

July 3, 2012

Dear Nursing Home Administrator:

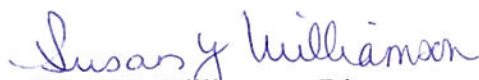
Act 18 of 2012 (the Voter ID Law) requires voters to show an acceptable photo ID to vote at the polls starting with the November 2012 general election. The Voter ID Law permits “care facilities” to create photo identification documents for residents. A “care facility” is a long-term care nursing facility, an assisted living residence, or a personal care home. The Pennsylvania Department of State has also announced that care facilities are permitted to create photo identification documents for their employees. Therefore, as a long-term care nursing facility administrator, you are permitted to produce photo IDs for your residents and employees who wish to vote.

The Departments of Health and State have collaborated to assist you in producing acceptable photo IDs. A template photo ID is enclosed with this letter. You may use this template to produce general photo IDs for residents and employees of your long-term care nursing facility. Also enclosed are question-and-answer documents produced by the Department of State providing information about the Voter ID Law. This template and the Q&A documents are available on the Department of Health’s Facility Message Board. In addition, the Q&As, as well as other informative documents about Pennsylvania’s Voter ID Law, are available on the Department of State’s website, at www.VotesPA.com.

While there is no specific regulatory requirement relating to the production of photo IDs, you are reminded that failure to assist a resident or employee to obtain a photo ID in order to vote may result in a violation of the Voter ID Law.

If you have any questions about producing a photo ID in accordance with the Voter ID Law, please contact my office at (717) 787-1816 or email me at suswilliam@pa.gov.

Sincerely,



Susan Y. Williamson, Director
Division of Nursing Care Facilities
Bureau of Facility Licensure and Certification

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LETTERHEAD OF CARE FACILITY HERE

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