



Colorado Department
of Public Health
and Environment

Colorado Application Directions for EMS Provider Scope of Practice Waivers



Background

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) certifies EMS Providers and defines the qualifications and responsibilities of physicians who supervise the performance of EMS Providers. CDPHE, with recommendations from the Emergency Medical Practice Advisory Council (EMPAC), also defines in rule the scope of practice for each EMS Provider level, and providers at each EMS Provider level are limited in their performance by this rule, 6 CCR 1015-3, Chapter Two (the "Practice Rules"). Any skill, procedure or medication that is not expressly permitted in an EMS Provider's scope of practice as defined in the EMS Rules is prohibited unless reviewed by the EMPAC and approved by the CDPHE through the waiver request process.

Purpose

The purpose of the waiver request process is to provide an opportunity for an EMS Medical Director to request from the CDPHE a waiver to the scope of practice as defined in the rules. Waiver requests may be submitted for any skill, procedure or medication above the standard scope of practice for any EMS Provider level.

Process

1. All sections of the application shall be completed and in a sufficient degree of detail.
2. Protocols for the waiver as well as system protocols shall be included. Due to the potentially large size, system protocols shall be submitted electronically; please do not submit a hard copy.
3. A separate application shall be completed for each skill, procedure or medication requested.
4. Save this document to your computer hard drive after entering the information and before closing the document.
5. The signed application and all supporting documentation **shall be sent via electronic (email files), disc or "thumb/zip" drive to :**

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EMTS Section
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
HFEMSD-A2
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6. **All completed electronic documents, shall** be received at the CDPHE EMTS office by close of business (5:00 pm) on the first business day of the month prior to quarterly EMPAC meetings. Applications received after the deadline will be held by the Department for consideration at the next scheduled EMPAC meeting.

7. The EMPAC will review all applications and forward its recommendations to CDPHE. CDPHE will review each application along with the recommendations for a final decision of approval or denial. CDPHE may deny, approve, table, request more information from the applicant, or approve with conditions.

8. The following documents must be submitted with the completed application:

- EMS Medical Director Registration Form (if any previous submission has been on file with the Department greater than 1 year)
- EMS Medical Director Affidavit *with signature* (if any previous submission has been on file with the Department greater than 1 year)
- Medical Director's Continuous Quality Improvement Program (including all protocols in electronic format)

EMS Medical Director Registration and Affidavit forms may be found on the CDPHE website at:
www.coems.info

Waiver Application Request Deadline Dates (5:00 pm)

January, 2, 2013
April 1, 2013
July 1, 2013
October 1, 2013

January, 1, 2014
April 1, 2014
July 1, 2014
October 1, 2014