

RN/LPN Comparison to SD EMS Scope of Practice & Tasks

To clarify the scope of practice for nurses in an emergency, under SDCL 36-9-28 Practices not prohibited by chapter, the SD Board of Nursing supports that nursing care provided in an emergency is not restricted to the basic scope of practice identified in SDCL 36-9-3, 36-9-4, 36-9-4.1, and ARSD 20:48:04. Practice statements available at <https://www.sdbon.org/Practice/AdvisoryOpinions.asp>.

SD BOME: EMS Scope of Practice (SOP) - Tasks	RN SOP	LPN SOP	Recommendation
Airway / Ventilation / Oxygenation			
Airway - Mouth-to-Mouth, Mouth-to-Barrier, Mouth-to-Mask, Mouth-to-Nose, Mouth-to-Stoma	✓	✓	Hold current CPR and ACLS certification. Additional training and competency validation may be needed.
Airway - Nasopharyngeal, Oropharyngeal, Supraglottic Airway Device	✓	✓	
- Airway Obstruction – Manual, Forceps & Laryngoscope - Head-Tilt / Chin-Lift - Jaw-Thrust, Jaw-Thrust – Modified - Bag Valve Mask (BVM)	✓	✓	
- CPAP; BiPAP - Capnography - End Tidal CO2 Monitoring - Chest Seal - Cricoid Pressure (Sellick) - Manual Airway Maneuvers - Gastric Decompression-NG/OG Tube	✓	✓	
- Oxygen Therapy - Tracheal Tube, Nasal Cannula, Non-Rebreather Mask, Simple Face Mask & Partial NRB, Venturi Mask, Humidified - Suctioning - Upper Airway (soft & rigid), Tracheobronchial - Ventilators - Automated Transport Ventilator, Variable Setting	✓	✓	
Assessment Skills / Miscellaneous			
Perform Patient Assessments	✓	✓	LPN: may observe, monitor, and report signs, symptoms, and changes in a patient's condition to supervising Physician, APRN, or RN.
- Obtain Vital Signs Manually or Electronically, Temperature - Pulse Oximetry	✓	✓	Additional training and competency validation may be needed.
Obtain Blood Glucose	✓	✓	
Assisted Delivery (Childbirth)	✓	✓	
Chest Tube Monitoring	✓	✓	
Eye Irrigation (Non-Invasive)	✓	✓	
- Patient Physical Restraint Application - Venous Blood Sampling (Obtaining)	✓	✓	
Cardiovascular / Circulation			
3, 4, 12, 15, or 18 Lead EKG transmission (Mission LifeLine) & Monitoring / Interpretation	✓	✓	Additional training and competency validation may be needed.
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) - Cardiocerebral Resuscitation (CCR)	✓	✓	
Use of mechanical CPR Assist Devices	✓	✓	
Cardioversion-Electrical	✓	✓	
Defibrillation – AED-Manual	✓	✓	

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Valsalva Maneuver	✓	✓	
Transcutaneous Cardiac Pacing	✓	✓	
Hemorrhage Control Products, Direct Pressure, Pressure Point, Tourniquet	✓	✓	
Trauma Care			
Spinal immobilization - Cervical Collar, Long Board, Manual Stabilization, Seated Patient (KED, etc.)	✓	✓	Additional training and competency validation may be needed.
Spine Motion Restriction	✓	✓	
Splinting – Manual, Pelvic Wrap / PASG (Only used for Splinting), Rigid, Soft, Traction, Vacuum	✓	✓	
Emergency Moves for Endangered Patient	✓	✓	
Rapid Extrication of Patient	✓	✓	
May Assist Patient with Patient Prescription			
Inhaler, Nitroglycerin, Oral Glucose	✓	✓	All prescribed medications.
Medication Administration Routes			
Aerosolized, Auto-Injector or Nasal Spray, Buccal (Cheek or Gum), Oral, Sublingual, Intramuscular	✓	✓	LPN: Administer medications by oral, intradermal, SQ, IM, SL, eye, ear, nasal, rectal, topical, transdermal, vaginal, or inhalation routes. RN: All routes.
IV Therapy	✓	✓	LPN: peripheral, central lines for individuals 12 years of age or older.
Blood Administration	✓		
✓ Blood product administration	✓	✓	LPN: may administer and monitor in hospital setting for 12 years of age or older; may include for transports in emergency situation.

Reference: SD BMOE doc... link...