

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE**

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Dear Personal Care Home Provider:

The Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare (Department) has established an Administrative Fine System that will become effective on December 1, 2008. Pursuant to 62 PS § 1086 and 55 Pa.Code § 2600.262 (relating to penalties), the Department is implementing the fine system as an additional enforcement tool to compel regulatory compliance with 55 Pa.Code Chapter 2600 (relating to Personal Care Homes) in order to protect the health, safety and well-being of Pennsylvania's Personal Care Home residents.

The Department will assess a monetary fine for any repeated regulatory violation that is not fully corrected in response to a cited regulatory violation. A repeated violation is a violation with the same regulation number cited on the Violation Report from the last renewal inspection and any Violation Report issued since the last renewal inspection. The Department will also issue a fine for violations related to direct care staff and administrator annual training requirements.

If you have any questions regarding the Administrative Fines System, you many contact your Regional Adult Residential Licensing Director or visit the Department's website at:

http://www.dhs.state.pa.us/PartnersProviders/LongTermLiving.

Sincerely,

Karen E. Kroh

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