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The DME Committee of the Board of Pharmacy has been active. We have reviewed, amended and will send out for comment our rules. Essentially, we will be permitting off site storage of records, something previously not permitted. We will also be prohibiting any handling of prescription drugs once they have been dispensed. In other words, it is not OK for Techs to pick up drugs at a patient's home and transport them back to a Provider's Office.

The Board has two full time investigators in the field for DME. The new Executive Director, Jay Campbell, has assumed his duties upon David Work's retirement. Karen Link Womack has been elected to serve as the Respiratory Committee member. Marcia Ladd has been elected to serve as the Chairwoman of the Committee. On a sad note, Steve Hudson is retiring effective August 1, and the search is underway for his successor.

We have been working with the Respiratory Care Board to finalize their position statement on CPAP's and feel very close to a good compromise. They have done the great bulk of the work, but it is important to us to all speak with one voice. Please feel free to contact me if I can answer any questions or help in anyway – Marcia Ladd, mladd79808@aol.com.