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I am writing to support the change in Nursing Home Regulations to increase the daily per patient minimum care hours from 2.7 to 4.1 hours. As a former Nursing assistant, caregiver, and daughter of an aging parent who required supplemental care in a nursing home I am aware that there are significant daily care needs for Nursing home residents : Assistance with Activities of Daily living, toileting, bathing, wound care, socialization, assistance with meals and numerous other needs.

Insuring that Nursing home residents get adequate care saves money on hospitalization etc that can result from insufficient care. Adequate care can help nursing home residents to maintain quality of life.

If nursing homes are adequately staffed to meet this increased hourly requirement, current and potential caregivers are more likely to be willing to work in nursing homes.

I support increasing medicare and medicaid reimbursement rates for nursing home care. However the first and most essential change that needs to happen is to increase the daily minimum per patient care from 2.7 to 4.1 hours per day.

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