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Hello Everyone-

Yesterday the Governor passed a Compassionate Care Bill which you may hear about in the news. This Bill goes into effect on May 13<sup>th</sup>. However, nursing homes have not yet received the regulatory guidance necessary to operationalize the content of the Bill. Once we receive the guidance from the Department of Health we can move forward with developing a policy. For now we will continue to follow the March 25<sup>th</sup> regulatory guidance that I spoke of and summarized for you earlier this week.

Social work and other staff have notified me of frustrations that have been voiced to them and I do understand your frustration. However, as I have stated before, I do not make these rules, I am simply required to follow them. I truly appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue to work through the regulatory guidance and implement new policies and procedures to follow the guidance, as we are legally required to.

Please know that as soon as we can allow for visitation we will. We monitor the situation daily and we are working with Leading Age, NYPA, and GHFA to get clarification from DOH on the finer points of the March 25<sup>th</sup> directive.

Thank you.

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