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

The recommendation that licensure for Respiratory Care Practitioners in the State of Texas be eliminated is desperately wrong for the patients in Texas as well as the professionals who serve the patients.

Make no mistake; the elimination of licensure will decimate the Respiratory Care profession and patient health.

There will no longer be a requirement that therapists maintain up-to-date training and education. Lack of licensure undermines the professionalism of current respiratory care practitioners, undervaluing their education and learned skills. Most importantly, the skill level of those providing care for respiratory patients will plummet, jeopardizing patient health and safety.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

- The safety of the citizens of Texas is at stake because licensure ensures only competent professionals delivers care to patients with respiratory ailments.
- Respiratory Care Practitioners are responsible for maintaining critical life support systems in the absence of physicians.
- Licensure provides a measure of protection to hospitals and healthcare consumers who may come in contact with respiratory care practitioners.

Please stop any further consideration of the elimination of respiratory care licensure.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree