

California Code of Regulations
Title 16. Professional and Vocational Regulations
Division 13.6. Respiratory Care Board
Article 6. Scope of Practice

PROPOSED LANGUAGE CONCERNING BASIC RESPIRATORY TASKS AND SERVICES

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Add section 1399.365 to read as follows:

1399.365 Basic Respiratory Tasks and Services

Pursuant to subdivision (a) of section 3702.5 of the Business and Professions code, basic respiratory tasks and services (“tasks”), described more specifically below, do not require a respiratory assessment, and only require manual, technical skills, or data collection. Basic respiratory tasks do not include manipulation of an invasive or non-invasive ventilator and do not include assessment or evaluation of chest auscultation. Basic respiratory tasks include:

- (a) Data collection.
- (b) Application and monitoring of the pulse oximeter.
- (c) Medication administration by aerosol that does not require manipulation of an invasive or non-invasive mechanical ventilator. Basic respiratory tasks do not include pre-treatment assessment, use of medical gas mixtures other than oxygen, preoxygenation, endotracheal or nasal suctioning, or post-treatment assessment.
- (d) Heat moisture exchanger (HME) and oxygen tank replacement for patients who are using non-invasive mechanical ventilation. Basic respiratory tasks do not include the initial setup, change out, or replacement of the breathing circuit or adjustment of oxygen liter flow or oxygen concentration.
- (e) Hygiene care including replacement of tracheostomy ties and gauze and cleaning of the stoma sites. Basic respiratory tasks do not include tracheal suctioning, cuff inflation/deflation, use or removal of an external speaking valve, or removal and replacement of the tracheostomy tube or inner cannula.
- (f) Use of a manual resuscitation device and other cardio-pulmonary resuscitation technical skills (basic life support level) in the event of an emergency.
- (g) Documentation of care provided, which includes data retrieved from performing a breath count or transcribing data from an invasive or non-invasive ventilator interface.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 3702.5 and 3722, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 2860, 3701, 3702, 3702.5, 3702.7, 3703, and 3765 Business and Professions Code.