

Ohio

Statutory Language

Ohio Revised Code: TITLE [47] XLVII OCCUPATIONS -- PROFESSIONS» CHAPTER 4761: RESPIRATORY CARE

4761.10 Prohibited acts - injunctive relief.

- **Respiratory Care Practice Act contains exemption language**

(A) No person shall offer or render respiratory care services, or represent that the person is a respiratory care professional, respiratory therapist, respiratory technologist, respiratory care technician, respiratory practitioner, inhalation therapist, inhalation technologist, or inhalation therapy technician, or to have any similar title or to provide these services under a similar description, unless the person holds a license or limited permit issued under this chapter. No partnership, association, or corporation shall advertise or otherwise offer to provide or convey the impression that it is providing respiratory care unless an individual holding a license or limited permit issued under this chapter is employed by or under contract with the partnership, association, or corporation and will be performing the respiratory care services to which reference is made.

(B) Notwithstanding the provisions of division (A) of this section, all of the following apply:

(1) In the case of a hospital or nursing facility, some limited aspects of respiratory care services such as measuring blood pressure and taking blood samples may be performed by persons demonstrating current competence in such procedures, as long as the person acts under the direction of a physician or the delegation of a registered nurse and the person does not represent that the person is engaged in the practice of respiratory care. The above limited aspects of respiratory care do not include any of the following: the administration of aerosol medication, the maintenance of patients on mechanical ventilators, aspiration, and the application and maintenance of artificial airways.

(2) In the case of a facility, institution, or other setting that exists for a purpose substantially other than the provision of health care, if nursing tasks are delegated by a registered nurse as provided in Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code and the rules adopted under it, respiratory care tasks may be performed under that delegation by persons demonstrating current competence in performing the tasks, as long as the person does not represent that the person is engaged in the practice of respiratory care.

(3) A polysomnographic technologist credentialed by an organization the Ohio respiratory care board recognizes, a trainee under the direct supervision of a polysomnographic technologist credentialed by an organization the board recognizes, or a person the board recognizes as being eligible to be credentialed as a polysomnographic technologist may perform the respiratory care tasks specified in rules adopted under section 4761.03 of the Revised Code, as long as both of the following apply:

(a) The tasks are performed in the diagnosis and therapeutic intervention of sleep-related breathing disorders and under the general supervision of a physician.

(b) The person performing the tasks does not represent that the person is engaged in the practice of respiratory care.

(C) If the Ohio respiratory care board finds that any person, including any partnership, association, or corporation, has engaged or is engaging in any activity or conduct that is prohibited under division (A) of this section or rules of the board, or that is grounds for the denial, suspension, or permanent revocation of a person's license under section 4761.09 of the Revised Code, it may apply to the court of common pleas in the county in which the violation occurred for an order restraining the unlawful activity or conduct, including the continued practice of respiratory care. Upon a showing that the law or rule has been violated, or the person has engaged in conduct constituting such grounds, the court may issue an injunction or other appropriate restraining order.

Regulatory Language

Chapter 4761-5 Examination and Licensing

4761-5-06 Respiratory care practice by polysomnographic technologists.

(A) As used in division (B)(3) of section 4761.10 of the Revised Code, "a polysomnographic technologist" shall be defined as a person who holds a credential as a registered polysomnographic technologist (RPSGT) issued by the board of registered polysomnographic technologists (BRPT) or its successor organization.

(B) As used in division (B)(3) of section 4761.10 of the Revised Code, "a trainee" shall be defined as a person who, under the direct supervision of a polysomnographic technologist, performs respiratory care tasks as a part of a defined course of education leading to eligibility to take the comprehensive registry exam for polysomnographic technologists.

(C) As used in division (B)(3) of section 4761.10 of the Revised Code, "being eligible to be credentialed" shall be defined as a person who has completed the training and clinical experience required by the BRPT to take the comprehensive registry exam for polysomnographic technologists. Eligibility status shall not exceed eighteen months.

(D) As used in division (B)(3) of section 4761.10 of the Revised Code, "direct supervision" shall be defined as being immediately available to oversee and direct the care rendered by a trainee.

(E) The following respiratory care tasks performed in the diagnosis and therapeutic intervention of sleep-related breathing disorders may be performed upon the prescription or order under the general supervision of a physician:

- (1) Application and titration of bi-level or continuous positive airway pressure;
- (2) Application and titration of supplemental low flow oxygen;
- (3) Application and monitoring of pulse oximetry;
- (4) Application and monitoring of capnometry; and
- (5) Patient education in the application of bi-level or continuous positive airway pressure, low flow oxygen, or pulse oximetry for the ongoing management of sleep-related disorders.