



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Regulations Governing Licensure of Respiratory Care Practitioners
Partial Suspension of Subchapter 9: Rule 9.9.1(1)

The Mississippi State Department of Health hereby suspends that part of Subchapter 9: Rule 9.9.1(1) of The Regulations Governing Licensure of Respiratory Care Practitioners that states: “It shall be a violation of these regulations for an unlicensed student to receive compensation for providing respiratory care services. It shall also be a violation of these regulations to knowingly compensate an unlicensed student for providing respiratory care services.”

This Waiver is subject to the conditions listed below:

Second-year Respiratory Care Practitioner (RCP) students enrolled in an accredited respiratory care program will be allowed to be employed, to provide, and be compensated for the performance of limited low-risk respiratory therapy procedures in licensed hospitals. The RCP student must be issued a hospital identification badge and be identified as an “RCP Student” on the hospital identification badge. Said badge shall be worn in clear sight when the RCP student is on the premises of the hospital. They must also be identified as an “RCP Student” on their employment application and any job description maintained in the hospital’s human resources department.

Second-year RCP students shall work under the direct supervision of a licensed RCP, and the employing institution shall complete and retain all documentation of the competency, proficiency, and ability of the RCP students to perform the procedures authorized by This Waiver.

The procedures authorized to be performed are to be performed exclusively outside a critical care area and are as follows:

- Set-up and monitoring of low-flow oxygen (e.g., less than or equal to 6 LPM)
- Non-exotic aerosol therapy (bronchodilators, anticholinergics, etc.)
- Hyperinflation and airway clearance therapy
- Electrocardiograms
- Equipment cleaning, stocking, transporting, etc.
- Once an RCP student is certified in Basic Life Support, they may assist in cardiorespiratory arrests at the discretion of the employing institution.

This Order shall be in effect so long as the blanket waiver issued by HHS on May 24, 2021, is in effect.

Signed this ninth day of September 2021.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Thomas Dobbs".

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