

Authorized Skills per Credential Level

Every credentialed provider that delivers medical care within the System must be able to perform skills consistent with the expectations of their system credential. Each Credential level builds on all previous Credential levels (i.e., AEMT is responsible for all System Responder, EMT & AEMT skills). The following defines the approved skills by credential level for Providers in the ATCEMS System. Providers/Responders **must not** practice outside their System Credentialed Scope of Practice.

Each successive level may perform any interventions endorsed for the levels below it.

Endorsement of a skill or medication for a particular credential level does not imply mandatory carriage of that medication or piece of equipment. For example, a tactical medic may be credentialed at the PL6 level but may not be carrying appropriate equipment for manual defibrillation or cardioversion. Likewise, FROs may have personnel credentialed at certain levels but do not carry the capability for every treatment available at that level.

Certain procedures require other procedures to be available. For example, intubation shall not be performed without the ability to monitor SpO₂ and EtCO₂. The specific Clinical Operating Guideline governs that particular procedure. An organization may have personnel credentialed to the PL5 level but if cardiac monitoring is not available, cardioversion and manual defibrillation may not be performed. Each organization may decide what treatments and procedures they will provide and support.

Maintenance of Credentialing (MOC) shall take place every 2 years and is comprised of a written exam, skills test, simulation (s) and portfolio. The PL6 level must additionally maintain Critical Care Paramedic or Flight Paramedic certification, which has its own Continuing Education and testing requirements.

The following skills/interventions are authorized by Credential Level in our System:

Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) Credentials

- Pre-arrival instructions as defined by MPD/OMD
- Post-dispatch instructions
- Determination of response codes by MPD/OMD
- Determination of obvious death by MPD/OMD

PL1 Credentialed First Responder

Minimum DSHS Certification: Emergency Care Attendant

Approved Interventions for Credential Level PL1

- Patient Assessment
- Spinal Motion Restriction
- CPR/AED application
- Oropharyngeal airway
- Oropharyngeal suctioning
- Nasopharyngeal airway
- Pulse Oximetry
- External Patient Cooling (Ice Pack/Bag)
- Kendrick Traction Device (KTD)
- Bimanual Trachea Manipulation
- Intramuscular Injection Medication Route
- Blood Glucose Assessment
- Ice Pack/Bag (wound/injury/bite/sting)
- Wound Packing (Junctional/Extremity)
- Bandaging/Splinting
- Emergency Childbirth
- Bag-valve Mask Device
- Tourniquet (application/loosen)
- Pelvic Binder (Sam Sling)
- Determination of obvious death
- Intranasal Medication Route (IN)

Approved Medications for Credential Level PL1

- Oxygen administration (all routes)
- Aspirin PO
- Oral glucose administration PO
- Naloxone administration (intranasal IN)
- Epinephrine Auto-injector IM
- Epinephrine IM 1mg/mL (0.3 mg draw and inject x1)

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PL2 EMT

Minimum DSHS Certification: EMT

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Additional Approved Interventions for Credential Level PL2

- Adult BIAD (in Cardiac Arrest only)
- 12 Lead, 3 lead, 4 lead ECG placement/acquisition (not interpretation)
- Patient Assist Vagus Nerve Stimulator x3
- Call and obtain TOR time for DNR and Obvious DOS
- Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) device
- Monitor medication lock (Saline lock or Heplock)
- Small Volume Nebulizer
- End-tidal CO₂ assessment

Additional Approved Medications for Credential Level PL2

- Nitroglycerine SL & Topical (spray/tablets/paste)
- Patient assist with their MDI
- Acetaminophen PO – Adult only
- Ibuprofen PO – Adult only
- Albuterol Neb. (continuous as needed)
- Ipratropium Bromide Neb.(continuous as needed)
- Nebulized Normal Saline
- Diphenhydramine PO – Adult only

Upon decision (**and after an appropriate Medication Cross Check**) by a Credentialed \geq PL3 Provider/Responder to administer PO, SL, Topical, or Nebulized Medications per Guideline; a PL2 Credentialed Provider/Responder is approved to facilitate the physical delivery of these medications. A PL2 Provider/Responder may also prepare/draw up non-narcotic, non-sedative, non-paralytic medications as requested by \geq PL4. A Medication Cross Check must still occur prior to injection by a \geq PL4.

