



July 2, 2019

Ms. Merri C. Ney
Managing Director
Columbia Cottage Wyomissing, LLC
3121 State Hill Road
Wyomissing, Pennsylvania 19610

RE: Columbia Cottage Wyomissing, LLC
License #224640

Dear Ms. Ney:

As a result of the Department's Bureau of Human Services Licensing annual inspection on March 14, 2019 of the above facility, the violations with 55 pa. Code Ch. 2800 (relating to Assisted Living Residence) specified on the enclosed violation report were found.

All citations specified on the enclosed violation report must be corrected by the dates specified on the violation report and continued compliance with 55 Pa.Code Ch. 2800 must be maintained.

In an effort to improve our licensing processes, the Bureau of Human Services Licensing is soliciting feedback about your recent human services licensing inspection experience. To participate in the online provider survey, launch your web browser and go to https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BHSL_Inspection.

The survey is brief and will only take about 5 minutes to complete. Your participation in the survey is completely voluntary and all of your responses will be kept confidential. The responses will be reviewed as part of an aggregate of provider inspection responses. Thank you in advance for providing feedback.

Sincerely,

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

Jacqueline L. Rowe
Director

Enclosure
Violation Report

LICENSING INSPECTION SUMMARY
Assisted Living Residences – 55 Pa.Code § 2800

Name of Assisted Living Residence: COLOMBIA COTTAGES AT WYOMISSING	License Number: 224640
Address: 3121 STATE HILL ROAD WYOMISSING PENNSYLVANIA 19610	County: Berks
Administrator: MARY NEY MERI NEY	
Legal Entity Name: COLOMBIA COTTAGES AT WYOMISSING.LLC	
Legal Entity Address: 3121 STATE HILL ROAD WYOMISSING, PENNSYLVANIA 19610	
Certificate(s) of Occupancy: C2 LP 10-24-1997	
Type of Inspection: FULL	
Reason(s) for Inspection(s): RENEWAL	
On-Site Inspections Dates and Department Representatives On-Site: 03-14-19 ANN O'HAIRE, GERALD DUMAS	
Off-Site Inspection Dates and Inspectors, if Applicable	
Resident Demographic Data as of Inspection Dates	
Licensed Capacity: 50 Number of Residents Served: 43 Secured Dementia Care Unit in Home: NA Area: Secured Unit Capacity, if Applicable Number of Residents Served in Secured Dementia Care Unit, if applicable: Number of Current Hospice Residents: 5 Number of Hospice Residents in past year: 5	Number of Residents who: Receive Supplemental Security Income: 0 Are 60 Years of Age or Older: 43 Have Mental Illness: 0 Have an Intellectual Disability: 0 Have a Mobility Need: 15 Have a Physical Disability: 1

An enabler bar was observed to the right side of the resident's single bed in room #40 measuring approximately 14 inches across by 8 inches and was uncovered. The enabler bar remains in place by a double u-shaped bar tucked between the mattress and box spring. The uncovered enabler bar presents a possible hazard to the resident which may result in an injury to resident's head, neck or limbs.

During the Licensing Inspection on March 14, 2019, the enabler bar cover topic was fully discussed with the inspectors. Columbia Cottage shared that the resident in apartment 40, who is fully alert and oriented, routinely removes the covering. Upon interview by the inspectors, the resident informed the DHS staff that, she did not wish to be treated as a child, is fully aware of the use of the enabler bar, and does not see this as a means of potential harm but rather a devise that merely assists her in transferring out of bed independently. Subsequently, Columbia Cottage discussed implementing an informed consent and submitting to the DHS, indicating the resident choses to utilize this equipment without a covering, however; the DHS representative indicated the informed consent would not be accepted. According to the Resident Rights as published by the DHS, a resident has the right to furnish his/her living unit and purchase, receive, use and retain personal clothing and possessions. Furthermore, a resident has the right to privacy of self and possessions. Privacy shall be provided to the resident during bathing, dressing, changing and medical procedures. The resident in question feels very strongly that she has the right to utilize an enabler bar without a covering, and therefore, the issuance of this violation is in direct contradiction to her stated wishes.

Additionally, according to the RCG, as it relates to 2800.81.b, Inspectors will examine the resident equipment during the course of the inspection to determine if the apparatus is clean and in good condition, to ensure the resident is less likely to be injured or subject to illness. There was never any discussion nor is there evidence the enabler bar in question is not in good condition. Of note, if we explore the RCG further, this verbiage can be found, "The Department strongly recommends that bedrails not be used at any time for any purpose whatsoever; there are many alternative means to provide the same benefits as bedrails with minimal risk, including: • Beds that can be raised or lowered to the floor. • Position-wedges (specialized pillows for bed-positioning). • Alternative assistive devices, such as enablers, grip handles, transfer handles, trapeze bars and halo safety rings."

Based on regulation and interpretation, we are in compliance. Furthermore, it was evidenced by the inspectors that the enabler bar was clean and in good condition, and the resident clearly knew how to use the apparatus safely. That being said, we will continue to cover the enabler bar, and routinely monitor the resident for compliance. Additionally, we are submitting the informed consent for your re-consideration.

In our constant pursuit of quality assurance and process improvements, we certainly embrace the idea, and always strive for a safe environment for all our residents, encouraging safe use of enablers.

*****5-29-19

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