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**INQUIRY INTO REGISTERED NURSES IN NEW SOUTH
WALES NURSING HOMES**

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As a recently retired RN who spent 25 in Aged Care, I find it outrageous that to have the most vulnerable people, sometimes with complex medical conditions, left in a home without a registered Nurse.

One has no Doctor on site when emergencies or problems arise and to just send off to a hospital, as would be the case if no registered nurse was on site for even the smallest medical problem, can be unnecessary and extremely traumatic to the elderly.

If a resident is assessed and a problem solved with a RN then surely this is a preferable, less distressing and no doubt more cost effective way of ensuring the best outcome of a resident in an aged care home.

I would not want to place a relative of mine in an Aged Care facility with multiple medical issues, be it physical or psychological, with no RN on site.

It is not just the residents safety and health that come under an RN's care either.

There are residents family concerns, medication issues, staff issues, incidences and emergencies of all kinds, all of which come under the registered nurses responsibilities,

The risk is too great with out them on site.

Yours faithfully,