

Executive Committee Agenda

Location: Virtual Attendance Only
 Time: 3:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)

Date: May 1, 2024

- I. Call to Order & Welcome - *Commissioner Kinney, Chair*
 - a. Roll Call - *Commissioner House, Secretary*
 - i. () Commissioner Kraig Kinney [IN], Chair
 - ii. () Commissioner Wayne Denny [ID], Vice Chair
 - iii. () Commissioner Joe House [KS], Secretary
 - iv. () Commissioner Brad Vande Lune [IA], Treasurer
 - v. () Commissioner Aaron Koehler [WY], Member-at-Large
 - vi. () Commissioner Joe Schmider [TX], Immediate Past Chair
- II. Public Comment
 - a. Matters Not on the Agenda - *Kinney*
- III. Old Business
 - a. Administrative Rule Change Implementation
 - b. Workgroup: Privilege to Practice Code of Conduct
 - c. Workgroup: EMS Workforce Privacy Protection
- IV. Reports
 - a. Treasurer's Report- *Vande Lune*
 - b. Review April 2024 Executive Committee Meeting Summary - *House*
 - c. Chair's Report – *Kinney*
 - d. Bylaws & Rules Committee Report – *Schmider*
 - e. Executive Director's Report – *Donnie Woodyard, Executive Director*
 - f. National EMS Coordinated Database Administrator Update – NREMT
- V. New Business
 - a. EMS Week Resolution
 - b. Privilege to Practice Interpretation Memo
 - c. Proposed Rule Change Hearing: June 5, 2024
 - d. Review Q2 2024 Commission Meeting
- VI. Partner Organization Updates
- VII. Adjourn Meeting

** Executive Session to follow the public meeting **

Future Executive Committee Dates	Future Commission Meeting Dates
June 5, 2024	May 14, 2024 (Pittsburg, PA)
July 10, 2024	June 5, 2024
August 8, 2024	October 9, 2024 (Elections)

Meeting Norms:

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 - Members of the public may request to speak during public comment periods by using the "raise hand" function that is found on the menu bar at the bottom of the screen. Staff will unmute your microphone. If you are attending by phone, press *9 to raise your hand and *6 to unmute.
 - Public attendees should announce their name and organization before speaking.
 - Public comments are limited to two minutes or less.
 - In the case of background noise, disruptive behavior, or comments exceeding two minutes, your microphone will be muted.

*All times are approximate. The chair may modify the agenda during the meeting at their discretion.

EMS Week Resolution

DRAFT

To recognize the Week of May 19 - 25, 2024, as Emergency Medical Services Week

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, EMS practitioners are professional medical providers that are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services has grown to fill a gap by providing important, out of hospital care, including preventative medicine, follow-up care, and access to telemedicine; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, pre-hospital nurses, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, trained members of the public, and other out of hospital medical care providers; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice also recognizes State EMS Offices, which serve as the lead state executive branch offices responsible for ensuring a coordinated, systems approach to emergency medical services, overseeing the licensure of EMS personnel, administering the EMS system, and upholding public protection, thereby ensuring effective and responsive healthcare delivery; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating the Emergency Medical Services Week;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice, in recognition of this event, does hereby adopt the week of May 19 - 25, 2024, as EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK, commemorating the 50th Anniversary of EMS Week with the theme: EMS WEEK: Honoring Our Past. Forging Our Future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission encourages the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

ADOPTED by the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice on this day of 1st day of May, 2024.

Briefing Memo

Subject: Request for Endorsement of the Privilege to Practice Logic Model
Date: 24 APR 2024
To: Executive Committee and Legal Counsel
From: Donnie Woodyard, Jr., Executive Director

Introduction

This briefing document is presented to seek the endorsement of the Executive Committee for a logic model designed to clarify and determine the validity of an individual's Privilege to Practice under the EMS Compact. The aim is to ensure compliance with legislative requirements, standardization, and enable accurate interpretation of relevant legislation.

Context and Need for the Logic Model

Recent cases underscore the necessity for a clear, systematic approach to validate the privilege to practice for EMS practitioners across member states. This model ensures that EMS professionals meet all statutory criteria, upholding high standards of patient care and legal compliance.

Example Scenario

Consider a Paramedic licensed in two EMS Compact Member States. In "State A", the Paramedic has voluntarily opted for a **restricted** state license. The restricted license specifically prohibits them from identifying as, practicing, or working as a Paramedic in the state. Although this restriction is non-disciplinary, it is officially noted as "restricted" by State A. In contrast, the Paramedic also holds a valid, unrestricted license in the second state and meets all other requirements for a Privilege to Practice. Should this Paramedic's status in the National EMS Coordinated Database be displayed as Restricted or Valid?

Proposed Response

After reviewing the Model Legislation, specifically "SECTION 4. COMPACT PRIVILEGE TO PRACTICE" and "SECTION 8. ADVERSE ACTIONS," it is asserted that this individual does NOT possess a Privilege to Practice under the EMS Compact due to the restriction in State A. This interpretation aligns with Section 4.E, which states:

- **"If an individual's license in any home state is restricted or suspended, the individual shall not be eligible to practice in a remote state under the privilege to practice until the individual's home state license is restored."**

Consideration

Given that the restriction is non-disciplinary, Section 8.B is relevant but does not alter the outcome:

- **"If an individual's license in any home state is restricted or suspended, the individual shall not be eligible to practice in a remote state under the privilege to practice until the individual's home state license is restored."** This section confirms that any form of restriction, regardless of its origin, affects the compact privilege.

Additional Caveat

If the Paramedic's 'restricted' license in State A naturally expires or is relinquished, the individual's Privilege to Practice status would no longer be restricted, assuming no other barriers exist. However, if a license is restricted under Section 8 due to Adverse Actions resulting from discipline, the mere expiration of the license does not resolve the restriction. This is because the restriction is tied to disciplinary actions, requiring formal resolution or reversal of the disciplinary decision to lift the restriction.

Description of the Logic Model

The logic model for determining the privilege to practice status incorporates multiple criteria evaluated sequentially:

1. **Age Requirement:** At least 18 years old.
2. **Licensing:** Issued by a member state, unexpired, and unrestricted.
3. **Disciplinary Status:** No disciplinary actions that remove the privilege to practice.
4. **Licensure Level:** Must have an unrestricted license as an EMT, Paramedic, or a recognized intermediate level in at least one Member State.

Legislative Context

The legislative underpinning provided in "SECTION 4. COMPACT PRIVILEGE TO PRACTICE" emphasizes the necessity for unrestricted licensure as a condition for the compact privilege. The scenario described reflects the essential need to interpret these provisions strictly to maintain public safety and trust.

Request for Endorsement

We seek your endorsement, or clarification, of this logic model to:

- Ensure alignment with legislative requirements.
- Standardize interpretation and application of the law across member states.
- Facilitate uniform enforcement of licensing standards to protect public health and safety.

Conclusion

The logic model serves as an essential tool for upholding the integrity of the EMS system, ensuring that only qualified individuals practice across member states. Your endorsement will affirm the model's validity and enforceability, providing clear guidance for licensure and regulation of EMS personnel.

Action Items

1. Review the attached logic model and scenario analysis.
2. Provide feedback or suggest modifications.
3. Approve and endorse the model for immediate implementation.

Logic Model for Privilege to Practice Verification

Start: Verification of Privilege to Practice Status

- **Input:** Paramedic's licensure information from multiple states.

Step 1: Age Verification

- **Question:** Is the individual at least 18 years old?
 - **Yes:** Proceed to Step 2.
 - **No:** End Process - Privilege to Practice Not Valid.

Step 2: Licensing Status

- **Question:** Does the individual possess a license issued by a member state?
 - **Yes:** Proceed to Step 3.
 - **No:** End Process - Privilege to Practice Not Valid.

Step 3: License Restrictions

- **Question:** Is the license unrestricted in at least one member state?
 - **Yes:** Proceed to Step 4.
 - **No:** Proceed to Step 5.

Step 4: Expiration of License

- **Question:** Is the license unexpired in the unrestricted state?
 - **Yes:** Proceed to Step 6.
 - **No:** End Process - Privilege to Practice Not Valid.

Step 5: Nature of Restriction

- **Question:** Is the restriction due to disciplinary action or voluntarily relinquished or expired?
 - **Disciplinary Action:** End Process - Privilege to Practice Not Valid.
 - **Voluntary/Expired:** Return to Step 3 (Re-evaluate if another state license is unrestricted and unexpired).

Step 6: Disciplinary Status

- **Question:** Are there any disciplinary actions that remove the privilege to practice?
 - **Yes:** End Process - Privilege to Practice Not Valid.
 - **No:** Proceed to Step 7.

Step 7: Licensure Level

- **Question:** Does the individual hold a license as an EMT, Paramedic, or recognized intermediate level?
 - **Yes:** Proceed to Conclusion.

- **No:** End Process - Privilege to Practice Not Valid.

Conclusion: Privilege to Practice Status

- **Output:** Privilege to Practice is Valid.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULE MAKING

Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice

Date of Issuance: March 28, 2024

Subject: Amendment of Rule 11.2 - Uniform Data Set for the EMS Coordinated Database

Statement of Purpose of Proposed Rule Change:

The Interstate Commission for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Personnel Practice announces proposed amendments to Rule 11.2 regarding the Uniform Data Set required for submission to the National EMS Coordinated Database by EMS Compact member states. The objective of these amendments is to ensure uniformity and comprehensiveness of the data set to ensure all EMS Compact Member States are able to better coordinate and manage EMS personnel across states.

