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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 29, 2011

TO: Ms. John Thomas Murray, Deputy Director

Division of Long Term Care Residents Protection

FROM: Daniese McMullin-Powell, Chairperson

State Council for Persons with Disabilities

RE: 15 DE Reg. 269 [DLTCRP Proposed CNA Alzheimer's & Dementia Training]

The State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) has reviewed the Department of Health and Social Services/Division of Long Term Residents Protection's (DLTCRP) proposal to adopt dementia specific training regulations published as 15 DE Reg. 269 in the September 1, 2011 issue of the Register of Regulations. H.B. 159 requires DHSS to adopt such regulations each year for persons "certified" or partially funded by the State to provide healthcare services to persons with Alzheimer's or dementia. The Division of Long-term Care Residents Protection is now issuing implementing regulations.

SCPD <u>endorses</u> the proposed regulation which will require CNAs to receive 6 hours of dementia training. The Division is also adding a provision not required by H.B. 159 requiring CNAs to receive 2 hours of patient abuse prevention training annually.

Thank you for your consideration and please contact SCPD if you have any questions or comments regarding our position or observations on the proposed regulation.

cc: The Honorable Susan DelPesco

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