

## **NASEMSO Community Paramedicine State Enabling Legislation**

**Status as of October 2013**

In the Fall of 2013, State EMS officials were asked whether their state law has been interpreted as enabling or prohibiting community paramedicine (CP), and whether their law has been changed to do either.

Thirty-seven responses were received.

(1) Have you interpreted your EMS enabling statute as allowing community paramedicine (within your scope of EMS practice for those individuals) to be provided in the State?

**Yes: 17 No: 8 No Interpretation: 12**

(2) Have you interpreted your EMS enabling statute as prohibiting community paramedicine (within your scope of practice for those individuals) to be provided in the State? **Yes: 2 No: 24 No Interpretation: 11**

(3) Has your enabling statute or regulations been amended to enable or prohibit community paramedicine to be practiced in the State? **Yes: 5 No: 32**

Twenty-six states (70.3%) either allow or do not prohibit CP. Two states (5.4% - California, which is exploring enabling pilot projects and New York, which is writing enabling legislation) prohibit CP. Nine states (24.3%) have not interpreted their law in this regard.

The following table provides state-by-state information.

State	Enable?	Prohibit?	Law Change?	Notes
Alabama	No	No	No	
Alaska	X	X	No	Rules May Prohibit
Arizona	X	No	No	Statutory Committees to Assess This fall
Arkansas	X	No	No	Has One "Model" Service
California	No	Yes	No	
Florida	X	X	No	
Idaho	Yes	No	No	As Long as Scope Creep Doesn't Occur
Illinois	X	X	No	MIH Planning Going On
Indiana	Yes	No	No	
Kansas	Yes*	X	No	* Paramedics Only
Maine	Yes	No	Yes	Pilot Projects Program
Maryland	Yes	No	No	
Massachusetts	Yes?	No?	No	Regs. Being Written?
Michigan	X	X	No	
Minnesota	Yes	No	Yes	Enables CP and Medicaid Reimbursement
Missouri	Yes	No	Yes	Regs. Being Written
Mississippi	X	X	No	
Montana	No	No	No	Interpretations Being Reviewed
Nebraska	No	No	No	
Nevada	Yes	No	Yes	Allows Non-Emergent Home Visits
New Mexico	Yes	No	No	
New York	No	Yes	No	Working on Statute Changes to Enable
North Carolina	Yes	No	No	Expanding Scope/Seeking Medicaid Reimbursement
North Dakota	Yes	No	No	
Ohio	X	X	No	
Oregon	Yes	No	No	Rules Need to be Developed
Pennsylvania	Yes	No	Yes	Law Change Not Just for CP Enablement
Rhode Island	No	No	No	
South Dakota	X	X	No	
Tennessee	Yes	No	No	Need Rules on Education & Endorsements
Texas	Likely Yes	No	No	Allowed Through Delegated practice
Utah	Yes	No	No	
Virginia	X	X	No	
Washington	No	No	No	
West Virginia	X	X	No	
Wisconsin	No	No	No	
Wyoming	Yes	No	No	Rules Need Amending