

AMENDMENTS TO LB 788

Introduced by Health and Human Services

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following
2 new sections:

3 Section 1. Section 38-3214, Reissue Revised Statutes of
4 Nebraska, is amended to read:

5 38-3214 Any health care facility or home care agency
6 providing inpatient or outpatient respiratory care service shall
7 designate a medical director, who shall be a licensed physician who
8 has special interest and knowledge in the diagnosis and treatment
9 of respiratory problems. Such physician shall (1) be an active
10 medical staff member of a licensed health care facility, (2)
11 whenever possible be qualified by special training or experience
12 in the management of acute and chronic respiratory disorders,
13 and (3) be competent to monitor and assess the quality, safety,
14 and appropriateness of the respiratory care services which are
15 being provided. The medical director shall be accessible to and
16 assure the competency of respiratory care practitioners and shall
17 require that respiratory care be ordered by a licensed physician,
18 a licensed physician assistant, a nurse practitioner as defined
19 in section 38-2312, or a certified registered nurse anesthetist as
20 defined in section 38-704, who has medical responsibility for any
21 patient that needs such care.

22 Sec. 2. Section 38-3215, Reissue Revised Statutes of
23 Nebraska, is amended to read:

1 38-3215 The practice of respiratory care shall be
2 performed only under the direction of a medical director and upon
3 the order of a licensed physician, a licensed physician assistant,
4 a nurse practitioner as defined in section 38-2312, or a certified
5 registered nurse anesthetist as defined in section 38-704.

6 Sec. 3. Original sections 38-3214 and 38-3215, Reissue
7 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.