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Comments:

I would like only to add the following; that in addition to continuing educational requirements for 'recency'; we should find a place to include CNA homecare into the care of patients sent home from Long Term and Short Term Care. My reason for making this recommendation is that recently a tenant in my building [who will remain anonymous please], is home from hospital - having suffered a severe heart attack. He uses a walker and is barely able to walk. He had no furniture, and sleeps on a mat, he walks extremely slowly and uses a very shaky nearly broken chair on wheels to eat his meals at a table that was graciously donated by the property manager of the building, he had very little income and no one checks on his status. Periodically I check in on him to make sure that he has not fallen down, and that the stove is turned off and provide simple cleaning chores. I would strongly urge the committee to find a way to provide some sort of support to these patients on a part time basis, perhaps 7-15 hours per week, involving a rotation of one or more CNA's who can check in on a patient daily; either by cell phone; or by a home visit of approximately one hour per week. Thank you for allowing me to submit my comments on this topic today.