

RUSSELL J. EBEID CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

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To whom this may concern:

I have been with ProMedica for 24 years. Thru out the years I have witnessed many agencies, come and go including ProMedica's own private duty nursing program. I understand the complexities of this specialty service, and the importance of financial stability and staffing that is hard to recruit because the home nurses are not paid at market value. ProMedica's program closed because of the financial climate, and being unable to support the staffing/caseload.

I have seen and dealt with the frustrations of family members, wanting to get their infant/child home. For many families celebrating their infant's first birthday in the hospital, never being able to take their sweet infant/child home prior to the significant first birthday. Generally there are a few barriers to a scenario like this. Some of those barriers are medical, but most are waiting to find appropriate caregiving to support the parent (s). Being home contributes to our youngest children thriving. Getting them home sooner, is our goal always for many reasons- most importantly- normalcy for the family, and financial-a hospitalization for a ICU 24 hour stay- can range \$2500 -\$3500 daily for patients with traches, and vents.

In our Toledo area, there is one institution that will accept children on vents and there is a very long, several month waiting list. Our mission is to get children home not to an institution, so they can be with their families sooner. Of those children that we have sent home there are very few readmissions- the high level of care that in home nursing and partnering with families is a testament to the quality care that in home providers, in particular, Maxim provides.

As a social worker, I advocate for more home nurses being paid competitively, so that we can send children home to their families where they belong and SOONER. The level of care that is provided by a home nurse, is essential to avoiding readmissions, while maintaining the family unit. I hope that this plea falls on listening ears and advocates who will push to increase wages of these special nurses.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 419-261-2732 should there be need for further discussion.



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