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John Mendoza, Acting Division Chief
Fee-For-Service Rates Development Division
Department of Health Care Services
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Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find a public comment letter regarding the "Medi-Cal Further Rate Review of Access to Home Health Agency Services for 2001-2005" submitted by a mother of [REDACTED] boys our agency provides in-home nursing care to through the Medi-Cal EPSDT program.

Should you wish to reply to her, below is her contact information:



Thank you for your time,

Catherine Johnston, RN, BSN, PHN
CEO / Administrator

why I think the nurses should get pay more at a home health agency?

Hello my name is [REDACTED] mother of [REDACTED] my [REDACTED] year old son, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have [REDACTED] year old [REDACTED] that were born with a [REDACTED] called [REDACTED]. It means that they were born with a [REDACTED] and a [REDACTED] the [REDACTED] they [REDACTED] have a [REDACTED] and a [REDACTED] is use only for [REDACTED] that the pharmacy has to prepare and the nurse has to make sure to put the [REDACTED] and than start priming the whole [REDACTED] so when she connects them there's no air. The [REDACTED] it's only for medicine. My [REDACTED] boys only have to have RN nurses because they are [REDACTED] also because it's very important for my [REDACTED] it's there life line. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] get [REDACTED] every six hours the dr. what to change it to every 4 hours but since I don't have the 24 hour nurses they are afraid that I might not be able to handle the hours and they are right my [REDACTED] aren't the only ones that I have I also have my son [REDACTED] that I take to school and he wants

to do normal things with us but
sometimes we can't because the
~~_____~~ can only be off for 6 hours
and then they go back to the ~~_____~~,
I really need the help it so hard
trying to do everything. In the pass
year we have already lost 3 nurses
because the medical pays so low
but the medical should change the
pay rate its not fair for parents
to struggle getting nurses so
are disable kids can be save, Its not
like the money its getting spend on
things that we don't need, please
help us with the nurses that
what to work at home so parents
can have their kids home and not
at a facility for years. I hope who
ever reads this letter can help
us parents and the agencies that
what to help us to look for
the nurses. God bless you.

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