

LOUISIANA STATE  MEDICAL SOCIETY

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Ms. Jennifer Steele
Medicaid Director
Louisiana Department of Health
P.O. Box 629
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-0629

Dear Ms. Steele:

I am writing on behalf of the Louisiana State Medical Society who wishes to support a recent letter sent to your attention from the Louisiana Academy of Otolaryngology (LAO), which is enclosed. The LOA letter outlined how alarming pulse oximeters were an inexpensive and effective way to avoid life threatening complications in children who had a tracheostomy. The Louisiana State Medical Society shares this opinion as well and we sincerely hope the Louisiana Department of Health will exercise due diligence when reviewing this issue. We know the current budget situation may present challenges but we trust you will look at this issue from all sides.

Sincerely,



William "Beau" Clark, M.D
President

cc: Lawrence M. Simon, MD
Governor and President, Louisiana Academy of Otolaryngology