



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2015 Wisconsin Act 107
[2015 Senate Bill 160]

**Maintenance and Use of Medical
Oxygen Equipment**

2015 Wisconsin Act 107 modifies requirements for maintenance and use of oxygen equipment in nursing homes and facilities serving people with developmental disabilities.

BACKGROUND

Maintenance and use standards for oxygen equipment in nursing homes and facilities serving people with developmental disabilities are established in administrative rules promulgated by the Department of Health Services (DHS). Under the rules previously in effect, cannulas, hoses, and humidifier bottles in use at a resident's bedside were required to be changed and sterilized at least every five days. Also, disposable inhalation equipment was required to be presterilized and kept in contamination-proof containers until used, and replaced every five days when in use. In addition, the breathing circuit of other inhalation equipment, such as intermittent positive pressure breathing equipment, was required to be changed daily.

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Act 107 repeals the oxygen equipment standards described above, and creates new provisions in the DHS rules specifying that, in all cases, the equipment must be maintained and used in accordance with current standards of practice and manufacturers' recommendations.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.