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General Comment

The proposed changes would necessitate the hospitalization of the vast majority of patients receiving radiopharmaceutical therapy. The proposed changes would harm patients and in particular cancer patients that already have to suffer high costs of care and dangers that come from unnecessary hospitalizations. Therefore, the proposed changes would restrict access to life-saving medications. Our nation's hospital systems are already strained and cannot handle admitting patients for these routine therapies. Also, smaller rural hospitals and healthcare systems would disproportionately suffer. The current regulations provide patients and physicians the appropriate and necessary decision-making to determine who can be safely treated as an outpatient versus inpatient.