



**EMS Information Bulletin 2014-006**

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**SUBJECT:** Scope of Practice for Emergency Medical Providers

**TO:** Pennsylvania EMS Agencies and EMS Practitioners

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This document will clarify the recent release of the Scope of Practice for Emergency Medical Service Providers, Volume 44 Number 48 in the Pennsylvania Bulletin dated Saturday, November 29, 2014. The P\* is authorized to perform the skills listed below that are annotated "Yes" or "Yes<sup>1</sup>" in the P\* column effective the date of this document. Formal revisions will occur in a subsequent notice that will be published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin shortly. Please assure widest distribution of EMSIB 2014-006 to all EMS Agencies and EMS Providers.

Item / Category	Skill	EMR	EMT	AEMT	P*	
8	Airway/Ventilation/ Oxygenation	Chest tube thoracostomy, monitoring of existing tube	No	No	No	No

Item 8 changed to reflect item 8 below.

8	Airway/Ventilation/ Oxygenation	Chest tube thoracostomy, monitoring of existing tube <b>in a closed system (for example water seal or suction)</b>	No	No	No	No
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Item 8 does not allow the P\* to transport a patient who has a chest tube in a closed system (for example water seal or suction).

11	Airway/Ventilation/ Oxygenation	Biphasic positive airway pressure (BiPAP)	No	No	No	No
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Changed to reflect items 11 and 12 below.

11	Airway/Ventilation/ Oxygenation	Biphasic positive airway pressure (BiPAP) <b>for patients chronically on BiPAP for &gt;48 hours</b>	No	No	No	Yes
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Item 11 allows the P\* to transport a patient who is on Biphasic Positive Airway Pressure (BiPAP) for patients chronically on BiPAP for >48 hours.

12	Airway/Ventilation/ Oxygenation	Biphasic positive airway pressure (BiPAP) for patients on BiPAP for <48 hours	No	No	No	No
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Item 12 does not allow the P\* to transport a patient who is on Biphasic positive airway pressure (BiPAP) for patients on BiPAP for <48 hours.

47	Airway/Ventilation/ Oxygenation	Ventilators – multi-modal, blended gas transport ventilator on patients >1 year of age and ventilated >48 hours and no anticipated need to actively titrate ventilator settings	No	No	No	No
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Changed to reflect items 48 and 49 below.

48	Airway/Ventilation/ Oxygenation	Ventilators – multi-modal, blended gas transport ventilator on patients >1 year of age and ventilated >48 hours and no anticipated need to actively titrate ventilator settings <b>in patients transported to or from residence, skilled nursing facility, rehabilitation hospital or long term acute care hospital (LTACH)</b>	No	No	No	Yes <sup>1</sup>
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Item 48 allows the P\* to transport a patient who is on a ventilator (long term) with fixed settings to or from their residence, skilled nursing facility, rehabilitation hospital or long term acute care hospital (LTACH). Additional training and authorization by EMS agency medical director is required.

49	Airway/Ventilation/ Oxygenation	Ventilators – multi-modal, blended gas transport ventilator on patients >1 year of age and ventilated >48 hours and no anticipated need to actively titrate ventilator settings <b>in patients transported between acute care hospitals</b>	No	No	No	No
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Item 49 does not allow the P\* to transport a patient who is acutely ill and on a ventilator (short term) with fixed settings from an acute facility to another acute care facility. This skill will be included in the Expanded Scope of Practice for the Critical Care Paramedic.

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