



Mr. Thomas Luffey, Administrator
Rivercliff Terrace, Inc.
120 Allegheny Avenue
Kittanning, Pennsylvania 16201

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RE: Rivercliff Terrace
120 Allegheny Avenue
Kittanning, Pennsylvania 16201

Rivercliff Terrace Annex
322 North McKean Street
Kittanning, Pennsylvania 16201

Dear Mr. Luffey:

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(b) (relating to medication administration training) regarding two residents with a vitamin B-12 deficiency.

A waiver of 55 Pa.Code § 2600.190(b) is hereby granted under the authority of 55 Pa.Code § 2600.19 (relating to waivers).


This waiver is granted under the following conditions:

1. This waiver applies to the personal care homes known as Rivercliff Terrace and Rivercliff Terrace Annex.
2. This waiver applies only to the two residents of the personal care homes who have been diagnosed as having a vitamin B-12 deficiency: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].
3. Each direct care staff person who will administer the vitamin B-12 injection must successfully complete and pass the Department of Public Welfare's medication administration course.
4. Each direct care staff person who will administer the vitamin B-12 injection must have 6 hours of annual training related to subcutaneous injections, in addition to the 12 hours of annual training specified in § 2600.65 (relating to direct care staff person training and orientation).
5. Each direct care staff person who will administer the vitamin B-12 injection must be trained in its use by a licensed health care professional.

6. Each direct care staff person who will administer the vitamin B-12 injection must be trained in the observation of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for possible symptoms and side effects of the vitamin B-12 injection.
7. Rivercliff Terrace and Rivercliff Terrace Annex must utilize a process for monitoring, evaluating, and documenting the administration of the vitamin B-12 injection.
8. A written procedure regarding the administration of a vitamin B-12 injection must be provided for all direct care staff members who will administer the vitamin B-12 injection.
9. All direct care staff members must have a clinical contact available at all times to answer any questions regarding the administration of the vitamin B-12 injection.

This waiver is in effect for as long as the conditions under which the waiver is granted continue to be met. The Department will review this waiver each year during its annual inspection to determine compliance with the preceding conditions. Failure to comply with the conditions of this waiver or with other requirements of 55 Pa.Code Chapter 2600 may result in termination of this waiver or other licensing action.

Sincerely,


Matthew Jones
Director