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Dear Mike,

The American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) applauds the efforts of the **California Society for Respiratory Care (CSRC) in its Safe Staffing Standards Position Statement and White Paper**. At the core of any effort that seeks to provide the highest level of care it is absolutely essential that the safety of our patients be given the highest priority. Utilizing metrics, which provide productivity levels in direct relation to the acuity of the patient, is a preferred method to accomplish this.

The AARC's position statement notes that:

Any metric, model, or system that is used to define respiratory staffing levels within institutions should recognize and account for all the activities required of a Respiratory Care Department in that institution. These activities vary greatly among institutions, and therefore must be determined on a case-by-case basis and approved by the medical staff and administration by individual facilities. Because of varying time required to perform different Respiratory Care procedures, systems to determine staffing should be based upon statistically valid activity time standards for all the services provided by a department.

The California Society for Respiratory Care (CSRC), in its Safe Staffing Standards Position Statement and White Paper, align with the AARC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian K. Walsh". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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