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Ms. Lee Dwinal, Administrator
Berkshire Commons
5485 Perkiomen Avenue
Reading, Pennsylvania 19606

Dear Ms. Dwinal:

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

A waiver of 55 Pa.Code § 2600.54(a)(2) is hereby granted for [REDACTED]. According to § 2600.54(a), direct care staff members must have a high school diploma, GED or active registry status on the Pennsylvania nurse aide registry. Documentation provided to the Department confirmed that [REDACTED] graduated from Buff Bay High School, Kildare, Buff Bay, Portland, Jamaica. The Department has determined that this non-U.S. educational program is similar to U.S. education requirements. Berkshire Commons 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,



Ronald Melusky
Director