

In its notice of expanded scope of practice for CCT EMS providers published at 45 Pa.B. 2678 (May 30, 2015), the Department provided an inaccurate explanation of the expanded scope of practice for CCT EMS providers providing airway/ventilation/oxygenation. This skill is listed at item 49 in both the general scopes of practice published at 45 Pa.B. 377 (January 17, 2015) and in the expanded scope of practice published at 45 Pa.B. 2678. The accurate explanation of the skill is as follows:

49	<i>Category</i>	<i>Skill</i>	<i>Critical Care Transport Provider (Paramedic, PHRN, PHPE or PHP)</i>
	Airway/ventilation/oxygenation	Ventilators that are portable and capable of being transported with a patient and are multi-modal, with a blender, that are used on patients requiring pressure control, pressure support or other advanced setting, or when there is an anticipated need by a healthcare provider involved with the care of the patient to actively titrate ventilator settings during transport, regardless of ventilation mode.	Yes ¹

Yes—The skill is in the scope of practice for Paramedics, PHRNs, PHPEs and PHPs who are authorized to function for an EMS agency that has been licensed as a CCT ambulance service.

1. Paramedics, PHRNs, PHPEs and PHPs who are authorized to function for an EMS agency that has been licensed as a CCT ambulance service may only perform or assist with these skills during interfacility transport with a CCT ambulance.

All other skills listed at 45 Pa.B. 2678 for CCT EMS providers are unchanged by the correction listed in this update.

As a reminder, skills identified may be performed by CCT EMS providers only if the provider has successfully completed training (cognitive, affective and psychomotor) on the specified skill, which includes training to perform the skill on adults, children and infants, as appropriate. These providers may only perform skills that are indicated through either Statewide or other Department-approved protocols or that are ordered online by a medical command physician.

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Availability of Amendment to the Bureau of Autism Services' Adult Autism Waiver

The Department of Human Services (Department) is making available for public review and comment the Department's proposed Adult Autism Waiver (AAW) amendment. The purpose of the amendment is to incorporate changes that are being developed as part of the Commonwealth's implementation of the No Wrong Door requirement in the Balancing Incentive Program (BIP) and to remove references in the AAW to the International Statistical Classification of Disease and Related Health Problems (ICD-9) codes and the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) IV.

Background

The Commonwealth is pleased to be a participant in the Federal BIP. Participation in BIP will allow the Department to build upon current efforts to rebalance the

delivery of long-term services and supports. The Department will implement the required structural changes under BIP including improved access to services with a No Wrong Door approach.

Currently, if an individual is interested in receiving AAW services he can call a toll-free number and provide demographic and contact information. The proposed amendment will also allow an individual who is interested in receiving AAW services to contact the Department through completing the Information and Referral Tool, which will be available on-line, or through the COMPASS system. The Department's COMPASS system is a web site that includes an online application that can be used to apply for many of the Department's programs.

The AAW currently references the DSM-IV and the ICD-9 codes. Both have been replaced. As a result, the proposed amendment will revise the AAW to include that to be eligible for the AAW an individual must have a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) as ASD is defined in the most recent version of the DSM applicable at the time of the diagnosis.

The Bureau of Autism Services has proposed an amendment to the AAW to reflect these changes.