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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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Title: RRT

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: OPPOSED! I have been a RRT since 2010 and I love my job, that's why I went to school specifically for respiratory care. I had one complete year of ventilator management and still felt scared operating a ventilator after graduation. There is no way a person should be liable to operate one without proper knowledge. To take someone without any schooling on ventilators or the respiratory system and put them to work in a health care setting would be a liability on the hospital...I personally would not want someone taking care of me or my loved ones who has no clue what a peak flow or i:e ratio means on a vent. Resp care is not just about giving albuterol nebs. In our field we work with many new grad nurses who are already in over their heads with their nursing duties, they don't need the responsibility of placing a patient on bipap or sticking for arterial gases and further documentation. The equipment we use can be detrimental to a patient if not used properly...properly means education from an accredited school. The Joint Commission seems to think state licensing is important in resp care. The doctors esp pulmonary doctors depend on us to take verbal orders, report critical values and assist them in procedures. Without a state license we will no longer be able to do it.. causing more work for the nurses who themselves are already over loaded with work. Patient care and safety comes first, not cut backs for saving money. De-licensing RCPs, RAD techs and perfusionists would not be a good idea. I take pride in what I do and have worked hard to get here. I do not see these fields being performed by people who don't have the correct schooling or state licenses..These jobs are not instructing someone on how to flip a burger , they are jobs that save lives. Would you want someone taking care of you or your loved one who doesn't know their job inside and out?

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: State licensing must be a requirement!

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree