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Dear Dr. Ortiz:

Thank you for your letter of January 10th expressing distress over the fact that social workers employed by the Health and Hospital Corporation were referring patients to sub-standard nursing homes.

The list of homes used by social workers is the list of licensed homes in New York State. Many of these homes are permitted to operate even though they are in substantial violation of Article 28 and are violating the life safety provisions of federal standards. The homes that are in non-compliance with the law but are still licensed, should not be used for referral purposes. Such a list can be obtained from the New York State Health Department. It would be a simple matter for you to obtain a list of the referrals by hospital from employees of your Department. We do not feel that is our responsibility.

Please advise what steps your Department is taking to correct the situation.

Sincerely,

Donald Rubin
President