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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

Licensure for radiologic technologists ensures that patients are being treated by individuals who have met education and certification standards.

Licensed radiologic technologists administer ionizing radiation, a known carcinogen, in the lowest dose possible to patients in order to create medical images and to treat cancers and other illnesses. Unlicensed personnel do not know how to administer low doses of radiation and still achieve quality images or effective treatments.

Licensure for radiologic technologists preserves the state's right to penalize individuals who may not treat patients according to professional standards or administer radiation correctly. Without licensure, the state cannot protect its citizens from untrained individuals.

While there is no way to totally eliminate risk, we can reduce the risk for patients receiving medical imaging procedures or radiation treatments in the state of Texas through the licensure of professionals.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Keep the licensure of xray techs intact for the safety of patients from getting overexposed with ionizing radiation. I fear if unlicensed individuals perform xrays, patient protection from this will cause more harm than good for the benefit of all patients. Would you want your family member exposed to radiation from an unlicensed individual and cause overexposure from not aware of radiation safety as licensed personnel who went to school and had the proper training to protect patients from ionizing radiation

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree