

Draft Policy Public Comments Received: 12/31 - 01/31/2025

B-451 Advanced EMT Scope of Practice DATE NAME PUBLIC COMMENT Is the expectation that we blend this policy into our operation for EMT-B roles? Is there a current provider that has this position employed in their operation in SD County?

1/31/2025 Christopher Kahn	Thank you for updating this policy. State regulations are ambiguous in that CCR 100076.02(b)(4)(A) allows for "glucose solutions" to be given IV, while CCR 100076.02(b)(4)(D) specifically requires D50 for adults and D25/D10 for children. Since administration of lower-osmolarity glucose solutions such as D25/D10 is often preferred for adults, removing the specific concentrations from local scope while keeping the more general "glucose solutions" language should clear up this confusion and allow D25/D10 to be used in adults by AEMTs if appropriate. One recommended change might require a change in the state regulations, which would be to allow glucose solutions and isotonic balanced salt solutions to be given via the IO route. Standard practice is that any resuscitation fluid/medication that can be given via the IV route can also be safely given via the IO route, which presumably is why it's allowed for paramedics under CCR 100091.02(c)(1)(H) and the proposed changes to our own local policy (P-401). It does not make sense that an AEMT can place an IO catheter into a child's bone but cannot use it to give the medications they are authorized to give through an IV catheter.
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