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City: Edmond

State: Oklahoma

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

The Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology (JRCNMT) respectfully requests the Sunset Advisory Committee of the Texas Legislature maintain state licensing standards for radiologic technologists.

State licensure ensures that patients are imaged and treated by individuals who meet specific education and certification standards. Licensed technologists administer radiation to patients in controlled quantities to ensure quality images or effective treatment. They perform technically consistent and properly positioned procedures, ensuring that repeat procedures, which increase a patient's radiation exposure, are unnecessary.

They also know how to safely secure radioactive materials and dispose of them in a manner that is safe for the general public and the environment.

The citizens of Texas may not have sufficient information to identify an unqualified person performing the duties of a radiologic technologist, and could be vulnerable to unsafe and incompetent technologists if licensure ceases to exist. Without a licensure program, the state could not discipline individuals who put patients at risk by failing to adhere to professional standards or administer radiation correctly.

The practice of licensing radiologic technologists is an important public safety measure; therefore, the JRCNMT encourages the State of Texas to maintain state licensing standards.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: If DSHS no longer wishes to be responsible for licensing radiologic technologists then move the function to another state agency. Do not end licensure.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree