

March 16, 1999  
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Re: **Respiratory Care – Licensure;  
Delivery of Home Medical Equipment**

Dear Sir/Madam:

At the request of the Advisory Committee for Respiratory Care, I am, by way of this correspondence, informing you of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiner's position on the delivery, installation, demonstration and instruction of home medical equipment under Louisiana laws and regulations governing respiratory care.

The Board has advised that home medical equipment may be properly and lawfully delivered and installed, delivery and installation to include an explanation of rudimentary information essential to the operation and maintenance of such equipment (i.e., set up of and connection to electrical power source, turning on and off and cleaning), by an unlicensed person, and that the Louisiana Respiratory Therapy Practice Act requires that any patient or family demonstration or instruction in its use be performed by a licensed respiratory therapist.

Yours very truly,

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD  
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

**Delmar Rorison**

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