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Within EMS in Illinois there are several levels of provider licenses. As we in Illinois and in Memorial EMS move toward the newer, nationally recognized license levels, protocols will be modified to reflect the following levels of service.

**Emergency Medical Responder-** This has historically been referred to as a First Responder (FR) or First Responder- Defibrillation (FR-D).

**Provisional Emergency Medical Responder**- This is the license for anyone who has successfully completed the Emergency Medical Responder course, but is not eighteen years of age.

Emergency Medical Technician- This has historically been referred to as an EMT-B.

**Registered Nurse-** In limited rural areas, an RN may volunteer at a BLS level with limited additional training.

Advanced Emergency Medical Technician- This replaces the Illinois Emergency Medical Technician - Intermediate and aligns Illinois with NREMT certifications.

Paramedic- This replaces the Emergency Medical Technician- Paramedic.

Additional Advanced Life Support Licenses- All of the following have the same scope of practice as a Paramedic in the Memorial EMS System.

**Prehospital Registered Nurse**- PHRNs are specific to Illinois and may not be able to transfer their license to other states.

**Prehospital Physician's Assistant**- PHPAs are specific to Illinois and may not be able to transfer their license to other states.

**Prehospital Advanced Practice Nurse**- PHAPN's are specific to Illinois and may not be able to transfer their license to other states.

**Emergency Communications Registered Nurse**- the ECRN is an RN, typically in the Emergency Department, who is licensed both to receive report, but also to give orders within the scope of the EMS Protocol.

**Expanded Scope**- Refers to additional training and capacity needed by EMS in order to appropriately transport patients from one facility to another. Expanded scope is the first of three levels of capacity defined as Critical Care Transport

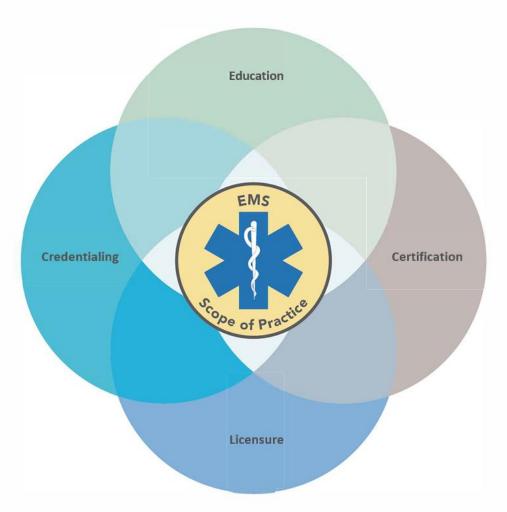
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# **EMS Scope of Practice Model**

The National Highway Safety Administration National EMS Scope of Practice Model defined as

An individual may only perform a skill or role for which that person is: EDUCATED (has been trained to perform the skill or role), AND CERTIFIED (has demonstrated competence in the skill or role), AND LICENSED (has legal authority issued by the State to perform the skill or role), AND CREDENTIALED (has been authorized by medical director to perform the skill or role).

This is graphically represented as



National Association of State EMS Officials. *National EMS Scope of Practice Model* 2019 (Report No. DOT HS 812-666). Washington, DC: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.