



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2015 Senate Bill 160**

**Senate  
Amendment 1**

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### **2015 SENATE BILL 160**

#### **Oxygen Equipment in Nursing Homes**

2015 Senate Bill 160 (the bill) modifies administrative rules promulgated by the Department of Health Services regarding maintenance and use standards for oxygen equipment in nursing homes. Under ch. DHS 132 of the current rules, cannulas, hoses, and humidifier bottles in use at a nursing home resident's bedside must be changed and sterilized at least every five days. Disposable inhalation equipment must be presterilized and kept in contamination-proof containers until used, and replaced every five days when in use. Finally, with other inhalation equipment such as intermittent positive pressure breathing equipment, the entire resident breathing circuit must be changed daily under the current rules. The bill replaces these standards and provides that, in all cases, the equipment instead shall be maintained and used in accordance with current standards of practice and manufacturers' recommendations.

### **SENATE AMENDMENT 1**

#### **Oxygen Equipment in Facilities Serving People with Developmental Disabilities**

Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 160 (the amendment) retains the above modifications to oxygen equipment standards in nursing homes, and it applies them to oxygen equipment standards in facilities serving people with developmental disabilities. Chapter DHS 134 of the current rules contains standards for maintenance and use of oxygen equipment in facilities serving people with developmental disabilities, which are the same as the standards in nursing homes. The amendment replaces these standards and provides that, as

with nursing homes under the bill, oxygen equipment in facilities serving people with developmental disabilities instead shall be maintained and used in accordance with current standards of practice and manufacturers' recommendations.

**BILL HISTORY**

Senator Harsdorf offered Senate Amendment 1 to 2015 Senate Bill 160 on September 8, 2015. On October 13, 2015, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services recommended adoption of the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0, and passage of the bill as amended on votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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