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~~[Must meet the skilled nursing level of care requested by a physician and approved by the department's medical consultant.]~~

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