

**DESCRIPTION:** Under limited supervision, serves as an advanced specialist with the responsibility to provide guidance and leadership to ensure the availability of quality patient care in emergency medical service settings. Within an assigned geographical region provides technical assistance to out-of-hospital care providers and other medical professionals, assesses educational needs, interprets statutes, interprets rules and regulations, promotes quality improvement planning and system development, and performs inspections of ambulatory services and facilities. Serves as the technical expert to communities and emergency response agencies on all aspects of out-of-hospital care; performs related work as required.

**DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:** (A position is assigned to this class based on scope and level of work performed as outlined below.)

Positions in this series work with Out-of-Hospital Healthcare Providers, Emergency Medical Services, Physician Medical Directors, healthcare facilities, training agencies and other partners to promote, enhance, and build emergency healthcare in the state.

This is the second classification, full performance level in the Emergency Medical Services Specialist class series. Incumbents work independently to coordinate emergency medical services program functions. Positions at this level may lead and monitor the work activities of the lower level class.

The Emergency Medical Services Specialist I differs in that it is a training class where incumbents learn to provide technical assistance, conduct investigations, and perform assessments of services independently.

**EXAMPLES OF WORK:** (A position may not be assigned all the duties listed, nor do the listed examples include all the duties that may be assigned.)

Provides technical assistance, training and education to Out-of-Hospital Healthcare Providers, Emergency Medical Services, Physician Medical Directors, healthcare facilities, and training agencies to ensure quality patient care throughout the state.

Provides technical assistance regarding a variety of issues (i.e. system development, rules and regulations, statutes, strategic planning, protocol and policy development, documentation, quality improvement, mandatory reporting regulations, education, significant exposure procedures, and systems of care).

Conducts meetings, discussions, and workshops with individuals and groups to distribute information on Emergency Medical Services practices and programs and to become familiar with a community's Emergency Medical Services needs and available health programs, services, training and education.

Conducts inspections, documents findings, assists with the determination of compliance plans of emergency medical services, and provides written reports to Licensure and the EMS Board to determine compliance with rules and regulations.

Provides technical assistance and/or participates in education and large scale training exercises.

Coordinates with state and local entities in emergency management and security planning and preparedness for, and in response to natural, man-made and technological disasters, biohazards, and terrorism.

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SPECIALIST II (continued)

Serves as a vital information hub to Out-of-Hospital Healthcare Providers, Emergency Medical Services, Physician Medical Directors, healthcare facilities, training agencies and other stakeholders.

Provides guidance and leadership by attending meetings and conferences in order to establish partnerships and relationships with federal, state, local, academic, public and private agencies to ensure efficient and effective delivery of quality patient care.

Provides consultation and education to Emergency Medical Services to ensure that all the requirements are met on the Quality Assurance Report (QAR) to meet the standards and be in compliance with rules and regulations for continued licensure.

Enhances Emergency Medical Services by assisting with the recruitment, retention, recognition, education, ethics, and professionalism of licensed Out-of-Hospital Healthcare Providers.

Maintains and disseminates knowledge with national standards (i.e. ambulance standards, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Health Information Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT), and National Incident Management System (NIMS).

Interprets agency, Federal, State, and local rules, regulations, and guidelines to provide information and answer questions pertinent to Out-of-Hospital Healthcare Providers, Emergency Medical Services, Physician Medical Directors, healthcare facilities, and training agencies.

Provides assistance to emergency medical services in finding resources and funding for training, education and the purchasing of equipment.

Builds relationships between Emergency Medical Services, healthcare facilities, rural, urban, and community stakeholders to advance health initiatives (i.e. Stroke, Trauma, STEMI, Mobile Integrated Health, Community Health, etc.)

Completes projects, activities, regional meetings and reports as assigned or required.

### **KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES, AND SKILLS:** (These are needed to perform the work assigned)

Knowledge of: Emergency medical services, healthcare facilities, infection control, preparedness, statutes, rules and regulations governing Emergency Medical Services in the State of Nebraska, policies and standards of the department; federal laws; and state emergency medical services protocols.

Ability to: provide technical assistance, education and training to individuals, groups, communities, etc.; analyze statistics; plan and coordinate statewide, regional, or local emergency medical services program(s) plan; understand, interpret and apply standards, rules and regulations; conduct unbiased inspection of emergency medical services; effectively communicate and maintain working relationships.

Skill in: interpreting rules, regulations, and guidelines, leading organizations and teams.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SPECIALIST II (continued)

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** (Applicants will be screened for possession of these qualifications. Applicants who need accommodation in the selection process must request this in advance.)

A current license to practice as an EMT, AEMT, or a Paramedic in Nebraska OR training in the armed services as a medical technician or higher level health science professional (such as Paramedic, LPN, RN etc.) is required.

AND

Two or more years' experience in planning and / or providing EMS operations and / or services.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

American Heart Association CPR certified and National Incident Management System (NIMS) 100, 200, 700, and 800 certification or ability to complete within six months of hire as a condition of continued employment.

State agencies are responsible to evaluate each of their positions to determine their individual overtime eligibility status as required by the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).