

# TOP 10 HOME MEDICAL EQUIPMENT DEFICIENCIES

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| Standard       | Standard Content  | Tips for Compliance   |
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| 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 style="list-style-type: none"> <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  | <p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Confirm the order.</li> <li>2. Recommend any necessary changes or refinements; and/or</li> <li>3. Recommend additional evaluations to the prescribed equipment, items and/or services</li> </ol> | 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.   |