INQUIRY INTO REGISTERED NURSES IN NEW SOUTH WALES NURSING HOMES

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As an RN working in aged care in a country town, the community has an expectation that the elderly and vulnerable will be cared for 24/7 by appropriately trained and experienced nursing staff.

The proposal to remove RNs from being on duty 24/7 in aged care is inappropriate and could most likely lead to litigation between residents and nursing home operators.

EENs, AINs and carers do not have the skill sets and experience to make informed decisions as to whether a resident should be admitted to hospital. This will create congestion in hospital emergency departments as the simple solution would be to send residents just in case!

Any perceived savings by not employing RNs will be offset by tying up valuable space in emergency departments.