

My Name is Lori Ables and I am a CNA/Restorative Aide for the past 27 years here at Cherry Hill Manor.

Cherry Hill Manor has achieved a 5 STAR quality rating overall and in quality of care for 5 years in a row and we strive and have met the goals of a Deficiency Free Survey by the Department of Public Health.

We have accomplished this by determining the appropriate staffing level without a mandate from the State of RI. If the fines were imposed the facility would simply not survive.

Mandated staffing levels do not accomplish quality outcomes.

There are numerous staff in the facilities providing care that are not accounted for in the proposed mandated staffing.

Care and quality of life is provided to residents by Nursing Managers, Activities personnel, Social Workers, Dietary staff and other staff members who function in an all hands on deck work day to meet patients needs.

Thank you for letting me speak as it pertains to the meaningful changes for the Nursing Home Minimum Staffing Mandate.

I fully support HB5076 Article 10.