

WSRC COMMITTEE/OFFICER/REPORT

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Summary of Report for Web Site (50 words or less)

This was brought to my attention. Counter Signature for Respiratory Services
In the Jan. Joint Commission Perspectives there is clarification re: orders for RT, states
“Services must be provided only on, and in accordance with, the orders of a Doctor of
medicine or osteopathy.” “PA,CNS,NP may not write orders for RT services under their
own authority, even if in a state where the practitioner is a LIP.” The WI Chapter 124
has had this in it for a long time, and Joint Commission is now working to align with
Federal CoPs. So regardless of whether you are Joint Commissions, PPS, or CAH,
currently you need a counter signature for all RT orders.

Bill Pupanek did bring this up at the National Level, will need to follow.

At STATE convention plan on developing 435 Plan.(A contact list for legislator calls).

O2 Reform: Meeks bill has 160 sponsors(needs 218 to consider), to repeal the 36month
cap. Looking at way to pay for it, also has pt.protections. Price & Sullivan Bill will get
reintroduced in 30 days. Competitive bidding

FDA Warning Issued against long acting beta agonist use in ped.population, AARC is
not taking a stand, see asthma guidelines.

PULMONARY REHAB. CMS has new draft to contractors, for expanded coverage,
billing session 1 hour,has to be 31minutes, 2 sessions/day-total 91 minutes.

Will provide hand-outs and clarification at next meeting in may.

Date	Activity	Discussion
3/8/10	Political Advocacy inD.C.	Bills in Senate and House to get outpt.RT in MD office, currently the cost is too high,2.2Billion, will have to get redone.