



Scope of Practice Toolkit

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Overview of ASTHO Scope of Practice Toolkit

The *Scope of Practice Toolkit* addresses key concepts regarding modifying the scope of practice of various healthcare and other practitioners in public health emergency response activities. The toolkit component documents are designed to assist in education, training, and planning activities to prepare for emergencies, as well as to serve as a quick reference resource during an emergency response to an event. The *Scope of Practice Toolkit* is one of six toolkits in ASTHO's Legal Preparedness Series. Please see the Introduction document for additional background on the project and the other toolkits.

Intended Audiences

These documents are specifically designed to address the different needs of discrete audiences within a state health agency:

- State health officers, agency directors, or other senior governmental officials may find the executive overviews and fact sheets of particular interest.
- Preparedness directors and other programmatic staff will find the fact sheets, issue briefs, state analysis guides, and resource materials useful in understanding and gaining more in-depth knowledge about particular concepts and legal issues.
- Legal counsel will find the fact sheets about particular federal laws and regulations, issue briefs, state analysis guides, and citations within the resource materials a good basis from which to conduct additional research and analyze their particular state's authorities on these issues.
- The current issue updates are a good resource for all audiences to learn the latest developments on issues related to the toolkit topic.

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All documents are listed alphabetically within each document category

Executive Overviews

One-page snapshots of key concepts and issues

- [Scope of Practice Key Issues and Concepts](#)

Fact Sheets

Short documents addressing fundamental issues or legal authorities

- [Modified Scope of Practice Used by States in the 2009 H1N1 Influenza Pandemic](#)
- [Scope of Practice Issues in Public Health Emergencies](#)
- [Understanding Licensing, Credentialing, Certification, and Privileging](#)

Issue Briefs

In-depth information and analyses of fundamental issues

- No issue briefs in the toolkit currently

State Analysis Guides

Aids to assist states in identifying and analyzing their own statutes, regulations, and policies

- [Scope of Practice Issues](#) (Word document will download)

Current Issues and Updates

Periodic updates on new and evolving issues

- No updates in the toolkit currently

Resource Materials

Bibliographies and links to key agencies, organizations, laws, and other documents

- [Scope of Practice Supplemental Materials](#)

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