

(4) DEVELOP AND RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD THE REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE AS A RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONER, INCLUDING:

(I) CRITERIA FOR THE EDUCATIONAL AND CLINICAL TRAINING OF RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONERS; AND

(II) CRITERIA FOR A PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY EXAMINATION AND TESTING OF APPLICANTS FOR A LICENSE TO PRACTICE RESPIRATORY CARE;

(5) DEVELOP AND RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD CRITERIA FOR RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONERS WHO ARE LICENSED IN OTHER STATES TO PRACTICE IN THIS STATE;

(6) EVALUATE THE ACCREDITATION STATUS OF EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN RESPIRATORY CARE FOR APPROVAL BY THE BOARD;

(7) EVALUATE THE CREDENTIALS OF APPLICANTS AND RECOMMEND LICENSURE OF APPLICANTS WHO FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A LICENSE TO PRACTICE RESPIRATORY CARE;

(8) DEVELOP AND RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSE RENEWAL;

(9) PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF RESPIRATORY CARE;

(10) DEVELOP AND RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD CRITERIA RELATED TO THE PRACTICE OF RESPIRATORY CARE IN THE HOME SETTING;

(11) DEVELOP AND RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD CRITERIA FOR THE DIRECTION OF STUDENTS IN CLINICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS BY LICENSED RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONERS;

(12) KEEP A RECORD OF ITS PROCEEDINGS; AND

(13) SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE BOARD.

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(A) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE, AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE LICENSED BY THE BOARD BEFORE THE INDIVIDUAL MAY PRACTICE RESPIRATORY CARE IN THE STATE.

(B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO AN INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS A RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONER WHILE THE INDIVIDUAL IS PRACTICING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THAT EMPLOYMENT.

(C) (1) (I) IN THIS SUBSECTION THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(II) "EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM" MEANS A RESPIRATORY CARE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

(III) "VETERAN" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO: