

South Dakota **EMS Program**



Basic Life Support **SCOPE of PRACTICE**

Emergency Medical Responder
Emergency Medical Technician



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Revisions

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Added: "Pulse Oximetry" for EMR

Added: "Capnography – End Tidal CO2 Monitoring" for EMT

Added: "Hemorrhage Control Products" for EMR & EMT

Added Wording: "(or alternative)" to Mark I Kit for EMR & EMT



This booklet contains the scope of practice for Basic Life Support (BLS) personnel in South Dakota.

In order to work at any level of BLS (EMR or EMT) in South Dakota, the individual must be certified by the South Dakota Department of Health – EMS Program.

A South Dakota licensed Physician Medical Director may limit the scope of practice/skills/medications for any level of BLS personnel; however, the Physician Medical Director **may not** expand the scope.

All changes to any of the scopes of practice or skills must be approved in advance, in writing, by the Department of Health – EMS Program.

The two Basic Life Support (BLS) certification levels are as follows:

- Emergency Medical Responder(EMR)
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)

The scope of practice for each level is part of a sequence that starts with the scope of an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR). Then, the EMT level is built upon the knowledge, skills, and competencies of the lower level (EMR).

- The EMT must meet all of the competencies of an EMR, as well as those specific to the entry-level EMT



EMR Scope of Practice

Airway / Ventilation / Oxygenation

Airway - Mouth-to-Mouth
Airway - Mouth-to-Barrier
Airway - Mouth-to-Mask
Airway - Mouth-to-Nose
Airway - Mouth-to-Stoma
Airway - Nasopharyngeal
Airway - Oropharyngeal
Airway Obstruction - Manual
Head-Tilt / Chin-Lift
Chest Seal
Jaw-Thrust
Jaw-Thrust - Modified
Bag Valve Mask (BVM)
Manual Airway Maneuvers
Oxygen Therapy - Nasal Cannula
Oxygen Therapy - Non-Rebreather Mask
Oxygen Therapy - Simple Face Mask & Partial NRB
Pulse Oximetry
Suctioning - Upper Airway (soft & rigid)

Assessment Skills / Miscellaneous

Perform Patient Assessments
Obtain Vital Signs Manually or Electronically
Obtain Temperature
Assisted Delivery (Childbirth)
Eye Irrigation (Non Invasive)

Cardiovascular / Circulation

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
Use of mechanical CPR Assist Devices
Defibrillation - AED
Hemorrhage Control Products
Hemorrhage Control - Direct Pressure
Hemorrhage Control - Pressure Point
Hemorrhage Control - Tourniquet

Trauma Care

Spinal immobilization - Cervical Collar
Spinal Immobilization - Long Board
Spinal Immobilization - Manual Stabilization
Spinal Immobilization - Seated Patient (KED, etc.)
Splinting - Manual
Splinting - Rigid
Splinting - Soft
Splinting - Vacuum
Emergency Moves for Endangered Patient
Rapid Extrication of Patient



May Assist Patient with Patient Prescription
Oral Glucose (Insta-Glucose)
Medication Administration Routes
Auto-Injector or Nasal Spray
Oral (PO)
Buccal (Cheek or Gum)
Medication List
Epinephrine 0.15mg Auto Injector (Epi-Pen Jr)
Epinephrine 0.3mg Auto Injector (Epi-Pen)
MARK I Kit (or alternative): Use of unit dose commercially pre-filled containers or auto injectors for the administration of life saving medications intended for self, peer, or patient rescue after exposure to nerve agents(s)
Naloxone Hydrochloride (Narcan) Auto Injector or Nasal Spray Route
Oral Glucose (Insta-Glucose)
Oxygen



EMT Scope of Practice	
Airway / Ventilation / Oxygenation	
Airway - Mouth-to-Mouth	
Airway - Mouth-to-Barrier	
Airway - Mouth-to-Mask	
Airway - Mouth-to-Nose	
Airway - Mouth-to-Stoma	
Airway - Nasopharyngeal	
Airway - Oropharyngeal	
Airway - Supraglottic Airway Device	
Airway Obstruction - Manual	
Head-Tilt / Chin-Lift	
Jaw-Thrust	
Jaw-Thrust - Modified	
Bag Valve Mask (BVM)	
CPAP	
Capnography – End Tidal CO2 Monitoring	
Chest Seal	
Cricoid Pressure (Sellick)	
Manual Airway Maneuvers	
Oxygen Therapy - Tracheal Tube	
Oxygen Therapy - Nasal Cannula	
Oxygen Therapy - Non-Rebreather Mask	
Oxygen Therapy - Simple Face Mask & Partial NRB	
Oxygen Therapy - Venturi Mask	
Oxygen Therapy - Humidified	
Pulse Oximetry	
Suctioning - Upper Airway (soft & rigid)	
Ventilators - Automated Transport Ventilator	
Assessment Skills / Miscellaneous	
Perform Patient Assessments	
Obtain Vital Signs Manually or Electronically	
Pulse Oximetry	
Obtain Temperature	
Obtain & Measure Blood Glucose	
Assisted Delivery (Childbirth)	
Eye Irrigation (Non Invasive)	
Patient Physical Restraint Application	
Cardiovascular / Circulation	
12, 15, or 18 Lead EKG transmission (Mission LifeLine)	
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)	
Use of mechanical CPR Assist Devices	
Defibrillation - AED	
Hemorrhage Control Products	
Hemorrhage Control - Direct Pressure	
Hemorrhage Control - Pressure Point	
Hemorrhage Control - Tourniquet	



