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To Whom It May Concern,

I currently have a case where the mom is fearful of taking the baby home because she cannot rely on the FOB for help and she needs to work to continue to pay her rent and have place to live. We are having trouble finding a PDN for the baby due to staffing shortages in the families' area of residence. If mom has to stay home with the baby she will need to go on state services herself instead of working and paying her own way.

The baby requires around the clock care due to severe BPD and irritability from being born so early @ 27 week gestation. The only other option would be to keep the baby in the hospital, at great expense, in our pediatric step down unit until mom's circumstances change or we find a Medical Foster home for the baby. We have multiple cases like this one in our unit at any given time. I believe if we paid a PDN fair wage that is adjusted to today's cost of living we could discharge more of these babies home sooner and save tax payers a great deal of money.

Having a competent, fairly paid nurse for the baby to go home to would also be in alignment with the cost it took to get the baby to the point of discharge and maximize the potential of the baby going forward into school and beyond. Hopefully this would utilize less state resources as well.

We as healthcare providers need to focus on more comprehensive healthcare that gets it right from the beginning instead of having to clean up all of our missed opportunities at a later date.

Sincerely,



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