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First responder scope of practice.

(A) In accordance with division (B) of section 4765.35 of the Revised Code, a first responder may perform the following emergency medical services:

- (1) Open and maintain the airway;
- (2) Oropharyngeal airway adjunct;
- (3) Nasopharyngeal airway adjunct;
- (4) Obstructed airway management;
- (5) Oral suctioning;
- (6) Oxygen administration, including the following:
 - (a) Nasal cannula;
 - (b) Non-rebreather mask;
 - (c) Mouth-to-barrier devices;
- (7) Ventilation management, including the following:
 - (a) Bag valve mask;
 - (b) Ventilation with a flow-restricted oxygen-powered device;
- (8) Cardiopulmonary resuscitation;
- (9) Automated external defibrillation;
- (10) Spine board (long and short);
- (11) Splinting devices;
- (12) Cervical immobilization device;
- (13) Soft tissue management;

- (14) Taking and recording of vital signs;
 - (15) Patient care report documentation;
 - (16) Emergency childbirth management;
 - (17) Trauma triage determination pursuant to rule 4765-14-02 of the Administrative Code.
- (B) In accordance with division (C) of section 4765.35 of the Revised Code, a first responder may perform the following additional emergency medical services only pursuant to the written or verbal authorization of a physician or of the cooperating physician advisory board, or authorization transmitted through a direct communication device by a physician or registered nurse designated by a physician, or in accordance with written protocols as specified in division (D) of established under section 4765.35 4765.40 of the Revised Code by the EMS organization with which the first responder is affiliated:
- (1) Assisted administration of epinephrine auto-injector, which shall consist of either of the following:
 - (a) Assisting with patient's prescribed epinephrine upon the patient's request and with written protocol;
 - (b) Assisting with EMS-provided epinephrine with on-line medical direction.
 - (2) Any other services pursuant to a research study approved by the board under rule 4765-6-04 of the Administrative Code and within the parameters established by the board for such study.
- (C) A physician or cooperating physician advisory board that serves as the medical director for any EMS organization may limit but not exceed the scope of practice for those first responders who provide emergency medical services under the auspices of the physician's certificate to practice medicine and surgery, or osteopathic medicine and surgery, issued under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code.
- (D) A first responder shall not perform emergency medical services within this rule unless the first responder has received training as part of an initial certification course or through subsequent training approved by the board. If certain emergency medical services, within the first responder scope of practice, were not included in the training specified in this paragraph, the first responder must have received training regarding such services approved by the local medical director before

performing those services.

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