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## **PHA Applauds Extensions of Regulatory Waivers, Flexibilities for Health Care**

**Harrisburg (September 30, 2021)** – Teri Henning, CEO of the Pennsylvania Homecare Association (PHA), issued the following statement in response to the legislative extension of COVID-19-related waivers for health care.

“The Pennsylvania Homecare Association thanks the Pennsylvania General Assembly and Governor Wolf for their support of home-based care providers through the passage and signing of House Bill 1861, which extends critical waivers and regulatory flexibilities for healthcare providers.

“These waivers and flexibilities allow providers to focus on what really matters, continuing to provide quality care amid the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency. As home-based care providers across Pennsylvania face unprecedented workforce shortages, the extension of these waivers will allow for continued flexibilities in meeting patient and consumer needs.

“PHA will continue to advocate for the permanent extension of certain waivers. In the meantime, we greatly appreciate the support from both chambers and the administration in ensuring that these flexibilities remain in place.

***About PHA...** The Pennsylvania Homecare Association is a statewide organization of nearly 700 home health, homecare and hospice providers. PHA members provide quality care and serve as advocates for their patients and clients on a variety of healthcare issues. PHA and its members work to improve professional standards and ensure access to quality homecare throughout the Commonwealth. To learn more, visit [www.pahomecare.org](http://www.pahomecare.org).*

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