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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Currently, licensed medical physicists are required to provide annual performance evaluations on the equipment to assure that they meet regulatory standards. Without such requirements these annual quality assurance measures might not be performed or be performed by others with less or no qualifications. Licensure in Texas requires Board certification, which assures the public that a minimum qualification has been met. Without licensure, that minimum level of knowledge would no longer be a requirement, and negative future consequences could likely result. Also, with growing public concern about radiation risk, removing safeguards already in place in Texas (through licensure) seems very unwise.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Medical physicists are essential for patient safety in diagnostic imaging (radiology), nuclear medicine and radiation therapy. Professional licensure helps to assure that well qualified individuals provide these services. Please keep the licensure requirement for the medical physicists in the State of Texas!

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree