



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

April 25, 2016

Dear Administrator,

As you may be aware, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH) has engaged in a multifaceted initiative to improve the quality and safety in the care for residents in Pennsylvania's nursing care homes. In August 2015, PADOH engaged a panel of state and national experts to serve on a Nursing Home Quality Improvement Task Force. The Task Force will deliver recommendations later this summer.

Part of the Task Force's work has been focused on current state licensure and Federal nursing home certification regulations. We are interested in soliciting your perspective in order to assist the Task Force on specific regulatory requirements that support your efforts to design and deliver the highest possible quality of care and services for your residents.

PADOH is seeking comments from every licensed long term care facility regarding three sets of regulations: the state licensure regulations, CMS current Conditions of Participation and CMS proposed Conditions of Participation. Links to each of these sets of regulations are provided below:

[State licensure regulations and CMS current Conditions of Participation](#)
[CMS proposed Conditions of Participation](#)

The survey is available at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Nursing_Home_Regulations. Accompanying this letter is a worksheet for your use in preparing your responses. **Please complete and submit the survey by 5 p.m. Friday, May 13, 2016.**

Thank you for your participation in this important work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen M. Murphy PhD RN".

Karen M. Murphy, PhD RN
Secretary of Health

Enclosure

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