Redline Proposed Changes to Rule 11.2 - Uniform Data Set:

11.2 Uniform Data Set. Member states must submit the following uniform data set to the coordinated database at the frequency indicated.

(A) Identifying information. The following information for each individual who is licensed must be reported within ten (10) business days of completion of licensure application process. Any changes must be reported within ten (10) business days of the change being processed by the member state.

- (1) Full legal name (first, middle, last); and
- (2) suffix (if applicable); and
- (3) date of birth (month, day, year); and
- (4) **Mailing address; and**
- (5) **eMail address; and**
- (6) **Phone number; and**
- (7) identification number (one or both of the following):
 - (a) Social Security Number
 - (b) National EMS ID number.

Public Hearing and Meeting:

A public rule-making hearing and meeting will be held to discuss these proposed changes:

- **Date:** Wednesday, June 5
- **Time:** 4:30 PM Eastern Time
- **Format:** Public Meeting

Participation Details: [Microsoft Teams](#)

Submission of Comments and Requests to Address the Commission:

Written comments are welcomed and should be submitted by June 4. Individuals wishing to address the Commission must submit their request in writing to the Executive Director of the Commission by the same date.

Contact for Submissions:

- **Executive Director:** Donnie Woodyard, Jr
 - **Email:** donnie.woodyard [at] emscompact.gov
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Additional Information:

This public notice represents the Commission's commitment to enhancing the EMS system's effectiveness. We value the contributions of all stakeholders in this important rule-making process.

End of Notice

Q2 2024 Meeting Agenda - DRAFT

Location: Omni William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, PA
Date: May 14, 2024
Time: 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)

- I. Call to Order & Welcome - *Commissioner Kinney (IN), Chair*
 - a. Commissioner Roll Call - *Commissioner House (KS), Secretary*
 - b. Declare Quorum Present - *Kinney*
 - c. Introduce New Commissioners - *Kinney*
 - d. Adopt Business Agenda - *Kinney*
- II. Public Comments Regarding Matters Not on the Agenda - *Kinney*
- III. Old Business
 - a. Action: Review January 2024 (Q1) Meeting Minutes - *House*
- IV. New Business
 - a. Treasurer's Report- *Commissioner Vande Lune (IA)*
 - b. Chair's Report - *Kinney*
 - c. Establish Nominating Committee –*Kinney*
 - d. Executive Director's Report – *Donnie Woodyard, Executive Director*
 - e. National EMS Coordinated Database, Administrator Update – *Ray Mollers, NREMT*
 - f. Bylaws & Rules Committee Update – *Commissioner Joe Schmider [TX]*
 - g. State Roundtable Commissioner Updates – *All Commissioners*
 - i. Compact Implementation
 - ii. Status of Compliance with Statute and Administrative Rules
 - iii. Challenges / Opportunities
- V. Federal Partners Update
- VI. NGO & Professional Organizations Update
- VII. Adjourn Meeting

**** Executive Session of the Commission to immediately follow adjournment of the public meeting.****

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PRESS RELEASE

Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice Celebrates National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

WASHINGTON, DC, APRIL 14, 2024 – The Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice joins colleagues across the nation in celebrating April 14-20 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. This special week honors the thousands of men and women who respond to emergency calls, dispatch emergency professionals and equipment, and render life-saving assistance to the world's citizens.

Every year in the United States, EMS personnel respond to over 55 million calls for assistance. Behind each of these responses is a dedicated team of public safety telecommunicators. Their vital role often goes unseen, but it is critical to the effectiveness of our emergency response system.

Donnie Woodyard, the Executive Director of the Commission, emphasizes the importance of these professionals, stating, "The role of EMS Telecommunicators and dispatchers has never been more critical. They are the unseen backbone of our emergency response system, ensuring rapid and efficient communication that saves lives every day. This week, we honor their dedication and relentless commitment to public safety."

For more information, please visit www.emscompact.gov

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About the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice (ICEMSPP)

The Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice (ICEMSPP), established under the Recognition of EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact (REPLICA) legislation, is the governing body responsible for overseeing the operations of the EMS Compact. The Commission, comprising appointed Commissioners from each member state, ensures compliance with the Compact's provisions, manages its operations, and resolves interstate disputes. The ICEMSPP's jurisdiction focuses on cross-border EMS activities, maintaining a national database of EMS personnel, and upholding uniform practices across member states to enhance EMS care and public safety.