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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: I strongly oppose the de-licensing of RCP's for several very important reasons. A respiratory therapist is what the name implies and then some. We "RT" have extensive knowledge and training of the Respiratory System. We develop and implement patient care of all age groups (neonatal to geriatric). We provide critical care skills such as intubation, airway management, ventilator management, blood gas testing & treatment to correct acid base imbalances. RT's also deliver inhaled bronchodilator and steroid medication to relieve shortness of breath and other airway complications. If de-licensing of RCP's happens all RCP's will not be of the same caliber because hospitals and other health care facilities will have no incentive to hire or maintain staff who cost more than someone off the street. This will compromise both patient safety and patient care. Please reconsider your thoughts on this subject.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Do not change the current standard. We "RT's" have fought hard to keep our profession from taking steps backwards and by De-licensing RCP's that will definitely happen.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree