

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
BUREAU OF HUMAN SERVICES LICENSING
Personal Care Homes (55 Pa.Code Chapter 2600)**

Q/A - Regulatory Clarifications – July 2018

The clarifications and interpretations below will remain on the Department's web site until the information is included in the next updated Regulatory Compliance Guide (RCG).

Regulation: §2600.231- Admission

§2600.231(c)-A written cognitive preadmission screening completed in collaboration with a physician or a geriatric assessment team and documented on the Department's preadmission screening form shall be completed for each resident within 72 hours prior to admission to a secured dementia care unit.

Question: According to §2600.141 relating to medical evaluation, a medical evaluation may be completed by a physician, physician's assistant or certified registered nurse practitioner. Similarly, may the written cognitive preadmission screening be completed in collaboration with a certified registered nurse practitioner (CRNP) or physician's assistant in lieu of a physician?

Answer: Yes. The written cognitive preadmission screening required by §2600.231 may be completed in collaboration with a certified registered nurse practitioner (CRNP) or physician's assistant in lieu of a physician.