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Expert Panel Sought to Revise EMS Scope of Practice Model

December 1, 2016 (Falls Church, VA) Health professional practice acts are statutory laws that establish licensing or regulatory agencies or boards to generate rules that regulate medical practice. State licensing statutes establish the minimum level of education and experience required to practice, define the functions of the profession and limit the performance of these functions to licensed persons. In response to a Request for Proposal by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Office of EMS, the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) has been awarded a contract to revise the National EMS Scope of Practice Model (SoPM). The SoPM promotes consistency among the states and serves as a national foundation for EMS practice. Newer scientific evidence is currently available that demonstrates improved patient outcomes with implementation of new skills and interventions that exceed the current SoPM. Some states are prohibited from implementing new interventions (e.g. therapeutic hypothermia in cardiac arrest, naloxone administration, hemorrhage control, etc.) until these new skills are added to the SoPM and/or otherwise adopted through an Evidence-Based Guideline or consensus-based process.

NASEMSO is accepting applications for the 2018 National EMS Scope of Practice Model Revision Subject Matter Expert Panel through January 15, 2017 at 5:00 pm EST. Interested persons must complete an online application and submit all materials by the deadline in order to be considered.

More information is available at www.emsscopeofpractice.org.