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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Roxanne Simonson
Administrator
Our Home of Hope Inc.
223-225 Cherry Street
Columbia, Pennsylvania 17512

MAY 17 2019

RE: Our Home of Hope
License #: 333220

Dear Ms. Simonson:

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].

The Department of Human Services (Department) is denying a waiver of 2600.54(a) (relating to qualifications for direct care staff persons) as [REDACTED] online high school diploma from Stanley High School does not meet the educational requirement for direct care staff as Stanley High School is not accepted or certified by the Pennsylvania Department of Education or the U.S. Department of Education.

You may resubmit a request for a waiver to permit [REDACTED] to serve as direct care staff while working to obtain her General Education Diploma from an online high school or other program that is accepted or certified by the Pennsylvania Department of Education or the U.S. Department of Education. Alternatively, [REDACTED] may also complete the Test for Basic Adult Level of Education (TABE) or the Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System (CASAS). A grade level equivalency of 9.9 on the TABE or 12.9 on the CASAS is needed to be recognized as a literacy alternative to a US diploma; the documentation will indicate that the individual has "completed adult secondary education".

If you disagree with the Department's decision to deny the waiver, you have right to appeal through a hearing before the Bureau of Hearings and Appeals, Department of Human Services in accordance with 1 Pa. Code Part II, Chs. 31-35. If you decide to appeal, a written request for an appeal must be received within 10 days of the date of this letter by:

Shivani Patel
Bureau of Human Services Licensing
Department of Human Services
Room 631, Health & Welfare Building
625 Forster Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Ms. Simonson

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This decision is final 11 days from the date of this letter or if you decide to appeal, upon issuance of a decision by the Bureau of Hearings and Appeals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Rowe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a stylized "Rowe".

Jacqueline Rowe
Director