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Re: Proposed Rule on respiratory protective devices

I am in support of amending the respiratory protective devices rule to use of a Class C type filter. We have used the type C filters for quite some time and have not had any problems . These filters are much more comfortable and easier to use, The new filters that are 99% efficiency rated are hot & look like a monster from another planet when you walk into the room. These are too expensive, as well as uncomfortable to wear. The reaction of patients alone is enough to stop the use of such devices. Many patients are offended and feel alienated when this new filter is used. For as little of a difference of 4% efficiency rating it is not worth the expense and patient reaction to use such a device.

I hope you will amend the ruling to allow for use of the type C filters and not require the 99% masks.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me at any time.

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