

Emergency Medical Assistants Licensing Board

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1. Policy Rationale & Purpose:

The Emergency Medical Assistants Regulation Schedule 2 Section 1 (f) sets out Emergency Childbirth as a service the Licensing Board may endorse an EMA First Responder (EMA FR) to provide. The British Columbia Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) Treatment Guidelines do not currently contain a section defining emergency childbirth for any licence category.

The purpose of this policy is to define and clarify the role of an EMA FR providing emergency childbirth pending the addition of emergency childbirth to the BCEHS Handbook.

2. Policy Scope

This policy applies to EMA FRs endorsed by the Licensing Board to provide emergency childbirth services.

3. Policy Statement:

In order to qualify for the emergency childbirth endorsement in Schedule 2 of the EMA regulation, an EMA FR must complete Board recognized training that includes all of the applicable National Occupational Competency Profile (NOCP), excluding any transport decisions, for the Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) licence category. The NOCPs for provision of obstetrical care for a patient at the EMR level are:

- Describe the pathophysiology of specific illnesses and injuries to the female reproductive system:
 - Ectopic pregnancy
 - First trimester bleeding
 - Third trimester bleeding
 - Post-partum bleeding
 - Neonatal care
- Apply assessment techniques specific to the obstetrical patient
- Describe the approach to an obstetrical patient
- List complications of labour and delivery
- Identify how patient history relates to patient presentation
- List indications that suggest the need to prepare for imminent delivery
- Demonstrate the ability to approach, assess, treat and transport a patient
- Justify approach, assessment, and care decisions

4. Legal Authority:

- [The Emergency Medical Assistants Regulation](#)

5. Key Stakeholders:

- BCEHS
- Fire Rescue
- Training Institutions

6. Definitions:

Emergency Childbirth - Imminent delivery in the prehospital setting

7. Resources:

- *National Occupational Competency Profile for Paramedics*

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