

7.27.2.15 Appendix A: Scopes of Practice for Emergency Medical Dispatcher (EMD) Personnel

- A. Medical director means a physician functioning as the service EMS medical director as defined and described in 7.27.3 NMAC, Medical Direction for Emergency Medical Service. Medical control means supervision provided by or under the direction of a physician.
- B. Prior to accomplishing a new skill, technique, medication, or procedure, it shall be documented by the service director, medical director, or approved EMS training institution that the EMS provider has been appropriately trained to perform those new skills, techniques, medications, or procedures.
- C. Service Medical Director Approved: All service medical director approved skills, technique, medication, or procedure are considered advanced life support. Prior to utilizing any skill, technique, medication or procedure designated as Service Medical Director Approved, it shall be documented by the service director, medical director, or approved EMS training institution that the EMS provider has been appropriately trained to perform the skills, techniques, medications or procedures. Additionally, each EMS provider must have a signed authorization from the service's medical director on file at the EMS service's headquarters or administrative offices.
- D. Any device designed and utilized to facilitate successful completion of a skill or other treatment modality, including but not limited to CPR devices, intraosseous placement devices, positive pressure ventilation devices, must be approved by the service medical director.
- E. Only personnel with full, unrestricted licensure may utilize items designated as Service Medical Director Approved.
- F. Utilization of pharmacological agents for the primary purpose of sedation, induction, or muscle relaxation to facilitate placement of an advanced airway requires Medical Direction Committee Special Skills approval.
- G. Licensed Emergency Medical Dispatcher (EMD):
 - (1) Medical direction is required for all items in the EMD scope of practice
 - (2) The following allowable skills may be performed by EMD's who are licensed by the EMS Bureau and functioning with a New Mexico Emergency Medical Dispatch Agency utilizing protocols and any EMD priority reference system approved by the EMS Bureau and service Medical Director:
 - a. Process calls for medical assistance in a standardized manner, eliciting required information for evaluating, advising, and treating sick or injured individuals, and dispatching an appropriate EMS response.
 - b. Provide pre-arrival instructions to the patient through the caller when possible and appropriate to do so while functioning in compliance with an Emergency Medical Dispatch Priority Reference System (EMDPRS).