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**Professional standards of conduct [for a holder of a certificate to practice.](#)**

- (A) A person issued a certificate to practice shall provide professional services that conform to minimal standards of care for the person's certification level under similar circumstances.
- (B) When providing professional services, a person issued a certificate to practice shall exhibit respect for the medical needs and personal values of EMS patients, [families](#), and other ~~certificate to practice holders, medical, or health care~~ [EMS and healthcare](#) practitioners.
- (C) A person issued a certificate to practice shall not discriminate in the provision of EMS on the basis of [age](#), race, color, religion, [gender](#), ~~sex~~[sexual orientation](#), or national origin.
- (D) A person issued a certificate to practice shall provide medically appropriate evaluation, treatment, and disposition of each EMS patient in accordance with Chapter 4765. of the Revised Code, Chapters 4765-1 [to 4765-10 and 4765-12](#) to 4765-19 of the Administrative Code, and the medical protocols of the EMS organization by which the person is employed or with which the person is affiliated.
- (E) A person issued a certificate to practice shall not perform any services that exceed the scope of the person's certificate to practice as set forth in Chapter 4765. of the Revised Code and Chapters 4765-1 to [4765-10 and 4765-12](#) to 4765-19 of the Administrative Code.
- (F) A person issued a certificate to practice shall not misrepresent the person's professional qualifications or credentials.
- (G) A person issued a certificate to practice shall report to the division [as soon as practicable](#) any knowledge of a violation of Chapter 4765. of the Revised Code or Chapters 4765-1 to [4765-10 or 4765-12](#) to 4765-19 of the Administrative Code.
- (H) A person issued a certificate to practice shall consistently demonstrate a standard of knowledge and competency that meets or exceeds the minimal level required under the person's certificate to practice.
- (I) A person issued a certificate to practice shall accurately document, and at the request of the division report, all approved continuing education programs the certificate holder completes in accordance with Chapter 4765-19 of the Administrative Code and within the time parameters set forth by the division.

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- (J) Except as otherwise required by law, a person issued a certificate to practice shall maintain the confidentiality of patient information consistent with state and federal law.
- (K) A person issued a certificate to practice shall not release or provide a medical report or any supporting documentation, or otherwise disclose the contents of a medical report to anyone other than those authorized by law to receive them.
- (L) A person issued a certificate to practice shall not knowingly turn over the care of a patient or delegate EMS functions to a person who lacks the certification and training to provide the appropriate level of care.
- (M) A person issued a certificate to practice shall, within fourteen days of the final sentencing of any criminal offense, provide written notification to the division of such offense. A person issued a certificate to practice shall, within sixty days of the final sentencing of any criminal offense, provide the division a certified copy of the judgment entry from the court in which the conviction occurred, a certified copy of the police or law enforcement agency report, if applicable, and a current bureau of criminal identification and investigation (BCI&I) civilian background check.
- (N) A person issued a certificate to practice who is a witness to any violation of Chapter 4765. of the Revised Code or Chapters 4765-1 to 4765-10 or 4765-12 to 4765-19 of the Administrative Code shall cooperate fully with any investigation conducted by the division.
- (O) A person issued a certificate to practice shall not engage in the illegal use or illegal acquisition of controlled substances, alcohol, or other habit-forming drugs or chemical substances that impair the certificate holder's ability to practice ~~while on duty as an EMS provider.~~
- (P) A person issued a certificate to practice shall not commit fraud, misrepresentation, ~~or material~~ deception, or submit false or misleading information in applying for or obtaining a certificate issued under Chapter 4765. of the Revised Code ~~any of the following:-~~
- (1) Applying for or obtaining a certificate to practice;
  - (2) Renewing a certificate to practice;
  - (3) Responding to audits conducted by the division;
  - (4) Responding to or complying with any official request from the division or the board.

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(Q) A person issued a certificate to practice shall insure patient care provided is documented in a complete and accurate manner.