appearing to read "R. Melusky". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Ronald Melusky
Director