

TOP 10 HOME MEDICAL EQUIPMENT DEFICIENCIES

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Standard	Standard Content	Tips for Compliance
① 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
② DMEPOS.AM.11	Policies and Procedures for personnel records	Ensure that policies and procedures address all 7 elements of the standard
③ DMEPOS.IC.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
④ 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
⑤ DMEPOS.RE.9	Respiratory equipment delivery and set-up also meet the current version of the AARC Practice Guidelines	Ensure AARC guidelines are followed for delivery & set-up and ensure a means of contact in case of emergency
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.IC.2	Staff training of infection control and prevention practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.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
⑨ CP.7	The organization emphasizes ethical behavior by enforcing standards of conduct, consistently applying staff disciplinary guidelines, and checking employees, contractors, and medical and clinical staff members monthly against government sanctions lists, including the OIG's List of Excluded Individuals/Entities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure a process is in place to check employees, contractors, and medical and clinical staff members monthly against government sanctions lists, including the OIG's List of Excluded Individuals/Entities • Ensure the process is documented in order to validate compliance with the standard • Conduct routine audits to ensure all staff are being checked on a monthly basis as required
⑩ DMEPOS.AM.2	The DMEPOS organization complies with all Medicare statutes, regulations (including the disclosure of ownership and control information requirements at 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §420.201 through §420.206), manuals, and guidance including program instructions and contractor policies and articles.	Ensure contracts are in place when utilizing an outside company to assist in filling orders.