



August 15, 2024

Ms. Taylor Corpening
Rule Review Manager
Division of Health Service Regulation
2701 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699

Re: **Proposed Changes to Medical Care Commission Rules Related to Adult Care Homes- Comments from Ridge Care Senior Living**

Dear Ms. Corpening:

As the Vice President of Community Operations for Ridge Care Senior Living, and a senior living professional with 20+ years of experience, I write in opposition to the proposed changes to rule 10A NCAC 13F .0309 currently being considered by the Medical Care Commission.

In addition to being unnecessary, the changes, as proposed, would create significant financial and time hardship on smaller providers like us. Verbiage of the proposed rule changes is vague, would do little to improve disaster readiness for facilities, and quite probably would result in emotional and physical harm for our residents. Statistically speaking, regular drills requiring fully implemented evacuation of residents carry far greater risks than the infrequent risks of potential disasters. Residents in our care are elderly, physically frail, handicapped, and/or have dementia – all of which create significant risks for falls, injuries and anxiety during emergency drills of any kind.

For the good of our residents, we appeal to the Commission to leave these rules unchanged.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendy Shoemaker".

Wendy Shoemaker
Vice President of Community Operations

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