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Mr. Timothy R. Myers
President
American Association for Respiratory Care
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Dear Mr. Myers:

We are in receipt of your letter regarding best practices for ventilator dependent residents in skilled nursing facilities. The AARC Position Statement points to excellent ideas for ensuring the safety and proper care of ventilator dependent residents. It should please you to know that the Office of Long-Term Living, Exceptional Payment Section already incorporates several of these requirements in our Ventilator Dependent Resident Program. However, the Position Statement points to some additional standards which will be considered for our program.

We want to thank you for sharing the AARC Position Statement with us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bonnie L. Rose".

Bonnie L. Rose
Director