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The Honorable Andrew Joyce
Chairman, Albany County Legislature
Legislative Clerk's Office
112 State Street, Suite 710
Albany, New York 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

Shaker Place Rehabilitation and Nursing Center respectfully requests to implement amendments to the 2021 budget that will adjust Activity department titles and compensation.

Our Assistant Director of Leisure Time Activity staff member resigned last month. The nursing home evaluated the responsibilities of the department staff and determined that the Assistant Director position is no longer required, as the Director can handle these obligations. We also determined that due to the revised CMS and New York State Department of Health regulatory reimbursement requirements for PDPM, that the Activity department requires an additional Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant and that the Activities Assistant qualifications do not meet today's regulatory requirements. Therefore, the Activity Assistant position should be eliminated and replaced with an Activity Leader.

We are requesting the elimination and funding of the Assistant Director of Leisure Time Activity and Activity Assistant positions for a total reduction in budget of \$69,536.00 and create two (2) new budget lines with the title of Occupational Therapy Assistant, with an annual compensation of \$37,100.00 and the creation of another Activity Leader position at an annual salary of \$31,437.00, for a total of \$68,537.00, which will lower our annual budget by \$999.00.

We respectfully request that the recommendations above be approved. We thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Larry I. Slatky
Executive Director

cc: Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
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