

RN-EMTs Providing Advance Life Support Care on Ambulances

Minnesota statute 144E.101 Subd. 7(a)(2) states:

*Subd. 7. **Advanced life support.** (a) Except as provided in paragraphs (f) and (g), an advanced life-support ambulance shall be staffed by at least:*

(1) one EMT or one AEMT and one paramedic;

(2) one EMT or one AEMT and one registered nurse who is an EMT or an AEMT, is currently practicing nursing, and has passed a paramedic practical skills test approved by the board and administered by an education program;

This section of statute allows for a Registered Nurse who is also an EMT, and upon successful completion of the NREMT Advanced Skills Exam (the board approved skills test), provide advanced level care while employed by an ambulance service with an ALS license without holding a Paramedic certification.

To obtain a letter authorizing an RN-EMT to practice at an advanced level, the applicant must provide the following to the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board:

- A letter to the EMSRB declaring intent to seek approval to practice at an advanced level
- Proof of a current RN license and a letter from current employer where you are practicing nursing
- Letter from employer where the candidate is going to be working at an advanced level
- Letter of support from the service's medical director where the RN will be working
- Current Minnesota certification as an EMT or AEMT
- Successful completion of the NREMT Advanced Psychomotor Exam in the State of Minnesota where an EMSRB representative is the acting NREMT Representative/State Official.

Once these requirements have been met, the EMSRB will issue a letter to the individual authorizing them to provide advanced level care while working for an ambulance service that holds an Advanced Life Support license issued by the EMSRB.