

## **BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE**

### **ALERT**

**August 16, 2016**

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 112 §§ 23S and 23Z, the Board of Respiratory Care (“the Board”) is authorized to issue licenses to qualified individuals to practice respiratory care in the Commonwealth and to make rules and regulations to regulate the practice of respiratory therapists. Board regulations at 261 Code of Massachusetts Regulations 5.02 require that all licensed respiratory therapists complete 15 contact hours of continuing education (CE) as a condition of license renewal. The Board’s license renewal application asks a licensee to attest that he or she has completed the required continuing education under pains and penalties of perjury. Historically, the Board has relied on its licensees’ attestations to determine eligibility for license renewal. During the most recent license renewal cycle, the Board conducted a random audit in order to verify that licensees are in fact complying with the Board’s regulations.

It is within the Board’s purview to conduct random audits of its licensees as it deems necessary. The Board reminds all licensed respiratory therapists in the strongest terms that license renewal is conditioned upon compliance with **all** of the Board’s regulations. .