



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4761-3-01 Definitions of terms.

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The following definitions shall apply to the state medical board of Ohio for the practice of respiratory care:

- (A) "Board" means the state medical board of Ohio.

- (B) "Licensee" means a respiratory care professional issued a license under section 4761.05 of the Revised Code who can practice the full range of respiratory care as defined under division (A) of section 4761.01 of the Revised Code.

- (C) "Limited permit holder" or "permit holder" means a person who holds a limited permit issued under Chapter 4761. of the Revised Code.

- (D) "Designate" means any person or group authorized by the board as its agent to handle testing or other functions.

- (E) "Under the supervision" as it is used under division (B) of section 4761.17 of the Revised Code means that the prescribing physician, physician assistant, or authorized nurse is available to provide direction to the respiratory care practitioner providing the respiratory care service.

- (F) "License", as it is used under division (A) of section 4761.05 of the Revised Code, means the license certificate or a notarized copy of the license certificate as issued by the board.

- (G) "Conspicuous display" as it concerns the license certificate, means in a place accessible to the public during normal operating hours of the principal place of business.

- (H) "National Board for Respiratory Care, Inc. (NBRC)" means the national credentialing board for pulmonary technology and respiratory therapy.



(I) "Licensure by endorsement" means the issuance of a license based upon board approval of an examination recognized by the board as meeting the requirements of division (A)(2) of section 4761.04 of the Revised Code.

(J) "Licensure by Ohio examination" means the issuance of a license based upon successfully passing an examination offered to individuals who qualify for an educational waiver provided for in Section 6 of Sub. House Bill 111 of the 118th General Assembly.

(K) "A prescription or other order" means any verbal or written order or prescription for respiratory care services as defined under section 4761.01 of the Revised Code given in accordance with division (A) of section 4761.17 of the Revised Code.

(L) "Organization" means any agency employing respiratory care providers.

(M) "Official transcript" means an official transcript from a respiratory care educational program approved by the board pursuant to rule 4761-4-01 of the Administrative Code which lists the courses taken to earn a degree or certificate of completion in respiratory care, the number of hours and grade earned for each course, and the date and type of degree or certificate of completion earned. The transcript must be marked "official" by the issuing institution.

(N) "Minimal Sedation," as the term is used in rule 4761-7-05 of the Administrative Code, means a drug-induced state during which patients can respond normally to verbal commands. Although cognitive function and coordination may be impaired, ventilatory and cardiovascular function are unaffected. "Minimal sedation" shall not include sedation achieved through intravenous administration of drugs.

(O) "Moderate sedation/analgesia," as the term is used in rule 4761-7-05 of the Administrative Code, means a drug-induced depression of consciousness during which patients can respond purposefully to verbal commands, either alone or accompanied by light tactile stimulation. Reflex withdrawal from a painful stimulus is not a purposeful response. No interventions are required to maintain a patent airway, and spontaneous ventilation is adequate. Cardiovascular function is maintained.

(P) "Deep sedation/analgesia," means a drug-induced depression of consciousness during which



patients cannot be easily aroused but respond purposefully following repeated or painful stimulation. The ability to independently maintain ventilatory function may be impaired. Patients may require assistance in maintaining a patient airway, and spontaneous ventilation may be inadequate. Cardiovascular function is usually maintained.

(Q) "General anesthesia," a drug-induced loss of consciousness during which patients are not arousable, even by painful stimulation. The ability to independently maintain ventilatory function is often impaired. Patients often require assistance in maintaining a patent airway, and positive pressure ventilation may be required because of depressed spontaneous ventilation or drug-induced depression of neuromuscular function. Cardiopulmonary function may be impaired.

(R) "Off-site supervision," means that the authorized prescriber must be continuously available for direct communication with the respiratory care professional and must be in a location that under normal conditions is not more than sixty minutes travel time from the respiratory care professional's location.

(S) "Direct supervision," means that that the authorized prescriber is actually in sight of the respiratory care professional when the respiratory care professional is administering a medication to induce moderate sedation/analgesia in accordance with paragraph (B)(3)(c) of rule 4761-7-05 of the Administrative Code. Although the prescriber may be performing some other task at the same time, the prescriber is physically present in the same room, so that the prescriber may immediately provide direction or assume the performance of the task if difficulties arise. This does not require that the prescriber is watching "over the shoulder" of the respiratory care professional as would be required during the training period to ensure that the respiratory care professional is competent to perform the task.

(T) "Authorized prescriber" or "prescriber," means an individual authorized to order or prescribe respiratory care pursuant to section 4761.17 of the Revised Code.

(U) "Regular employment" as the term is used in paragraph (A) of rule 4761-5-01 of the Administrative Code means having employment in the practice of respiratory care equaling no less than an average of twenty-five hours per week for a period of fifty-two weeks during the three consecutive years prior to the date of application for an initial license.



(V) "Active duty military service," means currently serving in the branches of the armed forces as defined in section 145.30 of the Revised Code.

(W) "Veteran," means any person who has completed service in the armed forces, including the national guard of any state, or a reserve component of the armed forces, who has been discharged under honorable conditions from the armed forces or who has been transferred to the reserve with evidence of satisfactory service.