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**Subject:** RE: Follow-up Information from the first DMS Session (#2)

Good Afternoon Kevin:

Representative Edwards asked about the need for a provision in HB2 around nursing facility beds.

I did confirm that the nursing bed moratorium is still statutorily in place.

Spoke with Commissioner Shibinette about an HB 2 type provision. Her position is that it is premature in this biennium given the potential impacts of COVID on nursing facilities' occupancy, and whether bed use will be impacted more than short-term.

After COVID is over, DHHS plans to review the capacity in nursing homes, identify occupancy, and perform a needs assessment.

That step should come before contemplating an end or modification of the nursing bed moratorium.

Thank you

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