The American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) recommends temporary licensure exemption for respiratory therapists who are licensed or certified to practice respiratory care in another state or country.

These Respiratory Therapists must meet the following criteria:

- Must practice within the scope of their licensing medical board
- Must function under the direction of their transport agency’s Operational Medical Director
- Must follow their transport agency’s patient care protocols or their receiving physician’s online medical control.

This position of the AARC seeks to ensure that patients needing specialty care or critical care transport have access to Respiratory Therapists’ knowledge, skills and the abilities they bring to the transport team.

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