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Mr. James C. O'Brien, Administrator
1680 Spring Creek Road Operations LLC
Lehigh Commons
1680 Spring Creek Road
Macungie, Pennsylvania 18062

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

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 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 a bachelor's degree in religious studies which exceeds the criteria for a high school diploma. Lehigh Commons must keep a copy of this documentation.

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

Sincerely,

Ronald Melusky
Director