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General Comment

I am an endocrinologist practicing in San Francisco, CA with a safety net population. Both referring physicians and our radiation-administering facility extensively counsel our patients on radiation safety, especially since many live in close proximity given the housing situation in this city. Adding more restrictions on their ability to receive I-131 in the ambulatory setting effectively removes one of the safest ways to treat hyperthyroidism from our most vulnerable patients, and forces them to resort to surgery, a higher risk procedure with more recovery time during which they can't work, instead, which is higher risk. I would request that the NRC not add additional safety precautions that are not evidenced-based and are unlikely to further safeguard the public more than the current regulations and instead allow the professionals who see patients and know their individual situations best to decide how to best protect the patients, their families/roommates/co-workers' health instead.

Sincerely,
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