

Ms. Jodi McClintock, Administrator
Brooke Grove Foundation, Inc.
18100 Slade School Road
Sandy Spring, Maryland 20860

MAY 30 2014

RE: Rest Assured Residential Living Center
1137 Shirley's Hollow Road
Meyersdale, Pennsylvania 15552

Dear Ms. McClintock:

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 § 2600.121(b) (relating to unobstructed egress) for a delayed egress system in the personal care home listed above.

In your submitted documentation to the Department, you state that a delayed egress system on exit doors is present in the personal care home. If you obtain a variance from the Department of Labor and Industry, the Department of Health or the appropriate local building code authority (as specified in § 2600.121(b)); obtain a statement specific to the home from the manufacturer, lock service company or an architect who has inspected the lock verifying that the delayed locking system will shut down and that all doors will open easily and immediately when there is a signal from an activated fire alarm system, heat or smoke detector, and/or power failure to the home; and the doors are not used in a home or portion of a home that provides specialized care and services for residents with Alzheimer's disease or other dementia that is not licensed as a secured dementia care unit, then the home is in compliance with the regulation.

If you are unable to obtain a variance from the Department of Labor and Industry, the Department of Health or the appropriate local building code authority, and obtain a statement specific to the home from the manufacturer, lock service company or an architect who has inspected the lock verifying that the delayed locking system will shut down and that all doors will open easily and immediately when there is a signal from an activated fire alarm system, heat or smoke detector, and/or power failure to the home, then the home is out of compliance and may request a waiver of regulation at that time. Upon receipt of a completed request for a waiver, a full and careful review of all documentation will occur.

If you have any questions regarding the waiver process, please contact the Operator Support Hotline, at telephone number 1-866-503-3926.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tara Pride". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tara Pride
Director of Regulatory Implementation