



2015 SENATE BILL 160

May 14, 2015 – Introduced by Senators HARSDORF, COWLES and VINEHOUT, cosponsored by Representatives BERNIER, E. BROOKS, HORLACHER, MURPHY, A. OTT, RIPP, TAUCHEN, TITTL and WEATHERSTON. Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services.

1 **AN ACT relating to:** modifying administrative rules related to maintenance and
2 use standards for oxygen equipment in nursing homes.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The Department of Health Services (DHS) has promulgated rules relating to the maintenance and use of oxygen equipment in nursing homes. Under the current rules promulgated by DHS, cannulas, hoses, and humidifier bottles, when in use at a nursing home resident's bedside, must be changed and sterilized at least every five days. Disposable inhalation equipment must also be replaced every five days when in use and must be presterilized and kept in contamination-proof containers until used. Finally, under the current rules, with other inhalation equipment such as intermittent positive pressure breathing equipment, the entire resident breathing circuit, including nebulizers and humidifiers, must be changed daily. This bill modifies the current rules regarding storage, sterilization, and the timing of replacement to require instead that the equipment be maintained and used in accordance with current standards of practice and manufacturers' recommendations.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** DHS 132.71 (7) (d) of the administrative code is amended to read:

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1 DHS 132.71 (7) (d) When in use at the resident's bedside, cannulas, hoses, and
2 humidifier bottles shall be ~~changed and sterilized at least every 5 days~~ maintained
3 and used in accordance with current standards of practice and manufacturers'
4 recommendations.

5 **SECTION 2.** DHS 132.71 (7) (e) of the administrative code is amended to read:

6 DHS 132.71 (7) (e) Disposable inhalation equipment shall be ~~presterilized and~~
7 ~~kept in contamination-proof containers until used, and shall be replaced at least~~
8 ~~every 5 days when in use~~ maintained and used in accordance with current standards
9 of practice and manufacturers' recommendations.

10 **SECTION 3.** DHS 132.71 (7) (f) of the administrative code is amended to read:

11 DHS 132.71 (7) (f) With other inhalation equipment such as intermittent
12 positive pressure breathing equipment, the entire resident breathing circuit,
13 including nebulizers and humidifiers, shall be ~~changed daily~~ maintained and used
14 in accordance with current standards of practice and manufacturers'
15 recommendations.

16 (END)