

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Department of Health

Office of the Senior Deputy Director



Sandy Douglas, NHA  
Mary Savoy, RN  
The Methodist Home of the District of Columbia  
4901 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Ms. Douglas and Ms. Savoy:

This is in response to your request for waiver from compliance with staffing ratio requirements for the Methodist Home, a licensed nursing facility. Your written request, dated July 26, 2012, was made in accordance with Title 22 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, sections 3211.8 and 3211.9.

Your request was based on three components – culture change initiatives, resident acuity, and survey history/quality of care. HRLA has reviewed your request and needs additional information in order to reach a determination.

This is a request for the following information:

1. What specific staffing ratio(s) are you requesting be applicable to your facility? While your request referenced sections 3211.4 and 3211.5, there is no mention of a physician, physician assistant or an advance practice registered nurse.
2. What specifically are the changes that your residents have undergone as a result of the Wellspring approach?
3. Please submit your actual staffing patterns for the period July 1, 2012, to the present.
4. What is your desired staffing pattern for each unit for each shift?

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Sharon Williams Lewis, Program Manager of the Health Care Facilities Division, at 442-4737.

Sincerely,

Feseha Woldu, Ph.D.  
Senior Deputy Director