



**Respiratory Care Board of California and  
Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians  
Joint Statement Update – May 2019**

The Respiratory Care Board (RCB) and the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (BVNPT) have met throughout 2018 and identified various scope-of-practice issues that may be impacting patients in sub-acute facilities, long-term care, skilled nursing facilities, and at-home care locations in California. This led to the release of the April 2018 RCB / BVNPT Joint Statement, available [here](#).

Since the release of the joint statement, both boards have received numerous inquiries related to allowable duties and patient standard of care for Licensed Vocational Nurses and Respiratory Care Practitioners.

In the next few months, both the RCB and the BVNPT intend to pursue regulations on the issues identified on the joint statement. As part of the rulemaking process, draft regulatory language will be issued and considered at upcoming board meetings. The RCB plans to consider such regulatory language as part of its June 2019 meeting, and the BVNPT plans to do the same at its August 2019 board meeting.

Public input is a critical component of the rulemaking process, and both boards encourage stakeholder participation in these upcoming discussions. The boards will post updates on the regulation process on their respective websites at [www.RCB.ca.gov](http://www.RCB.ca.gov) and [www.BVNPT.ca.gov](http://www.BVNPT.ca.gov)

If you would like to be on an email list and receive notices/updates, or if you have any additional technical inquiries regarding the joint statement, please send an email to either address listed below and request that your email address be added to the public comment list.

Please note that emails will only be sent to notify actual progress and/or upcoming important events for the regulatory process concerning the joint statement.

The Respiratory Care Board and the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians thank you in advance for your support and patience.

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