PL3 ILS Technician

Minimum DSHS Certification: AEMT

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Additional Approved Interventions for Credential Level PL3

- Peripheral intravenous access (IV)
- BIAD (non-cardiac arrest)
- Tracheal suctioning
- Intraosseous access (IO) (cardiac arrest) **or** Critical patient in which initial IV attempt has failed or is not possible

Additional Approved Medications for Credential Level PL3

- Non-medicated intravenous solutions
- Naloxone (all routes)
- Ondansetron (all routes)
- Lidocaine for eye irrigation only
- Epinephrine 1mg/10mL (cardiac arrest)
- Dextrose solutions IV
- Glucagon IM
- Diphenhydramine (all routes)
- Acetaminophen
- Ibuprofen

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PL4: Paramedic Technician Minimum DSHS Certification: Paramedic

All above listed requirements/skills/interventions/medications/patient assist medications
PL4 providers may perform procedures and administer medications at the PL5 level if done under DIRECT oversight by PL5 credentialed provider

Additional Approved Interventions for Credential Level PL4 Independent of Oversight by PL5

- External jugular vein cannulation
- Manual defibrillation
- Gastric tube insertion
- FBAO with direct laryngoscopy
- Alternate vascular access (indwelling catheter)
- Modified Valsalva
- ECG monitoring and interpretation

Additional Approved Medications for Credential Level PL4 Independent of Oversight by PL5

- Epinephrine (additional doses, nebulized)
- Tranexamic acid
- Hydroxocobalamin
- Atropine sulfate (cardiac arrest & Organophosphate)
- Magnesium sulfate
- Calcium chloride (cardiac arrest)
- Sodium bicarbonate (cardiac arrest)
- Pralidoxime
- Amiodarone (cardiac arrest)
- Methylprednisolone
- Lidocaine (cardiac arrest)

PL5 Paramedic Clinician Minimum DSHS Certification: Paramedic

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Additional Approved Interventions for Credential Level PL5

- Pleural decompression
- Simple thoracostomy
- Therapeutic hypothermia
- Termination of resuscitation
- Nasotracheal intubation
- Fiberoptic bronchoscopy/intubation
- Needle cricothyrotomy (Pediatric)
- Maintenance of blood transfusion
- Manual cardioversion, pacing and dual sequential defibrillation
- Flex guide Endotracheal Tube Introducer (a.k.a. gum-elastic bougie)
- Orotracheal Intubation
- Video laryngoscopy
- Beck Airway Airflow Monitor (BAAM)
- Surgical cricothyrotomy

Additional Approved Medications for Credential Level PL5

- Cetacaine (Hurricane topical anesthetic spray)
- Adenosine
- Rocuronium
- Epinephrine infusion & IN
 - Xylocaine Gel
 - Ketamine
- Neo-synephrine (nasal vasoconstrictor)
- Norepinephrine (Levophed)
- Diltiazem
- Calcium Chloride
- Sodium Bicarbonate (IV, Neb., Infusion)
- Fentanyl citrate
- Midazolam
- Haloperidol

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PL6: Extended Scope Paramedic Minimum DSHS Certification: Paramedic or Paramedic/RN

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Additional Approved Interventions for Credential Level PL6

- Rapid sequence induction
- Chemically facilitated extrication
- Emergency escharotomy
- Fresh whole blood transfusion
- Central venous pressure monitoring
- Intracranial pressure monitoring
- Maintenance of Patient Controlled Analgesia (PCA) pump
- Maintenance of IV infusions requiring titration
- Field amputation
- Transvenous cardiac pacing (maintenance)
- Arterial blood pressure monitoring
- iSTAT blood testing
- Fracture/dislocation reduction
- Ventilator maintenance

Additional Approved Medications for Credential Level PL6

- Succinylcholine
- Rocuronium
- Albumin
- Labetalol
- Abciximab
- Tirofiban
- Eptifibatide
- Milrinone
- Inamrinone
- Tissue Plasminogen Activator
- Phenobarbitol
- Pentobarbitol
- Levitiracetam
- Oxytocin
- Pyridoxine
- Amoxicillin
- Amoxicillin/clav
- Cephalexin
- Ciprofloxacin/dexamethasone
- Triamcinolone
- Benzonatate
- Cetirizine
- Fexofenadine
- Loratadine
- Pantoprazole
- Lansoprazole
- Ranitidine
- Insulin
- Meloxicam
- Hyoscyamine
- Dicyclomine
- Nicardipine
- Nitroprusside
- Propofol
- Metoprolol
- Hydralazine
- Heparin
- Dobutamine
- Dopamine
- Tenecteplase
- Streptokinase
- Morphine
- Hydromorphone
- Fosphenytoin
- Pyridoxine
- N-Acetyl Cysteine
- Ceftriaxone
- Ertapenem
- Trimethoprim/Sulfamethoxazole
- Clindamycin
- Ciprofloxacin
- Moxifloxacin
- Levofloxacin
- Zolpidem
- Modafinil
- Potassium Chloride
- Prochlorperazine
- Promethazine
- Octreotide
- All OTC medications
- Prednisone
- Nitroglycerine infusion

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PL7: Paramedic Practitioner

Minimum Licensure: Paramedic/PA or Paramedic/APRN

All above listed requirements/skills/interventions/medications/patient assist medications

Additional Approved Interventions for Credential Level PL7

- Perimortem cesarean section
- Thoracostomy tube placement
- Central venous line placement
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Additional Approved Medications for Credential Level PL7

- Any deemed necessary by the provider
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PL8: Office of the Medical Director

All above listed requirements/skills/interventions/medications/patient assist medications

Additional Approved Interventions for Practitioner

- Any deemed necessary by the physician

Additional Approved Medications for Practitioner

- Any deemed necessary by the physician