

645—265.4(152B,272C) Setup and delivery of respiratory care equipment.

265.4(1) Unlicensed personnel may deliver, set up, and test the operation of respiratory care equipment for a patient but will not perform any type of patient care. Instruction or demonstration of the equipment will be limited to its mechanical operation (on and off switches, emergency button, cleaning, maintenance). Any instruction or demonstration to the patient regarding the clinical use of the equipment; the fitting of any device to the patient or making any adjustment; or any patient monitoring, patient assessment, or other procedures designed to evaluate the effectiveness of the treatment must be performed by a licensed respiratory therapist or other licensed health care provider allowed by Iowa law.

265.4(2) Respiratory care equipment includes but is not limited to:

- a.* Positive airway pressure (continuous positive airway pressure and bi-level positive airway pressure) devices and supplies;
- b.* Airway clearance devices;
- c.* Invasive and noninvasive mechanical ventilation devices and supplies;
- d.* Nasotracheal and tracheal suctioning devices and supplies;
- e.* Apnea monitors and alarms and supplies;
- f.* Tracheostomy care devices and supplies;
- g.* Respiratory diagnostic testing devices and supplies, including but not limited to pulse oximetry, CO₂ monitoring, and spirometry devices and supplies; and
- h.* Pulse-dose or demand-type oxygen conserving devices or any oxygen delivery systems beyond the capabilities of a simple mask or cannula or requiring particulate or molecular therapy in conjunction with oxygen.

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