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Dear CEO:

Quality and safety are foremost in the minds of health care consumers. The American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC), the professional organization for respiratory therapists, stresses patient safety above all else.

Providing access to credentialed respiratory therapists is essential to assuring safe and effective respiratory therapy services for your home care clients. The peer-reviewed literature has documented that the provision of respiratory care services is enhanced and optimized when those services are delivered by educated and credentialed respiratory therapists. Employing these high quality health care providers ensures your clients are receiving the most appropriate and efficiently delivered respiratory therapy services.

A program by the AARC informs consumers that your organization provides quality respiratory care. Through our "Quality Respiratory Care Recognition" program we will provide you with recognition for your superior provision of service to your clients receiving respiratory care services. By completing the attached form and attesting that you meet the service parameters, you will be awarded the Quality Respiratory Care Recognition (QRCR) seal. The AARC will maintain and publish a database of durable medical equipment dealers and home health agencies that meet the following requirements on the AARC web site and on our patient education site, YourLungHealth.org. The requirements are:

- All respiratory therapists employed by the DME/Home Health Agency to deliver home respiratory therapy services are either legally recognized by the state as competent to provide respiratory therapy services or hold the CRT or RRT credential.
- Respiratory therapists are available to patients 24 hours every day.
- Other personnel qualified to perform specific respiratory therapy procedures, and the amount of supervision required for them to perform these specific procedures, must be designated in writing.
- The DME/Home Health Agency must be accredited by a nationally recognized, third party accreditation organization.

Once a year we will ask you to renew your commitment by signing a new attestation.

This is a program where everyone wins -- you receive important recognition for your quality services, respiratory care providers receive value and recognition from you, and your clients are assured that your organization is providing the highest quality of respiratory care services. Should you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sherry Milligan".

Sherry Milligan
Associate Executive Director