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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 am a licensed radiologic technologist that is currently practicing in the modality of computed tomography. I have been in practice for 18 years and have seen the importance of properly trained individuals. I stropilly oppose the dropping licensing of medical radiological technologists and medical physicists.

Until a national requirement that sets standards for properly trained individuals is in place the states must provide this service for it's citizens.

- Licensure for radiologic technologists ensures that patients are being treated by individuals who have met education and certification standards.
- Licensed radiologic technologists lower patient exposure to ionizing radiation, a known carcinogen, by optimizing technique for medical imaging and treating cancers and other illnesses. Unlicensed personnel do not understand how to minimize exposure while achieving quality images or effective treatments.
- Licensure for radiologic technologists preserves the state's right to penalize individuals who may not treat patients according to professional standards or administer radiation correctly. Without licensure, the state cannot protect its citizens from untrained individuals.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Maintain state licensure until a national standard is set in place.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree