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IDAHO STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE POSITION STATEMENT HOME DELIVERY AND SET UP OF RESPIRATORY EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, & MEDICATIONS

In Idaho, patients may have respiratory equipment, supplies, and medications delivered to their homes. The Board of Medicine recommends that a licensed respiratory care practitioner or a qualified healthcare provider educate the patient on usage and dosage at the time of prescribing. A healthcare provider should use professional judgement whether to provide services in person or through telehealth. For moderate and high risk respiratory devices, this provider should also perform the initial setup, assess the patient's tolerance, and conduct a clinical evaluation to ensure safe and effective use. The Board of Medicine believes that respiratory care services oversight may vary based on the level of risk associated with the intervention. Patients should consult with their medical team prior to making any changes to their treatment plan, including medication dosage, oxygen liter flow, equipment settings, or location.

High Risk: A respiratory therapist, pulmonologist, or other specialized healthcare provider trained in the management of respiratory disease should oversee the set-up, initiation, and patient training.

- Invasive mechanical ventilation

Moderate Risk: While any properly trained and licensed personnel can perform the initial setup, education, and training for the patient, it is recommended that a respiratory therapist or healthcare provider be involved in the process.

- Intermittent positive pressure breathing IPPB devices
- Intrapulmonary percussive ventilation devices
- Mechanical in-exsufflation devices
- BiPAP devices or other positive pressure devices with a backup rate greater than 10

Low Risk: A qualified healthcare professional should provide patient education and training. The initial setup can be performed by any individual qualified in the setup and delivery of the device or supplies.

- High frequency chest wall oscillation devices and supplies
- Nebulized equipment, supplies, and medications
- Oxygen equipment and/or supplies
- Positive pressure airway devices
- CPAP or BiPAP with a backup rate less than 10

This position statement may not reflect public or private payer requirements. Individuals are encouraged to review payer criteria for Durable Medical Equipment (DME).

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