

Pennsylvania

Title 63 P.S. Professions and Occupations (State Licensed)

Chapter 12. Physicians and Surgeons

Medical Practice Act of 1985

§ 422.13a. Respiratory care practitioners

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

(e) Exemptions.--This section shall not prevent or restrict the practices, services or activities of:

(1) A person licensed or certified in this Commonwealth to provide another health care service, including, but not limited to, physicians, physical therapists, chiropractors, nurses, dentists, physician assistants and podiatrists.

(2) A person rendering respiratory care services pursuant to employment by a Federal agency.

(3) A person pursuing a course of study leading to a degree or certificate in respiratory care in an accredited educational program, if he is clearly designated as a student and provides care under supervision implemented through that program.

(4) A person executing or conveying medical orders pursuant to lawful delegation by a physician.

(5) A person who, pursuant to lawful delegation by a physician, delivers, installs, monitors or maintains a device which enables an individual to self-administer respiratory care.

(6) A person qualified by academic and clinical education to operate extracorporeal circulation equipment in a medical or surgical setting which requires support to or the temporary replacement of a patient's circulatory or respiratory functions.

(f) Referrals to State Board of Osteopathic Medicine.--Information or allegations filed with the board against a respiratory care practitioner certified by the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine shall be referred to that board for appropriate action.