

WAC 246-976-182 Authorized care—Scope of practice. (1) Certified EMS personnel are only authorized to provide patient care:

(a) When performing in a prehospital emergency setting or during interfacility ambulance transport; and

(b) When performing for a licensed EMS agency or an organization recognized by the secretary; and

(c) Within the scope of care that is:

(i) Included in the approved instructional guidelines/curriculum for the individual's level of certification; or

(ii) Included in approved specialized training; and

(iii) Included in state approved county MPD protocols.

(2) If protocols and regional patient care procedures do not provide off-line direction for the situation, the certified person in charge of the patient must consult with their online medical control as soon as possible. Medical control can only authorize a certified person to perform within their scope of practice.

(3) All prehospital providers must follow state approved triage procedures, regional patient care procedures and county MPD patient care protocols.

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