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Subject: Hi from Ridgaway Philips

Jan - I am having key people review the private duty regs and will get feedback to you by next week. In the meantime, back to my primary question:

We are fully supportive and ready/willing to comply with these regs for "Home Health Associates," a company which hires and places aides in home and community settings. We also have a company that provides ongoing nursing (Rs/Ls) shift care. We actually had these patients included in our licensed company (Ridgaway Philips Home Care) at one time; however, following a state survey in the early nineties, we were required to separate them out since requiring compliance with Medicare COPs simply did not make sense for these patients. In keeping with the underlying good and necessary attempt to license all agencies, I think we would also need to obtain a private duty license for this company because it provides 'specialized care on an hourly, shift or continual basis.'

Do you know where the thinking is on this issue? If my take is right, we need to consider the options of having two additional licenses or doing some restructuring.

Thanks for all your efforts!!

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