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**EMT-paramedic scope of practice.**

(A) In addition to the skills listed in rules 4765-15-04 and 4765-16-04 of the Administrative Code, and in accordance with section 4765.39 of the Revised Code, an EMT-paramedic may perform the following 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 established under section 4765.40 of the Revised Code by the EMS organization with which the EMT-paramedic is affiliated:

- (1) Tracheostomy tube replacement and suctioning;
- (2) Orotracheal intubation;
- (3) Nasotracheal intubation;
- (4) Cricothyrotomy (surgical);
- (5) Cricothyrotomy (needle);
- (6) Dual lumen airway;
- (7) Laryngeal mask airway;
- (8) Ventilatory management of patients sixteen years of age or older;
- (9) Transcutaneous cardiac pacing;
- (10) Administration of cardiac medication;
- (11) Cardioversion;
- (12) 12-lead electrocardiogram performance and interpretation;
- (13) Administration of nitroglycerin;
- (14) Administration of nebulized medication;
- (15) Needle decompression of the chest;
- (16) Administration of other medications pursuant to written protocols;
- (17) Intravenous infusion pump.

(B) 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 EMT-paramedics 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.

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