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**Re: Respiratory Therapy; Scope of Practice
Services Ordered by DDS**

Dear Mr. Pisani:

The Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") had the opportunity to consider your inquiry regarding the ability of respiratory therapists to perform services ordered by dentists at its meeting of March 17, 2014 and asked that I convey their response.

It was noted neither the Respiratory Therapy Practice Act nor the Board's implementing rules¹ allow a respiratory therapist to practice respiratory therapy on the order of a dentist.

Yours very truly,

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¹ See La.Rev.Stat. Ann§3351-3361 and LAC 46XLV:2501-2575, 5501-5519.