



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY

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Memorandum

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TO: All Prehospital Personnel and Providers
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SUBJ.: **BLS Scope of Practice: Assist with ALS Procedures**

The purpose of this memorandum is to clarify what ALS procedures an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and Enhanced Skills Emergency Medical Technician (EEMT) may assist with under paramedic direction.

1. EMS Policy No. 5502 BLS Scope of Practice Summary, “Assist with ALS procedures” allows EMT and EEMT to assist with ALS procedures under paramedic direction. The following are examples of ALS procedures that are appropriate for EMT or EEMT to assist with under paramedic direction.
 - A. Preparing Normal Saline IV bag,
 - B. Setting up intubation equipment,
 - C. 12 lead ECG.

2. EMS Policy No. 5502 BLS Scope of Practice Summary allows EMT and EEMT to assist patients with administering their own prescribed medications.
 - A. Inhalers,
 - B. Allergic reaction kits (epinephrine kit),
 - C. Sublingual Nitroglycerine.

3. EMS Policy No. 5502 BLS Scope of Practice Summary allows EEMT to administer the following medications.
 - A. Naloxone,
 - B. Aspirin,
 - C. Epinephrine Auto Injector for Adult and Pediatric.

EMT or EEMT are not permitted to draw up or administer medication outside of scope, assemble medication pre-load, or prepare IV bags containing D10, TXA, Lidocaine, Dopamine, or any other medications.

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