



NORTH CAROLINA RESPIRATORY CARE BOARD

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Dear Ms. Doster,

This letter is sent on behalf of the North Carolina Respiratory Care Board in reference to your letter of December 14, 2011 requesting the Board's interpretation of state statutes and rules concerning the cross training of Respiratory Care Practitioners (RCP) in non traditional clinical service areas including the provision of some procedures commonly referred to as nursing care.

The Respiratory Care Board discussed your request during its regular scheduled meeting held on April 12, 2012 and approved the following interpretation of the Respiratory Care Practice Act and Board rules concerning your request:

The Board has determined that a RCP may provide non traditional procedures if he or she has documented training and annual documented competency reviews in the procedures approved by the institution. The facility or program where these procedures are performed must maintain policies and guidelines for performing these procedures, as it would for any procedures provided by the RCP's that it employs. The facility or program must also have documented approval from the North Carolina Nursing Board for any traditional nursing procedures provided by the institution's RCP's.

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

Regards,

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Executive Director