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BON Position Statement:

Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (C-PAP), Bi-level Positive Airway Pressure (Bi-PAP)

Non-Invasive ventilator support of sleep-apnea

The Board of Nursing considers it to be within the scope of practice of RN, LPN, and LNA to initiate (apply equipment, turn-on) the C-Pap or Bi-Pap machine when the settings have been prescribed by the appropriate provider (PCP, RT). These tasks are not considered specific to the practice of nursing and can be performed by trained members of the public.

Non-invasive ventilator support for acute and chronic respiratory insufficiency

The Board of Nursing considers it to be within the scope of practice of the RN and LPN to initiate (apply equipment, turn-on) the Bi-Pap machine when the settings have been prescribed by the appropriate provider (PCP, RT). RN can monitor and assess acute cases, RN and LPN can monitor cases that the registered nurse has determined to have a predictable, non-fluctuating, and consistent clinical status, and may have fluctuations that are expected with planned interventions.