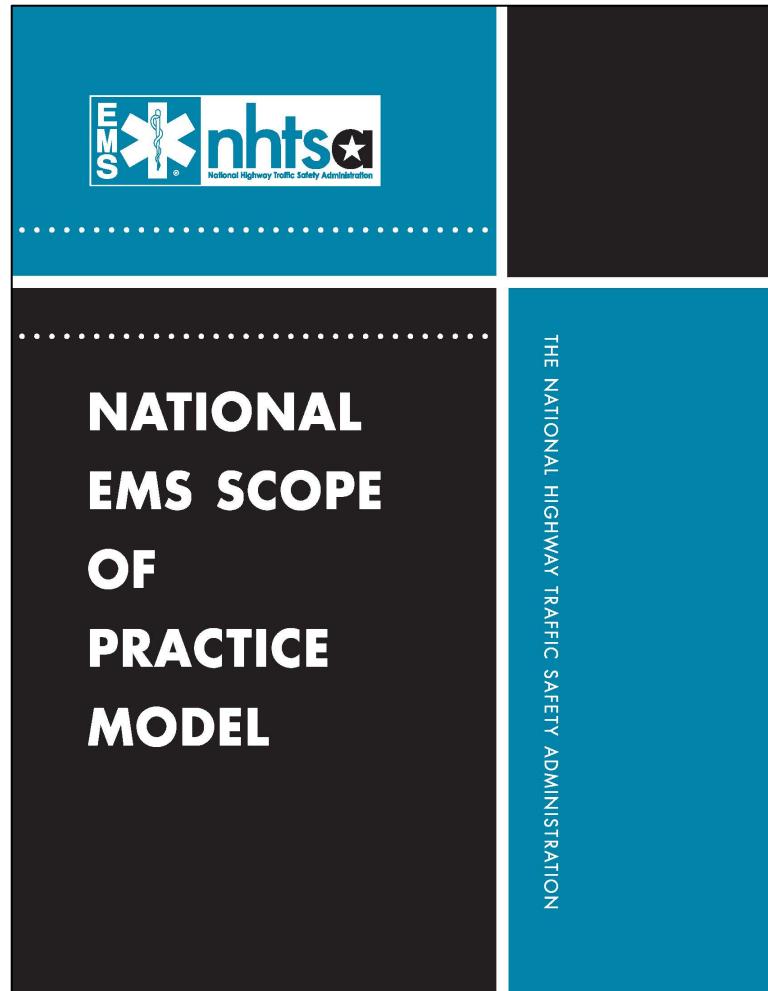


Scope of Practice Model – Change Notices

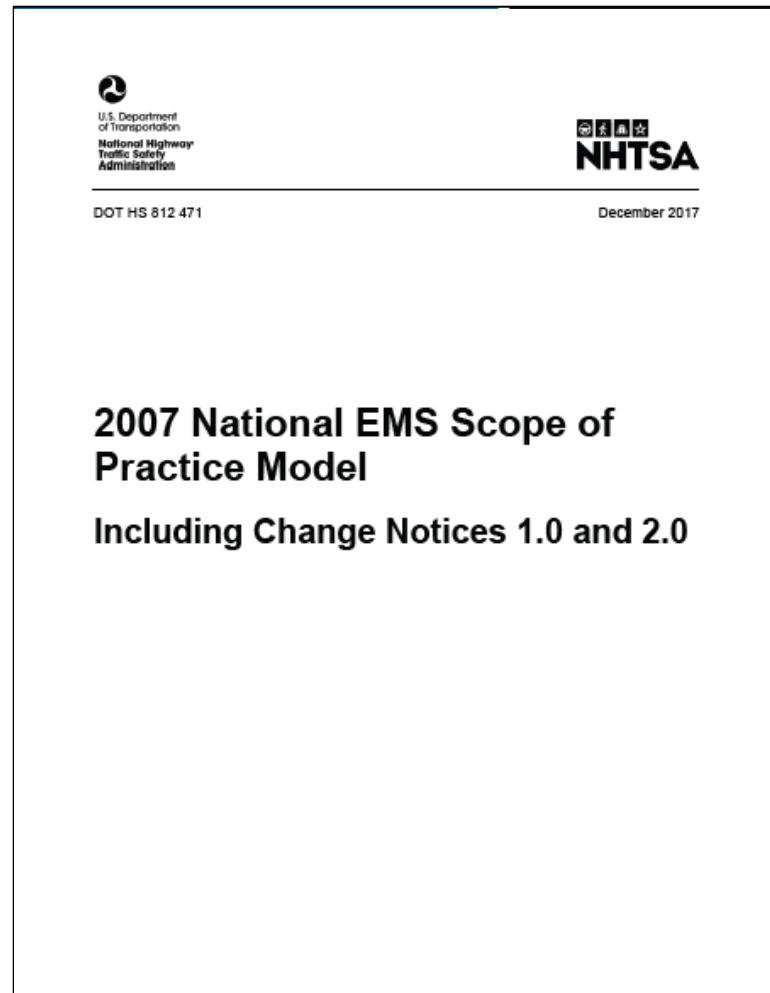
- March 29, 2021 – NHTSA issued two change notices to the 2019 National EMS Scope of Practice Model (SOPM)
 - Intramuscular (IM) injection added at the EMT level
 - Immunizations during a Public Health Emergency (PHE) added at the EMT, Advanced EMT and Paramedic levels
 - Nasal swab specimen collection added at the EMT, Advanced EMT and Paramedic levels.
- https://www.ems.gov/pdf/NHTSA_2019SOPM_ChangeNotices_One_and_Two_032921.pdf

