

NURSES DENOUNCE DANGEROUS MOVE BY INDUSTRY TO LEAVE PATIENTS STRANDED HOME ALL ALONE

Tell the Health Care Industry to Staff Up! End Home All Alone Programs Now!

The health care industry is investing in a plan to remove patients from the bedside and transition them to receive hospital care at home. Thus far, the model we have seen at hospitals pushes med/surg patients or ED patients to home to care for themselves through a subcontractor service model, rather than being admitted. This practice is dangerous, leaving high acuity patients stranded and alone, Home All Alone.

Sadly, patients aren't the only ones being set up to fail. We, as registered nurses, are fighting our employers every day for safer staffing. We are short staffed every single day and instead of investing in safer staffing inside the hospitals, the industry is attempting to erode patient care by displacing high acuity patients at home — ultimately threatening the lives of patients. The healthcare industry has reported record breaking profits during the pandemic so clearly there is no shortage of resources. Therefore, we must unite and fight for improved staffing standards and for patients to get care in the safest environment — inside the hospital.

Attend a CNA CE class and learn more about this dangerous industry led Home All Alone programs and how RNs can fight back! Register online at: bit.ly/CE-HomeAllAlone-Series.

If you have any questions, please contact your labor representative or Nurse Representative.

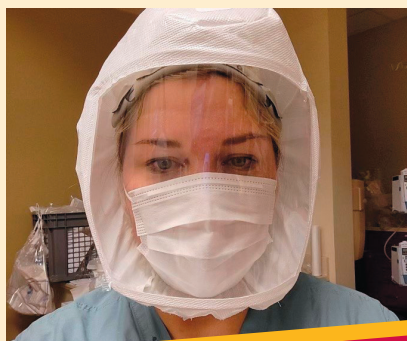
“As a full-time nurse, and mother, I am already so overwhelmed. If a family member who needed care was discharged to home, I don't know how I would cope. Caring for a med/surg patient requires 24/7 around-the-clock care and this work would all fall on me. As women, we are already holding so many hats and putting out fires on a daily basis. During the pandemic especially, with children learning at home, this is yet another roll that I, as a woman, would be expected to fulfill. This would completely inundate me. Med/surg patients belong in the hospital, not at home!”

— Cathy Kennedy, RN, Kaiser Roseville, CNA/NNOC President



“As a cardiovascular ICU nurse, I can whole heartedly say that we are in a management created staffing crisis. On a daily basis, nurses endure unsafe working conditions, ongoing issues with PPE and are constantly working short because management chooses not to staff us adequately. The real slap in the face here is that the health care industry is investing so much money into this program. Just imagine if that money went to staffing the hospitals safely. Instead of keeping staff and patients safe, the health care industry is risking our lives, all so they can continue to profit.”

— Sarah Belmonte, RN Adventist Rideout



“Patients come to the hospital to receive professional hands-on direct care from nurses and health care staff. It's unsafe to send patients away when they should be admitted into the hospital and cared for by experienced RNs.”

— Rhonda Risner, RN, Dayton VA, NNOC Chief Nurse Rep



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