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## POSITION STATEMENT

### **Paramedic Oversight as it Extends to Advanced Practice Providers Performing under Medical Direction**

The Louisiana Emergency Medical Services Certification Commission position, as established in the June 2, 2023 meeting, issued the following position statement:

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) professionals in the State of Louisiana are licensed healthcare professionals under law. A license is a verification by a government agency that a professional is able to perform a particular occupation in a particular location, such as a state. The Louisiana Bureau of EMS in conjunction with the Louisiana Emergency Medical Services Certification Commission licenses EMS professionals to practice in the State of Louisiana. Part of the licensure application is verification that the EMS professional has met all of the requirements established by the certification organization, National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians ("NREMT"). A certification verifies that a professional has met a certain set of criteria for a skill or job as measured by a third-party assessment. As such, NREMT assesses each EMS professional's skills and knowledge to certify the EMS professional has met the required skill and knowledge competency to qualify for licensure.

For these reasons, just as any other healthcare professional is licensed to practice in the State of Louisiana by state licensing agencies or boards, EMS professionals are licensed to practice as emergency medical service practitioners in the State of Louisiana and enjoy the same benefits and responsibilities as other licensed healthcare professionals in the State. Additionally, it is the opinion of the Emergency Medical Services Certification Commission that any time the legislature or any administrative agency references a licensed healthcare provider, EMS practitioners are included as members of this group.

In addition to EMS professionals being authorized to participate as licensed

EMS Practitioners on ambulances, in fire departments, and in industrial settings, licensed EMS practitioners are expected to and are authorized to participate in the provision of healthcare in clinical settings such as hospitals, clinics, etc. based on institution/facility policies, protocols, and procedures duly established and authorized by the facility's Medical Director. Further, while participating in the provision of healthcare in these clinical environments, EMS practitioners are authorized to accept orders and participate in the provision of healthcare as directed by the facility's Medical Director.