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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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

This is in opposition to de-licensing ANY healthcare professional and in particular, Respiratory Therapists (RT).

I am a senior citizen with Medicare as my primary and Aetna as my secondary medical insurance providers. I also have asthma. Medicare mandates that many procedures performed for asthma patients are done so by licensed professionals. There is good reason for that. Respiratory Therapist are skilled in treating patients with specific cardio-pulmonary diseases. To de-license a Respiratory Therapist would be the equivalent of asking a patient to submit to an IV by a 'de-licensed' Registered Nurse (RN). How ludicrous.

A licensed Respiratory Therapist in the State of Texas has a minimum of an Associate's Degree, numerous 'clinical' hours, and has passed a State of Texas board exam. Whereas a RN has completed a similar academic program, a RN is schooled in a variety of hospital procedures and settings while a Respiratory Therapist is a specialist in his/her field – cardio-pulmonary.

PLEASE do NOT de-license ANY health care professional. America prides herself in having the best health care system in the world. It would be a travesty to diminish that care by not providing professional, well-educated, and LICENSED personnel in all areas of medicine.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: None

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree