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Board of Registration of Respiratory Care

Subject: BORRC: 261 CMR

Dear Board of Registration of Respiratory Care:

I would like to submit my written testimony regarding the proposed changes in the Continuing education requirements for respiratory therapists.

The doubling of the amount of continuing education hours and limiting the amount that can be obtained online is an unreasonable burden to place on the therapist and their work places. As a department manager, I would find it difficult if not impossible to allow all the therapists to go to the few conferences that are currently available to obtain the required CE hours. I ask that you reconsider the current proposal to increase the required CE hours and limit the amount that may be obtained online. The current proposal will be exceedingly expensive for therapist and currently there are nowhere near enough conferences available to allow therapist to meet the requirement and departments to safely staff.

Sincerely,

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