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**ADVISORY OPINION #47**

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**QUESTION:** Is it within the role and scope of practice for the licensed nurse to perform an OSHA Respiratory evaluation questionnaire and approve Respirator use?

The State Board of Nursing for South Carolina has determined that it is within the role and scope of practice of the licensed registered nurse (RN) to administer the OSHA Respirator Medical Evaluation Questionnaire and approve a client for respirator use in accordance with the OSHA Respiratory Protection Standard (29 CFR 1910.134).

The administration of the OSHA Respirator Medical Evaluation Questionnaire and approval of a client for respirator fit-testing is **NOT** within the scope of practice for the licensed practical nurse (LPN).

*This statement is an advisory opinion of the Board of Nursing as to what constitutes competent and safe nursing practice.*