

January 29, 2026

[REDACTED]  
Administrator  
UPMC Behavioral Health of the Alleghenies

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
RE: Dorothy M. Tartaglio Home  
1911 Twelfth Avenue  
Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601  
License #: 360310

Dear [REDACTED]

Your request to waive 55 Pa.Code § 2600.54(a)(2) is granted under the authority of 55 Pa.Code § 2600.19 (relating to waivers) due to [REDACTED] obtaining their education outside of the United States.

*2600.54 Qualifications of direct care staff persons.*  
*(a) Direct care staff persons shall have the following qualifications.*  
*(2) Have a high school diploma, GED or active registry status on the Pennsylvania nurse aide registry.*

This waiver is granted under the following conditions:

1. This waiver applies to [REDACTED]na, employed by Dorothy M. Tartaglio Home, located at 1911 Twelfth Avenue, Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601, License #: 360310.
2. [REDACTED] shall serve in the role as direct care staff as an evaluation submitted from a professional credential evaluator determined their education obtained in [REDACTED] equivalent to graduation from high school and an associate's degree in the United States.
3. Documentation of [REDACTED] education and training shall be kept by Dorothy M. Tartaglio Home in their personnel folder and made available to the Department upon request.

The Department of Human Services 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,

*Theresa Hartman*

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