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Commissioner James R. Dumpson  
New York City Social Services Department  
250 Church Street  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Commissioner Dumpson:

Thousands of patients who are discharged from New York City hospitals are referred by hospital social workers employed by your Department to proprietary nursing homes. Many of the patients are referred to nursing homes that are not only sub-standard but in total non-compliance with Article 28, New York State's hospital and nursing home code.

Almost none of these homes are complying with the patients rights provisions for nursing home patients as promulgated by HEW. Copies of Article 28 inspection reports and the quality care standards established by HEW are available under ~~the~~ Freedom of Information Law to members of your Department.

We urge your Department, based on the information contained in these Government reports, to instruct your social ~~w~~orkers not to refer patients to nursing homes which are in substantial non-compliance with Article 28 or Federal standards.

Sincerely,

Donald Rubin  
President