Trauma Care
Spinal immobilization - Cervical Collar
Spinal Immobilization - Long Board
Spinal Immobilization - Manual Stabilization
Spinal Immobilization - Seated Patient (KED, etc.)
Spine Motion Restriction
Splinting - Manual
Splinting - Pelvic Wrap / PASG (Only used for Splinting)
Splinting - Rigid
Splinting - Soft
Splinting - Traction
Splinting - Vacuum
Emergency Moves for Endangered Patient
Rapid Extrication of Patient
May Assist Patient with Patient Prescription
Inhaler
Nitroglycerin
Medication Administration Routes
Aerosolized
Auto-Injector or Nasal Spray
Buccal (Cheek or Gum)
Oral (PO)
Sublingual (SL)
Medication List
Activated Charcoal (EZ-Char, Actidose, Liqui-Char)
Aspirin (ASA)
Epinephrine 0.15mg Auto Injector (Epi-Pen Jr)
Epinephrine 0.3mg Auto Injector (Epi-Pen)
MARK I Kit (or alternative): Use of unit dose commercially pre-filled containers or auto injectors for the administration of life saving medications intended for self, peer, or patient rescue after exposure to nerve agents(s)
Naloxone Hydrochloride (Narcan) Auto Injector or Nasal Spray Route
Oral Glucose (Insta-Glucose)
Oxygen



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Provider Level Key	
R	Emergency Medical Responder
E	Emergency Medical Technician
	NOT AUTHORIZED

NOTE: If a provider code (the single letter code from the table above) is listed for a skill, then that level of EMS Provider is permitted to perform the skill. An * indicates a modification or additional information to the skill for that provider level.

Scope of Practice - All BLS Levels

Airway / Ventilation / Oxygenation		
Airway - Mouth-to-Mouth	R	E
Airway - Mouth-to-Barrier	R	E
Airway - Mouth-to-Mask	R	E
Airway - Mouth-to-Nose	R	E
Airway - Mouth-to-Stoma	R	E
Airway - Nasopharyngeal	R	E
Airway - Oropharyngeal	R	E
Airway - Supraglottic Airway Device		E
Airway Obstruction - Manual	R	E
Head-Tilt / Chin-Lift	R	E
Jaw-Thrust	R	E
Jaw-Thrust - Modified	R	E
Bag Valve Mask (BVM)	R	E
CPAP		E
Capnography – End Tidal CO2 Monitoring		E
Chest Seal		E
Cricoid Pressure (Sellick)		E
Manual Airway Maneuvers	R	E
Oxygen Therapy - Tracheal Tube	R	E
Oxygen Therapy - Nasal Cannula	R	E
Oxygen Therapy - Non-Rebreather Mask	R	E
Oxygen Therapy - Simple Face Mask & Partial NRB	R	E
Oxygen Therapy - Venturi Mask		E
Oxygen Therapy - Humidified		E
Pulse Oximetry	R	E
Suctioning – Upper Airway (soft & rigid)	R	E
Ventilators – Automated Transport Ventilator		E



Assessment Skills / Miscellaneous		
Perform Patient Assessments	R	E
Obtain Vital Signs Manually or Electronically	R	E
Pulse Oximetry		E
Obtain Temperature	R	E
Obtain & Measure Blood Glucose		E
Assisted Delivery (Childbirth)	R	E
Eye Irrigation	R	E
Patient Physical Restraint Application		E
Cardiovascular / Circulation		
12, 15, or 18 Lead EkG transmission (Mission LifeLine)		E
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)	R	E
Use of mechanical CPR Assist Devices	R	E
Defibrillation - AED	R	E
Hemorrhage Control Products	R	E
Hemorrhage Control - Direct Pressure	R	E
Hemorrhage Control - Pressure Point	R	E
Hemorrhage Control - Tourniquet	R	E
Trauma Care		
Spinal immobilization - Cervical Collar	R	E
Spinal Immobilization - Long Board	R	E
Spinal Immobilization - Manual Stabilization	R	E
Spinal Immobilization - Seated Patient (KED, etc.)	R	E
Splinting - Manual	R	E
Splinting - Pelvic Wrap / PASG (only for splinting)		E
Splinting - Rigid	R	E
Splinting - Soft	R	E
Splinting - Traction		E
Splinting - Vacuum	R	E
Eye Irrigation - Non-Invasive	R	E
Emergency Moves for Endangered Patient	R	E
Rapid Extrication of Patient	R	E
May Assist Patient with Patient Prescription		
Inhaler		E
Nitroglycerin		E
Oral Glucose	R	E
Medication Administration Routes		
Aerosolized		E
Auto-Injector or Nasal Spray	R	E
Buccal		E
Oral (PO)	R	E
Sublingual (SL)		E



Medication List		
Activated Charcoal (EZ-Char, Actidose, Liqui-Char)		E
Aspirin (ASA)		E
Epinephrine 0.15mg Auto Injector (Epi-Pen Jr)	R	E
Epinephrine 0.3mg Auto Injector (Epi-Pen)	R	E
MARK I Kit (or alternative): Use of unit dose commercially pre-filled containers or auto-injector for the administration of life saving medications intended for self, peer, or patient rescue after exposure to nerve agent(s)	R	E
Naloxone Hydrochloride (Narcan) Auto Injector or Nasal Spray Route	R	E
Nitroglycerin (Nitrostat, Tridil) * May assist patient with own medication		E*
Oral Glucose (Insta-Glucose)	R	E
Oxygen	R	E

