Pauline Desjarlais, our director over rehab nursing & PPS Coor. had some good suggestions which I think would be more meaningful if voiced by NCHA, representing a more collective body. Let me know if you'd be able to voice her input, or if you'd prefer it if she or I would say something, if the timing works out. ***She suggests and we agree that there are several categories that could be eliminated since the percent of admissions for "developmental disability, congenital deformity, and burns" are consistently listed at 0% to <1% every quarter (UDSMR and eRehab data reports). She thinks and we concur at FirstHealth that cardiac should be added to the 60% rule***. ***We have observed that not all cardiac patients can return to their home setting without a brief period of inpatient rehabilitation.***

Sorry for this short notice. If I don't hear back from you, I'll attempt to have our views voiced. If there are others I should e-mail besides the CMS address above, let me know. I'll contact Julie Stankivic as well. We value all your support! Thanks for the frequent updates! Linda

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