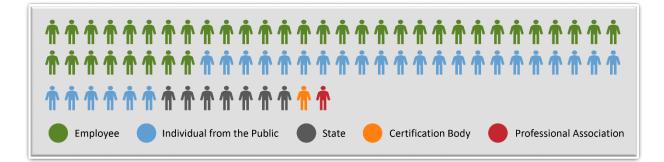
## VA STANDARD OF PRACTICE FOR THERAPEUTIC RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS Comment Count Report

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is developing a national standard of practice for VA Therapeutic Radiologic Technologists which would standardize the scope of practice for these health care professionals in all VA medical facilities provided they have the proper education, training, and skills to perform the tasks and duties detailed in the national standard of practice.

On July 29, 2024, VA posted the proposed VA standard of practice for Therapeutic Radiologic Technologists in the Federal Register (89 FR 60975) for public comment and within VA's intranet for VA employee comment. VA also sent letters, including the proposed VA standard of practice, to the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, the American Society of Radiologic Technologists, and state licensing boards for Therapeutic Radiologic Technologists to provide an opportunity for them to comment directly to VA on the proposed standard. VA requested all comments submitted through Federal Register, VA's intranet site, and from the states, and certification and standards bodies be provided within 60 days. The comment period closed on September 27, 2024, and VA received 75 comments in total.



VA received 38 comments from VA employees, 28 comments from individuals from the public, 1 comment from the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, and 1 comment from the American Society of Radiologic Technologists. As of September 27, 2024, VA received comments from 7 out of the total 40 state licensing boards for Therapeutic Radiologic Technologists; however, VA will continue to actively engage with states.

VA will review all comments received and make appropriate revisions to the VA standard of practice for Therapeutic Radiologic Technologists in light of the comments, including those that present evidence-based practice and alternatives that help VA meet our mission and goals.

VA will post a collective response to all comments in a final report on <u>https://www.va.gov/standardsofpractice</u> once the VA standard of practice for Therapeutic Radiologic Technologists is published in Veterans Health Administration Directive 1900, which will be available at <u>https://www.va.gov/vhapublications/publications.cfm?pub=1</u>.



