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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed:

Advisors -

I am strongly opposed to the recommendation to do away with state licensure for Respiratory Therapists in Texas. Forty-nine states (Alaska is the exception) require and maintain state licensure for Respiratory Care Practitioners (RCP's). It is vital for the safety and well-being of the patient populations we serve to require and maintain licensure for our discipline. Without it, anyone can deliver care, even if their license was revoked in another state, or if they were fired for unsafe practices here in Texas. That is not the kind of therapist I would want caring for my loved one. Thanks for your consideration of the thousands of us that hold an RCP license here in Texas.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Maintain licensure of RCP's - we pay a fee for this. We provide life-saving care for patients across the health care continuum. The investment in more staff to maintain our licensure requirements is money well spent.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree