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June 22, 2009

Re: Louisiana Scope of Practice

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Louisiana EMS Certification Commission has reviewed the Scope of Practice decision previously made and has amended and accepted the attached package. Included in your documentation are the new decisions made concerning the following:

a. Adminstration of Contrast
b. Albuterol and Nebulizers
c. Blood Glucose Monitoring
d. Nerve Agents
e. Supraglottic Airway
f. Aspirin
g. CPAP

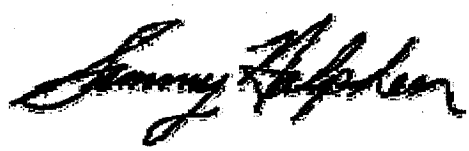
Please be sure to thoroughly review the attached documentation.

These documents will be posted on the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services website at:

http://www.dhh.louisiana.gov/offices/reports.asp?ID=220

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have further questions.

Sincerely,



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Administration of intravenous contrast by EMT-Paramedics

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On February 13, 2008, the Emergency Medical Services Certification Commission adopted the EMS Scope of Practice. The Commission, at a meeting held on February 11, 2008 adopts the following change in the scope of practice:

The EMT-Paramedic may not administer intravenous contrast.

This decision rescinds the approval granted for this scope of practice change adopted in 2004.

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EMS CERTIFICATION COMMISSION

Administration of albuterol and use of a nebulizer by EMT-Basics and EMT-Intermediates

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On February 13, 2008, the Emergency Medical Services Certification Commission adopted the EMS Scope of Practice. The Commission, at a meeting held on February 11, 2009, adopts the following addition to the scope of practice:

The EMT-Basic and the EMT-Intermediate may utilize a nebulizer device to administer pre-measured, pre-mixed albuterol. The EMT-Paramedic may also use this device according to the EMS Scope of Practice adopted by the Commission on February 13, 2008.

Skills identified may be performed by an emergency medical service professional at the level of certification only if the professional has successfully completed an education program on the specified skill. This education program shall include training to perform the skill on adults, children and infants as appropriate. The training must be approved by a Louisiana licensed Physician and the professional must demonstrate successful performance of the procedure as part of the educational program.

A certified Emergency Medical Technician-Basic may perform the skill while at the scene of a medical or other emergency where voice contact is established with a physician and under the physician's orders or while at the scene of a life threatening emergency and under a protocol that has been approved by the local parish medical society, or its designee, until voice communication with the physician is established at the earliest possible time.[1]

A certified Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate or a certified Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic may perform the skill while caring for a patient in a participating hospital under the direct supervision of a physician. A certified Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate or a certified Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic may perform the skill while at the scene of a medical or other emergency where voice contact is established with a physician and under the physician's orders or while at the scene of a life threatening emergency and under a protocol that has been approved by the local parish medical society, or its designee, until voice communication with the physician is established at the earliest possible time.[2]

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EMS CERTIFICATION COMMISSION

Use of blood glucose monitoring devices by EMT-Basics and EMT-Intermediates

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On February 13, 2008, the Emergency Medical Services Certification Commission adopted the EMS Scope of Practice. The Commission, at a meeting held on February 11, 2009, adopts the following addition to the scope of practice:

The EMT-Basic and the EMT-Intermediate may utilize devices to monitor blood glucose. The EMT-Paramedic may also use this device according to the EMS Scope of Practice adopted by the Commission on February 13, 2008.

Skills identified may be performed by an emergency medical service professional at the level of certification only if the professional has successfully completed an education program on the specified skill. This education program shall include training to perform the skill on adults, children and infants as appropriate. The training must be approved by a Louisiana licensed Physician and the professional must demonstrate successful performance of the procedure as part of the educational program.

A certified Emergency Medical Technician-Basic may perform the skill while at the scene of a medical or other emergency where voice contact is established with a physician and under the physician's orders or while at the scene of a life threatening emergency and under a protocol that has been approved by the local parish medical society, or its designee, until voice communication with the physician is established at the earliest possible time.[1]

A certified Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate or a certified Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic may perform the skill while caring for a patient in a participating hospital under the direct supervision of a Physician. A certified Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate or a certified Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic may perform the skill while at the scene of a medical or other emergency where voice contact is established with a Physician and under the Physician's orders or while at the scene of a life threatening emergency and under a protocol that has been approved by the local parish medical society, or its designee, until voice communication with the Physician is established at the earliest possible time.[2]

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EMS CERTIFICATION COMMISSION

EMT-Basic and EMT-Intermediate administration of nerve agent antidotes

In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statue 40:1232.3 the Louisiana Emergency Medical Services Commission approves the standards of practice for emergency medical professionals.

On February 13, 2008, the Emergency Medical Services Certification Commission adopted the EMS Scope of Practice. The Commission, at a meeting held on February 11, 2009, adopts the following addition to the scope of practice:

The EMT-Basic and the EMT-Intermediate may administer atropine and pralidoxime chloride that is pre-measured in an auto-injector. The EMT-Paramedic may also use this device according to the EMS Scope of Practice adopted by the Commission on February 13, 2008.

Skills identified may be performed by an emergency medical service professional at the level of certification only if the professional has successfully completed an education program on the specified skill. This education program shall include training to perform the skill on adults, children and infants as appropriate. The training must be approved by a Louisiana licensed Physician and the professional must demonstrate successful performance of the procedure as part of the educational program.

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A certified Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate or a certified Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic may perform the skill while caring for a patient in a participating hospital under the direct supervision of a Physician. A certified Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate or a certified Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic may perform the skill while at the scene of a medical or other emergency where voice contact is established with a Physician and under the Physician's orders or while at the scene of a life threatening emergency and under a protocol that has been approved by the local parish medical society, or its designee, until voice communication with the Physician is established at the earliest possible time.[2]

This decision supersedes the decision on approval of Mark I injectors for "self-injected only at all EMT levels" adopted by the commission in 2005.

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EMS CERTIFICATION COMMISSION

EMT-Basic and EMT-Intermediate use of supraglottic airway devices

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On February 13, 2008, the Emergency Medical Services Certification Commission adopted the EMS Scope of Practice. The Commission, at a meeting held on February11, 2009, adopts the following addition to the scope of practice:

The EMT-Basic and the EMT-Intermediate may utilize supraglottic airway devices. The EMT-Paramedic may also use this device according to the EMS Scope of Practice adopted by the Commission on February 13, 2008.

Skills identified may be performed by an emergency medical service professional at the level of certification only if the professional has successfully completed an education program on the specified skill. This education program shall include training to perform the skill on adults, children and infants as appropriate. The training must be approved by a Louisiana licensed Physician and the professional must demonstrate successful performance of the procedure as part of the educational program.

A certified Emergency Medical Technician-Basic may perform the skill while at the scene of a medical or other emergency where voice contact is established with a physician and under the physician's orders or while at the scene of a life threatening emergency and under a protocol that has been approved by the local parish medical society, or its designee, until voice communication with the physician is established at the earliest possible time.[1]

A certified Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate or a certified Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic may perform the skill while caring for a patient in a participating hospital under the direct supervision of a Physician. A certified Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate or a certified Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic may perform the skill while at the scene of a medical or other emergency where voice contact is established with a Physician and under the Physician's orders or while at the scene of a life threatening emergency and under a protocol that has been approved by the local parish medical society, or its designee, until voice communication with the Physician is established at the earliest possible time.[2]

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EMS CERTIFICATION COMMISSION

Administration of Aspirin by EMT-Basics and EMT-Intermediates

In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statue 40:1232.3 the Louisiana Emergency Medical Services Commission approves the standards of practice for emergency medical professionals.

On February 13, 2008, the Emergency Medical Services Certification Commission adopted the EMS Scope of Practice. The Commission, at meetings held on February 11, 2009 and June 10, 2009, adopts the following addition to the scope of practice:

The EMT-Basic and the EMT-Intermediate may administer aspirin. The EMT-Paramedic may also administer this medication according to the EMS Scope of Practice adopted by the Commission on February 13, 2008.

This medication may be administered by an emergency medical service professional at the level of certification only if the professional has successfully completed an education program on the specified medication. This education program shall include training to administer the medication on adults, children and infants as appropriate. The training must be approved by a Louisiana licensed physician and the professional must demonstrate successful performance of the procedure as part of the educational program.

A certified Emergency Medical Technician-Basic may perform the skill while at the scene of a medical or other emergency where voice contact is established with a physician and under the physician's orders or while at the scene of a life threatening emergency and under a protocol that has been approved by the local parish medical society, or its designee, until voice communication with the physician is established at the earliest possible time.[1]

A certified Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate or a certified Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic may perform the skill while caring for a patient in a participating hospital under the direct supervision of a physician. A certified Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate or a certified Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic may perform the skill while at the scene of a medical or other emergency where voice contact is established with a physician and under the physician's orders or while at the scene of a life threatening emergency and under a protocol that has been approved by the local parish medical society, or its designee, until voice communication with the physician is established at the earliest possible time.[2]

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CPAP device use by EMT-Basics and EMT-Intermediates

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On February 13, 2008, the Emergency Medical Services Certification Commission adopted the EMS Scope of Practice. The Commission, at a meeting held on February 11, 2008 adopts the following change in the scope of practice:

The EMT-Basic and the EMT-Intermediate may not utilize continuous positive airway pressure devices. The EMT-Paramedic may utilize this device according to the EMS Scope of Practice adopted by the Commission on February 13, 2008.

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