

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Administrative 2.9

I. PURPOSE

This protocol defines the scope of authority afforded to prehospital providers in the performance of their duties with and without on-line medical direction. This protocol will enable the pre-hospital provider to understand all skills allowed without on-line medical direction, specialized skills allowed with verification of training, and skills allowed only **AFTER** on-line medical direction has concurred.

II. DEFINITIONS

A. STANDARD PERMISSIVE SKILLS

STANDARD PERMISSIVE SKILLS are defined as skills that **MAY** be performed by pre-hospital personnel after approved initial training and **WITHOUT** on-line medical direction. No telemetry or verbal orders are needed prior to the initiation of these skills for patient stabilization. Verification of on-going competency skills assessment must be obtained every two (2) years.

| ALS | BLS |
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| Intubation (oral, nasal, LMA, Combitube) | Application & use of an Automatic External Defibrillator |
| Cricothyrotomy | Epi-pen Auto-injector |
| Needle Thoracostomy | Oral Glucose Gel |
| Intraosseous Infusion | ASA per Chest Pain Standing Order |
| Central Line Placement | Temperature assessment and monitoring |
| | Pulse oximetry assessment and monitoring |
| SAEMS Pre-contact Stabilization Interventions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced airway maintenance, control and ventilation • Spinal precautions • Initiation of IV fluid, oxygen and cardiac monitoring as appropriate • Initiation of current state/regional approved (or equivalent) BLS/ALS protocols or standing orders • Finger stick blood glucose as appropriate | SAEMS Pre-contact Stabilization Interventions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airway maintenance, control and ventilation • Spinal precautions • Initiation of oxygen as appropriate • Finger stick blood glucose as appropriate |

B. EXPANDED SCOPE OF PRACTICE:

EXPANDED SCOPE OF PRACTICE is defined as skills allowed by prehospital personnel with advanced training in the specific area. Prior approval of the provider's administrative medical director is required. These skills **MAY** require on-line medical direction at the discretion of the provider's administrative medical director.

| ALS | BLS |
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| HAZ-MAT drug antidote therapy by toxicology paramedics | Activated charcoal administration |
| Inter-facility IV infusion pump monitoring | Patient assisted nitroglycerin tablets or spray |
| Automatic transport ventilators | Patient assisted Metered Dose Inhaler |
| Immunization administration | EMT IV access skills |
| Adult I/O | Endotracheal intubation |
| Rapid Sequence Intubation | Combitube insertion |
| CPAP | |

C. STANDING ORDERS/ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

Standing Orders/Administrative Guidelines are defined as physician orders, established by a medical direction authority, that may be performed **WITHOUT ON-LINE MEDICAL DIRECTION.**

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