National EMS Scope of Practice Model – Background



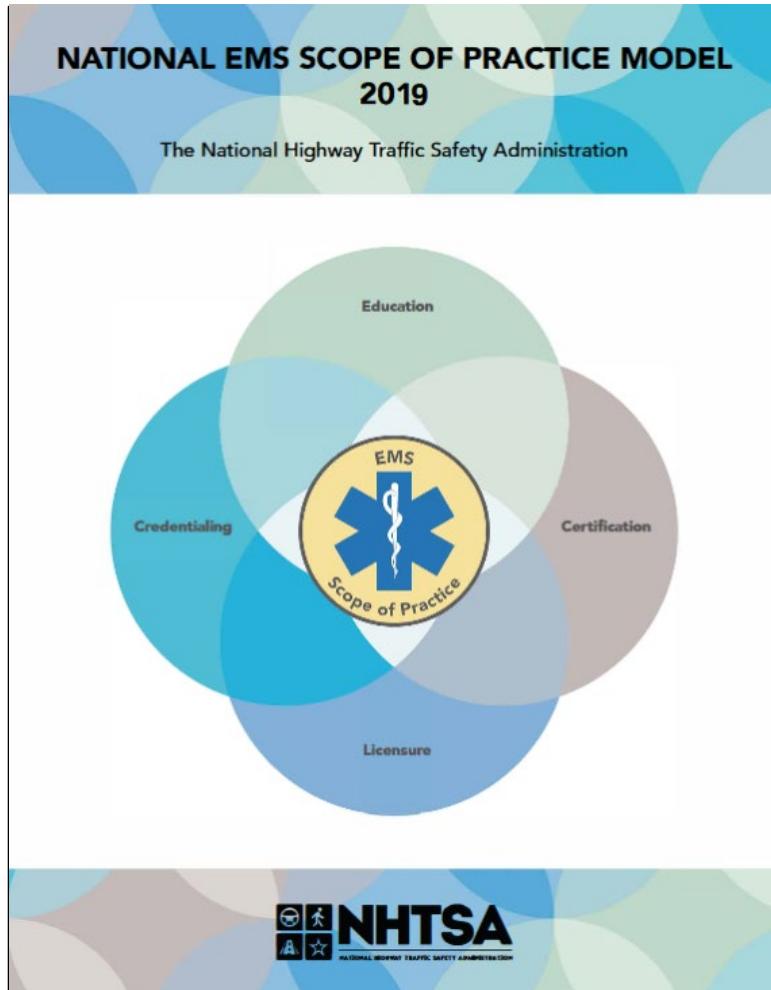
- First edition published February 2007
- Promotes consistency of nomenclature and competencies among EMS clinicians
- Guide for States in developing EMS Scope of Practice legislation, rules, and regulations;
- Defines minimum knowledge & psychomotor skill sets for EMRs, EMTs, AEMTs & Paramedics
- Each State maintains the authority to regulate EMS within its border and determine the scope of practice of State-licensed EMS clinicians

