

## RESPIRATORY SERVICES

Self-Assessment Questions	YES	NO	N/A	Date/Initials	Comments
Are the respiratory services under the direction of a qualified physician member of the medical staff who has been appointed by the governing body?  A-1153 COP §482.57(a)(1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Does the hospital have a policy, approved by the medical staff, defining the scope and conduct of Respiratory Services? A-1152 COP §482.57(a)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are there written and approved policies that address at least: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. equipment assembly, operation, and preventive maintenance?</li> <li>b. safety practices, including infection control measures for equipment, sterile supplies, bio-hazardous waste, posting of signs and gas line identification?</li> <li>c. handling, storage, and dispensing of therapeutic gases to both inpatients and outpatients?</li> <li>d. cardiopulmonary resuscitation?</li> <li>e. procedures to follow in the event of adverse reactions to treatments or interventions?</li> <li>f. pulmonary function testing?</li> <li>g. therapeutic percussion and vibration?</li> <li>h. bronchopulmonary drainage?</li> <li>i. mechanical ventilatory and oxygenation support?</li> <li>j. aerosol, humidification, and therapeutic gas administration?</li> <li>k. storage, access, control, administration of medications and medication errors?</li> <li>l. procedures for obtaining and analyzing blood samples (i.e., arterial blood gases)?</li> </ul> A-1160 COP §482.57(b)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are all respiratory care services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. administered in accordance with a qualified licensed practitioner's written order?</li> <li>b. documented in the patient's medical record?</li> </ul> A-1163 COP §482.57(b)(3) (4)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
If the practitioner does not have medical staff privileges to write orders for services, or, for outpatient services, does the hospital policy permit acceptance of orders from outside practitioners and does the order meet the	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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requirements at §482.54(c)? A-1163 COP §482.57(b)(3)					
Are there written policies approved by the medical staff designating: a. personnel qualified to perform specific procedures? b. the amount of supervision required? c. the personnel qualified to provide the direct supervision?  A-1161 COP §482.57(b)(1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Can you demonstrate through a review of staffing schedules and personnel files that there are a sufficient number of competent respiratory care staff to provide care and services as approved by the medical director? A-1154 COP §482.57(a)(2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are the respiratory services integrated into the hospital-wide QAPI program? A-1151 COP §482.57	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
If blood gases or other clinical laboratory tests are performed in the respiratory care unit, does the unit meet the applicable requirements for laboratory services?  Note: Also see Laboratory Services Section (COP §482.27) A-1162 COP §482.57(b)(2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

### Key Resources and Links

- [COP §482.57](#)