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1330-1-.03 Delivery of Respiratory Equipment to a Patient's Place of Residence.

- (1) When respiratory equipment is delivered and installed in a patient's place of residence, the following acts constitute the practice of respiratory care because they are a part of the administration of medical gasses:
 - (a) Initial patient assessment;
 - (b) Attachment of the respiratory equipment to the patient;
 - (c) Ongoing assessment of the patient's response to the administration of the medical gas;
 - (d) Initial and ongoing instruction and education of the patient (and of the patient's family or other caregiver, where relevant) with respect to the role of the respiratory equipment in managing the patient's disease or condition; and
 - (e) Recommendation to the physician of needed modifications in the physician's order.

- (2) When respiratory equipment is delivered and installed in a patient's place of residence, the following acts do not constitute the practice of respiratory care:
 - (a) Delivery of respiratory equipment and supplies (initial and replacement) to the patient's place of residence;
 - (b) Assembly of respiratory equipment in the patient's place of residence;
 - (c) Explanation to the patient of the proper operation and maintenance of the following respiratory equipment:
 1. Cylinders used with low-flow (set at less than 6.00 liters per minute) nasal cannula;
 2. Pressure regulators/Flow controllers used with low-flow (set at less than 6.00 liters per minute) nasal cannula;
 3. Home liquid oxygen systems used with low-flow (set at less than 6.00 liters per minute) nasal cannula;
 4. Oxygen concentrators used with low-flow (set at less than 6.00 liters per minute) nasal cannula;

5. Oxygen analyzers;
 6. Humidifiers; and
 7. Small volume medication nebulizers with air compressors.
- (d) Initial inspection and assessment of the environment in which the respiratory equipment is to be used;
 - (e) Exchange of empty medical gas cylinders;
 - (f) Refilling of liquid oxygen containers; and
 - (g) Servicing (including repair and maintenance) of respiratory equipment.
- (3) With respect to the following respiratory equipment when delivered and installed in a patient's place of residence, all acts except delivery, repair and maintenance constitute the practice of respiratory care:
- (a) Continuous Positive Airway Pressure Devices;
 - (b) Bi-Level Positive Airway Pressure Devices;
 - (c) Ventilators;
 - (d) Apnea monitors;
 - (e) High-flow (6.00 liters per minute or higher) nasal cannula;
 - (f) All other oxygen delivery devices; and
 - (g) All other respiratory equipment not listed in subparagraph (2) (c).
- (4) With respect to a small volume medication nebulizer with air compressor which is delivered to a patient's place of residence, the placement of medication in a small volume medication nebulizer with air compressor and the instruction of a patient about the medication constitutes the practice of respiratory care.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-5-202, 4-5-204, 63-27-102, 63-27-104, 63-27-105, 63-27-110, and 63-27-117.