

April 8, 2024

Dear Ms. Palulis,

Thank you for reaching out. I am pleased to hear your husband had a positive care experience while in our hospital. I hope he is recovering well.

I also understand that we did not meet your expectations regarding the use of Styrofoam within our facilities.

After reviewing your concerns with our leadership team, I can confirm that our nutrition services team is aligning all products used in retail/cafeterias across the Corewell Health system to be compostable or recyclable by summer 2024.

Styrofoam is used on nursing units throughout the health system and our supply chain team is in the process of evaluating a plan to transition away from using this product for patient hydration purposes.

Please do share this information with the other members of River Valley Garden Club on my behalf.

Sincerely,



Loren B. Hamel, MD
President, Corewell Health South