

Ms. Melissa Waltman, Administrator
Tithonus Lancaster, LP
c/o Integracare Corp
6600 Brooktree Court, Suite 1000
Wexford, Pennsylvania 15090

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RE: Magnolias of Lancaster
1870 Rohrestown Road
Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17601

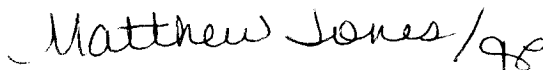
Dear Ms. Waltman:

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 § 2600.190(a) and 55 Pa.Code § 2600.190(b) (relating to medication administration training) regarding testing coagulation times for three residents living in the home.

A waiver of 55 Pa.Code § 2600.190(a) and 55 Pa.Code § 2600.190(b) (relating to medication administration training) is not needed. Testing coagulation times (PT/INR) via finger stick with a lancet and a test strip placed in a calibrated meter is not considered an injection. Newer INR testing is designed to be done by persons without formal medical training at home. Testing coagulation times via this method is within the ability of a direct care staff member who has been trained.

If you have any questions regarding the waiver process, you may contact the Operator Support Hotline at telephone number (866) 503-3926.

Sincerely,



Matthew Jones
Acting Director