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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Ms. Beatrice Y. Stenta, ED
Arden Courts of Warminster
779 West County Line Road
Hatboro, Pennsylvania 19040

DEC 17 2014

RE: Arden Courts of Warminster
License # 129960

Dear Ms. Stenta:

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

Your request for waiver is being returned for additional information. The purpose of § 2600.54(a) is to assure qualified staff provide services to personal care home residents. The direct care staff members of the personal care home must be able to understand and meet the personal care home licensing regulations.

According to the documentation submitted, [REDACTED] received Certificates of Completion from the Stepping Stone Allied Health Academy. The Certificates were issued for successful completion of the Nurse Aide Training Program and Competency Test from the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Direct care staff persons qualifying as a nurse aide must have an active registry status on the Pennsylvania nurse aide registry. [REDACTED] is not registered on the nurse aide registry. The Department of Human Services encourages [REDACTED] to obtain active registry status on the Pennsylvania nurse aide registry and re-submit documentation substantiating [REDACTED] status.

Other possible alternatives to the GED/non-US high school education which may be considered through the waiver process include:

1. An individual may complete the English Literacy portion of the GED.
2. An individual may complete the Test for Basic Adult Level of Education (TABE) or the Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System (CASAS). A grade level equivalency of 12.9 on the TABE or CASAS is needed in order to be recognized as a literacy alternative to a US diploma; the documentation will indicate that the individual has "completed adult secondary education".
3. An individual may seek literacy testing through a careerlink or job placement service center.
4. A three-year transcript which lists the specific courses taken to earn the diploma or degree (including dates of completion).

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5. Documentation from World Education Services substantiating [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] education.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tara Pride". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "T".

Tara Pride
Director of Regulatory Implementation