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From: Kaufman, Kim
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2008 2:47 PM
To: Wilmarth, Fiona E.; Gelnett, Wanda B.; Cooper, Kathy
Cc: Outreach
Subject: Fw: Comment/Inquiry pertaining to the IRRC Document # 18-411 proposed.

Please note and let him know we have received the comment and will forward it to the PaDoT.

Thanks,

Kim

----- Original Message -----

From: Gerry_Grega@deanfoods.com <Gerry_Grega@deanfoods.com>
To: Kaufman, Kim
Sent: Mon Aug 25 14:41:58 2008
Subject: RE: Comment/Inquiry pertaining to the IRRC Document # 18-411 proposed

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Ms Kaufman:

RE: IRRC Proposed Rule making Document # 18-411 Department of Transportation - School Bus Drivers (with Diabetes diagnosis)

I am offering commentary with inquiry as to the proposed language change under 67 PA Code, Chapter 71.3 - Physical Examinations (4), (ii), (C), (II) starting with ..."Submit[ting monthly] the computerized glucometer results of blood glucose self-monitoring for review by...".

Why is the language being altered/removed, specifically the deletion of - "a physician, certified nurse practitioner, physician's assistant, registered nurse or other health care provider selected by the school district" and replaced with: "...the treating physician or a school transportation physician..."? I believe this will most certainly create an undue hardship on many busy medical practices where these qualified mid-level practitioners currently practice and competently provide these type services already. This current language deletion/alteration only causes further restriction to accessible medical care within our commonwealth which we have been diligently working toward eliminating in recent years.

Alternative language suggested would be as follows: "Submit[ting monthly] the computerized glucometer results of blood glucose self-monitoring for review by...the treating physician, school transportation physician, or licensed mid-level health care practitioner treating these patients directly affiliated with the physician's practice".

Please respond to this inquiry.

I apologize for the lateness of this inquiry/comment.

Thank you,

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