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Section 51082.1@ Respiratory Care Practitioner Services

51082.1 Respiratory Care Practitioner Services

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Respiratory care practitioner services means medically necessary services rendered within scope of practice of a respiratory care practitioner under the supervision of a physician for the therapy, management, rehabilitation, diagnostic evaluation, and care of patients with deficiencies, and abnormalities, which affect the pulmonary system and associated aspects of cardiopulmonary and other systems functions. These services include, but are not limited to: (1) direct and indirect pulmonary care services; (2) direct and indirect respiratory care procedures, including the administration of pharmacological, diagnostic, and therapeutic agents necessary to implement treatment, disease prevention, pulmonary rehabilitation, or diagnostic regimen prescribed by a physician and surgeon; (3) observation and monitoring of signs and symptoms, general behavior and physiological responses to respiratory care treatment and diagnostic testing; and (4) diagnostic and therapeutic services which may include: (A) administration of medical gases (except general anesthetics), aerosols, humidification, and environmental control systems; (B) pharmacologic agents related to respiratory care procedures; (C) mechanical or physiological ventilatory support; (D) bronchopulmonary hygiene; (E) cardiopulmonary resuscitation; (F) maintenance of natural airways; (G) insertion without cutting tissues and maintenance of artificial airways; (H) diagnostic and testing techniques required for implementation of

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