

**DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES**

**Office of Respiratory Therapy Licensure**

**RESPIRATORY THERAPY RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**4 CCR 741-1**

*[Editor's Notes follow the text of the rules at the end of this CCR Document.]*

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**1.10 Expanded Delegation pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order D 2020 038**

- A. The basis for these rules is Executive Order D 2020-038 issued by Governor Jared Polis pursuant to the State of Emergency Declaration found in Executive Orders 2020 003, 2020 027 and 2020 032, Article IV, Section 2 of the Colorado Constitution, the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, sections 24-33.5-701, et. seq., C.R.S., and sections 12-20-204 and 12-300-115, C.R.S.
- B. These Emergency Rules are adopted by the Director of the Division of Professions and Occupations (Director) to effectuate Executive Order D 2020 038 directing the immediate expansion of the workforce of trained medical personnel available to provide healthcare services within inpatient facilities due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic in Colorado.
- C. Expanded Delegation
1. In addition to any delegation authorized by section 12-300-112(1)(i), C.R.S., respiratory therapists may delegate services within their scope of practice to the following Colorado licensed professionals working in a hospital or inpatient facility:
- a. Podiatrists
  - b. Optometrists
  - c. Chiropractors
  - d. Veterinarians
  - e. Physical Therapists
  - f. Physical Therapy Assistants
  - g. Occupational Therapists
  - h. Occupational Therapy Assistants
  - i. Speech-Language Pathologists
  - j. Surgical Assistants
  - k. Surgical Technologists

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l. Volunteer Retired Nurses

m. Nurse Aides

2. Respiratory therapists may delegate services within their scope of practice to the following unlicensed persons working in a hospital or inpatient facility:

a. Volunteer Nursing Students

b. Medical Assistants

3. In addition to the provisions of section 12-300-112(1)(i), C.R.S., respiratory therapists are authorized to provide training to the Colorado licensed professionals and unlicensed persons set forth in Rule 1.10(C)(1) and(2).

4. In order to delegate services pursuant to Rule 1.10(C)(1) and (2), the Respiratory Therapist shall ensure, prior to the delegation, that the delegated service is within the knowledge, skill and training of the delegatee.

5. The respiratory therapists shall ensure on-premise availability to provide direction and supervision of the delegatee.

6. The delegated services shall be routine, technical services, the performance of which do not require the special skill or decision making ability of a respiratory therapist.

7. The prescription or selection of medications, performance of surgical or other invasive procedures and anesthesia services may not be delegated.

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