



NORTH CAROLINA RESPIRATORY CARE BOARD

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July 19, 2012

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Dear Mr. Phillips,

This letter is sent on behalf of the North Carolina Respiratory Care Board in response to your letter of March 15, 2012 requesting the Board's interpretation of state statutes and rules that relate to the delivery of oxygen by Radiology Technologists. Based in the information you furnished, the Board understands that these procedures would be performed 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 July 19, 2012 and has determined that the delivery of oxygen by Radiology Technologists is **NOT** within the scope of practice of the Radiology Technologist. However the Board finds that the Radiology Technologist may continue to provide this service if the Radiology Technologist has documented training and annual competency in the provision of oxygen therapy and the Radiology Technologist provides the oxygen therapy under the direct supervision of a RCP, a RN or a Radiologist.

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

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Floyd E. Boyer".

Floyd E. Boyer, RRT, RCP
Executive Director