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EMALB Position Statement on BCEHS Clinical Practice Guidelines

The EMA Licensing Board and Branch are pleased the BCEHS Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPGs) have been published and that BCEHS is open to ongoing feedback from key stakeholders. The Board and the Branch have received several enquires since the publication of the CPGs and I would like to note the following:

- The EMA Licensing Board recognizes BCEHS' authority under the *Emergency Health Services Act* to develop and operationalize provincial guidelines on practice.
- The CPGs may not supersede the Emergency Medical Assistants Regulation and EMA practice cannot contravene the services outlined in [Schedule 1](#) and [Schedule 2](#) of the Emergency Medical Assistants Regulation, nor can the provision of these services be inconsistent with the Code of Ethics as delineated in Schedule 3.
- Incorporating new skills or technologies into practice requires that an EMA successfully complete Board-recognized training, enabling removal of license restrictions or the addition of license endorsements by the EMA Licensing Branch.

Employers may require additional training and other prerequisites, as required, for those services an EMA is licensed or endorsed to perform. EMAs should refer to their service's senior medical authority and/or their standing medical directives/guidelines for further clarification.



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