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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: It is imperative the respiratory therapist license stay active. Our field is growing rapidly and makes direct improvement in patient comfort as well as out comes on a daily basis. We battle yearly for reimbursement for the sole sake to be available to help our patients be as comfortable and receive the best care possible. Without the license, I feel the market will move quickly to a on the job training program that will drastically move our feel backwards, as well as, harm patients in the process. Please talk to as many rt's as possible and realize that the level of care provided by each therapist can be as advance as that hospitals respiratory department. More governing control of our field is needed to bring every therapist up to the same level, not less. I would love to talk in person or over the phone to help explain my position. Thank you.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Increase the license limitations of the respiratory therapist.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree