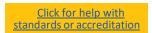
## TOP 10 HOME MEDICAL EQUIPMENT DEFICIENCIES





	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.IC.3	Documentation of the TB control plan.	Perform audits upon hire and periodically to ensure there is evidence of staff screening 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/caregivers.
4	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.
5	DMEPOS.IC.2	Staff training of infection control and prevention practices.	<ul> <li>Perform routine audits of personnel records to ensure staff training is being completed.</li> <li>Conduct field observation visits to validate the ability of the staff to comply with infection control processes.</li> </ul>
6	DMEPOS.RE.2	The intake and assessment of patients receiving prescribed respiratory equipment, items and services includes evidence of staff communication, collaboration and coordination with the prescriber to:  1. Confirm the order.  2. Recommend any necessary changes or refinements; and/or  3. Recommend additional evaluations to the prescribed equipment, items and/or services	Conduct patient record audits to ensure documentation of communication with the prescriber to confirm the order and documentation of recommended changes or refinements or additional evaluations.
7	DMEPOS.SS.8	The Organization provides or coordinates the clear, written or pictorial, and oral instruction for the patient and/or caregiver related to the set-up (including the preparation of enteral/parenteral nutrients), features, routine use, troubleshooting, cleaning, infection control practices and issues, potential hazards, and maintenance of equipment and item(s) provided, as appropriate.	Ensure training and/or instruction materials for the patient/caregiver addresses all elements listed in the standard.
8	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.
9	DMEPOS.IC.1	Documentation of standardized procedures for infection prevention and control.	Follow the CDC "Standard Precautions for all Healthcare Settings" statement.
10	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.