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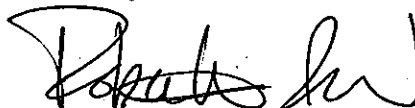
Timothy R. Myers, BS, RRT-NPS
President
American Association for Respiratory Care
9425 North MacArthur Blvd., Suite 100
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Dear Mr. Myers:

Thank you for providing us with a copy of the best practices guidance for the care of ventilator dependent patients in skilled nursing facilities, developed by the American Association for Respiratory Care. This document will be helpful to Florida Medicaid when future revisions are made to nursing facility guidelines. I will share this information with our nursing facility services staff, and we will contact you for more information or if we have any questions.

In the future, if you have additional information to share, please contact Susan Rinaldi, Nursing Facility Services Analyst, at (850) 412-4254 or email Susan.Rinaldi@ahca.myflorida.com.

Sincerely,



Roberta K. Bradford
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