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Please accept the comments below in consideration of the Proposed Rule on Respiratory Protective Devices: 42 CFR Part 84.

This proposed rule represents an important step in the scientific approach to reduce transmission of Tuberculosis. The proposed certification process for the "Class C" respirator which would provide 95% filter protection at the 0.3 micron particle size represents an opportunity to improve health care worker compliance with respiratory protection. We could therefore reduce the risk of exposure beyond what is possible with the burdensome HEPA filter units.

Under this proposed rule manufacturers will be able to produce a broader range of more practical and economic respirators to meet the CDC performance criteria.

In order to more appropriately protect our health care workers we would urge that this process be expedited so that these new classes of respirators would become available and certified as soon as possible.

Thank you for consideration of these comments.

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