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- Page 4, line 44, please relook at the definition of 'self-management'. I suggest using the one proposed by IOM which is comprehensive.

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