

NORTH CAROLINA RESPIRATORY CARE BOARD POSITION STATEMENT

Chronic Disease Management

With regard to the licensed Respiratory Care Practitioner (RCP) providing care in various locations to patients with chronic conditions to include but not limited to children and adults with asthma as well as other chronic conditions requiring mechanical ventilation, the North Carolina Respiratory Care Board is supportive of respiratory care (therapy) in all patient care settings by licensed RCP's as outlined in the North Carolina Respiratory Care Act. The North Carolina Respiratory Care Board is not supportive of any policy that would significantly limit the proper delivery of respiratory care to patients in need. Services should be provided to patients that will serve their best interest. To serve all people in NC suffering from asthma and other chronic respiratory conditions, the expertise of a licensed RCP should be utilized to develop a plan of care in cooperation and with the approval of a patient's primary care physician.