

**California Code of Regulations**  
**Title 16. Professional and Vocational Regulations**  
**Division 13.6. Respiratory Care Board**  
**Article 6. Scope of Practice**

**PROPOSED LANGUAGE CONCERNING BASIC RESPIRATORY TASKS AND SERVICES**

Legend—added text indicated by underline, deletion by ~~strikethrough~~.

**Add section 1399.365 to read as follows:**

**1399.365 Basic Respiratory Tasks and Services**

Pursuant to subdivision (a) of section 3702.5 of the B&P, basic respiratory tasks and services (“basic respiratory tasks”) do not require a respiratory assessment, and only require manual, technical skills, or data collection. Basic respiratory tasks do not include manipulation of an invasive or non-invasive ventilator. Basic respiratory tasks include:

- (a) Data collection. Basic respiratory tasks do not include assessment and/or evaluation of chest auscultation.
- (b) Application and monitoring of the pulse oximeter.
- (c) Medication administration by aerosol that does not require manipulation of an invasive or non-invasive mechanical ventilator. Basic respiratory tasks do not include pre-treatment assessment, use of medical gas mixtures other than oxygen, preoxygenation, endotracheal or nasal suctioning, or post-treatment assessment.
- (d) Heat moisture exchanger (HME) and oxygen tank replacement for patients who are using non-invasive mechanical ventilation. Basic respiratory tasks do not include the initial setup, change out, or replacement of the breathing circuit or adjustment of oxygen liter flow or oxygen concentration.
- (e) Hygiene care, including replacement of tracheostomy ties and gauze, and cleaning of the stoma sites. Basic respiratory tasks do not include tracheal suctioning, cuff inflation/deflation, use or removal of an external speaking valve, or removal and replacement of the tracheostomy tube or inner cannula.
- (f) Use of a manual resuscitation device and other cardio-pulmonary resuscitation technical skills (basic life support level) in the event of an emergency.
- (g) Documentation of care provided, which includes documentation of data retrieved from performing a breath count or transcribing data from an invasive or non-invasive ventilator interface.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 3702.5 and 3722, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Sections 2860, 3702, 3702.5 and 3702.7, Business and Professions Code.