Rapid Process for Emergent Changes to the SOPM



- In 2016 the NEMSAC recommended NHTSA develop standardized urgent update process
- Rapid process piloted in 2017
 - Naloxone added to EMR and EMT scope of practice
 - Tourniquets and wound packing added to the EMR scope of practice
- Rapid process published in September 2018
- [https://www.ems.gov/pdf/Rapid-Process-Emergent-Changes-to-Scope-of-Practice-Model September 2018.pdf](https://www.ems.gov/pdf/Rapid-Process-Emergent-Changes-to-Scope-of-Practice-Model%20September%202018.pdf)

National EMS Scope of Practice Model 2019



- New SOPM developed in 2018 and published in 2019
- Rapid process panel convened in March 2021 to respond to 3 questions:
 - Should immunizations via the IM route be added to the EMR and EMT scope of practice levels?
 - Should monoclonal antibody (MCA) infusion be added to the AEMT and Paramedic scope of practice levels?
 - Should specimen collection via nasal swabbing be added to the EMS, EMT, AEMT, and Paramedic scope of practice levels?

Change Notices to the 2019 SOPM



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Date: March 29, 2021
To: State EMS Directors
From: Jon R. Krohmer, M.D., FACEP
Director, Office of Emergency Medical Services
RE: 2019 National EMS Scope of Practice Model, Change Notices

The National EMS Scope of Practice Model (model) was first published in February 2007 by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA's) Office of Emergency Medical Services (EMS). The most recent version of the model was published by NHTSA in February 2019. The model was developed by the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) with funding provided by NHTSA and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Over the past 14 years, the model has provided guidance for States in developing their EMS Scope of Practice legislation, rules, and regulation. While the model provides national guidance, each State maintains the authority to regulate EMS within its border, and determine the scope of practice of State-licensed EMS clinicians.

Recognizing that the model may impact States' ability to urgently update their Scope of Practice rules, in 2016 the National EMS Advisory Council (NEMSC) recommended that NHTSA develop a standardized urgent update process for the model. The Rapid Process for Emergent Changes to the National EMS Scope of Practice Model (rapid process) was developed by NASEMSO and published by NHTSA in September 2018.

Using the rapid process, in March 2021 NHTSA convened a subject matter expert panel (panel) to respond to the following questions: 1) Should immunizations via the intramuscular (IM) route be added to the emergency medical responder (EMR) and emergency medical technician (EMT) scope of practice levels?; 2) Should monoclonal antibody (MCA) infusion be added to the advanced EMT (AEMT) and paramedic scope of practice levels?; and 3) Should specimen collection via nasal swabbing be added to the EMR, EMT, AEMT, and paramedic scope of practice levels?

- Change Notice 1:
 - Add IM medication administration to EMT
 - Add immunizations during a Public Health Emergency (PHE) to EMT scope and above
- Change Notice 2:
 - Add nasal swab specimen collection to EMT scope and above
- Change notice memo available at:
https://www.ems.gov/pdf/NHTSA_2019SOPM_ChangeNotices_One_and_Two_032921.pdf
- Full update to 2019 SOPM document pending