

TOP 10 HOME MEDICAL EQUIPMENT DEFICIENCIES

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STANDARD	STANDARD CONTENT	TIPS FOR COMPLIANCE
1 DMEPOS.AM.11	Policies and Procedures for personnel records	Ensure that policies and procedures address all 7 elements of the standard.
2 DMEPOS.1C.3	Documentation of the TB control plan	Perform audits upon hire and periodically to ensure there is evidence of staff screen-ing and testing for TB compliance per state regulation, organizational policy, or CDC guidelines.
3 DMEPOS.PS.1	Documentation of the safety program	Ensure there is a safety program that documents the safe use of equipment and items and minimizes safety risks, infections, and hazards for staff and patients/care-givers.
4 DMEPOS.1C.1	Documentation of standardized procedures for infection prevention and control	Follow the CDC “Standard Precautions for all Healthcare Settings” statement.
5 DMEPOS.RE.8	Equipment and items delivered consistent with prescriber’s order and the patient’s needs, risks, and limitations.	Perform periodic review of patient clinical records to ensure the prescriber’s order is present and that the equipment or items are consistent with the patient’s needs, risks.
6 DMEPOS.PS.2	Documented plan for identifying, monitoring, and repairing equipment and item failure, repair, and preventative maintenance	Perform periodic audits to ensure all equipment is being routinely reviewed for failure and preventative maintenance is being completed
7 DMEPOS.IC.2	Staff training of infection control and prevention practices	Perform routine audits of personnel records to ensure staff training is being completed. Conduct field observation visits to validate the ability of the staff to comply with infection control processes.
8 DMEPOS.RE.9	Respiratory equipment delivery and set-up	Review “AARC Clinical Practice Guideline, Oxygen Therapy in the Home or Alternate site Health Care Facility – 2007 Revision & Update.” AARC and Respiratory Care Journal, vol. 52, no. 1, 2007, and “AARC Clinical Practice Guideline, Longterm Invasive Mechanical, Ventilation in the Home 2007 Revision & Update.” AARC and Respiratory Care Journal, vol. 52, no. 1, 2007.
9 DMEPOS.RE.12	Elements of training for oxygen therapy in the home	Perform periodic audits of clinical records to ensure documentation is present and that the training and instruction for oxygen therapy meet the current version of the American Association for Respiratory Care Practice Guidelines.
10 DMEPOS.RE.10	Patient/Caregiver training of equipment and items provided	Conduct field observations periodically to ensure patient training of proper use of equipment and items provided.