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To whom it may concern-

These comments are being placed in opposition to the petitions by Liberty Medical regarding requests for dialysis chairs to be placed in skilled nursing facilities in North Carolina.

I am a practicing nephrologist in Guilford, Alamance, Randolph and Rockingham counties. I am affiliated with several outpatient hemodialysis facilities in these counties. These facilities contain dialysis techs, dialysis nurses and providers who specialize in nephrology and dialysis. Dialysis is a complex medical procedure requiring strict oversight.

My concern over having dialysis chairs in skilled nursing facilities is that these facilities lack the specialized personnel who understand how dialysis works and can identify issues and understand how to correct them. The patients in skilled nursing facilities can be complex medically and also be unable to provide history and complaints which help assist an experienced staff to take better care of the patients. I feel dialysis in an SNF setting with less experienced staff will be a threat to patient safety and there will certainly be more complications with these treatments

Thank you for your consideration in this matter

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