
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 466D-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending the definitions of "practice of respiratory
3 care" and "qualified medical direction" to read as follows:

4 ""Practice of respiratory care" means providing assessment,
5 therapy, management, rehabilitation, support services for
6 diagnostic evaluation, education, and care for patients with
7 deficiencies and abnormalities that affect the pulmonary system,
8 including:

9 (1) Respiratory care services, including the
10 administration of pharmacological, diagnostic, and
11 therapeutic care related to respiratory care
12 procedures necessary for treatment, disease
13 prevention, rehabilitative, or diagnostic regimens
14 prescribed by a licensed physician[?], licensed
15 osteopathic physician, licensed physician assistant,
16 or licensed advanced practice registered nurse;



- 1 (2) Observation and monitoring of signs, symptoms,
2 reactions, and physical responses to respiratory care
3 treatment and diagnostic testing;
- 4 (3) Diagnostic or therapeutic use of:
- 5 (A) Medical gases, excluding general anesthesia;
6 (B) Aerosols, humidification, environmental control
7 systems, or invasive and non-invasive modalities;
8 (C) Pharmacological care related to respiratory care
9 procedures;
- 10 (D) Mechanical or physiological ventilatory support,
11 including maintenance of natural airways and
12 insertion and maintenance of artificial airways;
- 13 (E) Cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and
14 (F) Respiratory protocol and evaluation or diagnostic
15 and testing techniques required for
16 implementation of respiratory care protocols; and
- 17 (4) The transcription and implementation of the written,
18 verbal, and telecommunicated orders of a licensed
19 physician, licensed osteopathic physician, licensed
20 physician assistant, or licensed advanced practice



1 registered nurse, pertaining to the practice of
2 respiratory care.

3 "Qualified medical direction" means ready access by a
4 respiratory therapist to a licensed physician, licensed
5 osteopathic physician, licensed physician assistant, or licensed
6 advanced practice registered nurse, who has specialty training
7 or experience in the management of acute and chronic respiratory
8 disorders and who is responsible for the quality, safety, and
9 appropriateness of the respiratory services provided by the
10 respiratory therapist."

11 SECTION 2. Section 466D-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 "~~[§]466D-4[§]—Physician supervision~~ **Supervision required.**
14 No person shall practice respiratory care under this chapter
15 except under the direct order and qualified medical direction of
16 a physician or an osteopathic physician licensed pursuant to
17 chapter 453~~[-]~~, a physician assistant licensed pursuant to
18 chapter 453, or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed
19 pursuant to chapter 457."

20 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



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1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Respiratory Therapists; Supervision; Physician Assistants;
Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

Description:

Expands the class of health care providers under whom respiratory therapists may practice respiratory care to include physician assistants and advanced practice registered nurses.

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