



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 August 20, 2010 requesting the Board's interpretation of state statutes and rules that relate to the performance of allergy testing by Respiratory Care Practitioners (RCP's). Based on the information you furnished, the Board understands that the allergy testing would be performed only in a medical practice or other health care facility and under the order and supervision of a licensed physician.

The Respiratory Care Board discussed your request during its regular scheduled meeting held on October 14, 2010 and has determined performance of allergy testing by RCP's which are performed under the order and supervision of a licensed physician are within the scope of practice of the RCP.

To assure the quality and efficacy of the testing, the practice or facility where these tests are performed must: 1) maintain written policies and guidelines; 2) require each RCP providing the testing to complete the Allergy Skin Testing course provided by the American Association of Respiratory Care in collaboration with the Environmental Protection Agency; 3) require each RCP to have documented training by the supervising physician 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