



NORTH CAROLINA RESPIRATORY CARE BOARD

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Dear Mr. Smith,

This letter is sent on behalf of the North Carolina Respiratory Care Board in response to your letter of February 14, 2014 requesting the Board's interpretation of state statutes and rules that relate to the performance of nebulizer treatments with antibiotics by Respiratory Care Practitioners (RCP's). Based on the information you furnished, the Board understands that these nebulizer treatments with antibiotics would be performed only in a licensed health care facility and under the orders of a licensed physician.

The Respiratory Care Board discussed your request during its regular scheduled meeting held on April 10, 2014 and has determined performance of nebulizer treatments with antibiotics by RCP's which are performed under the order of a licensed physician is within the scope of practice of the RCP.

To assure the quality and efficacy of the treatment, the facility where these treatments are performed must: 1) maintain written policies and guidelines approved by the facility, 2) maintain a specific protocol for the administration of nebulizer treatments with antibiotics approved by the facility, and 3) require each RCP providing the treatments to have documented training and annual competency reviews in the procedure.

Please advise if you have any other questions about this issue.

Regards,

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Executive Director