

ADVANCED FIRST AID COURSE GUIDANCE DOCUMENT FOR SCOPE OF PRACTICE & ASSIST SKILLS

Kittitas County EMS Division complies with the guidance from the Washington State DOH-EMS Section for the Advanced First Aid (AFA) program. The recommended skills are listed below. AFA providers are responsible for communicating their level of care to their peers, the community, and the EMS providers on/or responding to the scene. AFA providers should not perform skills outside their scope, even if directed by or under supervision of a higher level provider. AFA providers may not substitute for an EMS agency's EMS personnel requirements, unless they are serving as the non-EMS driver for a rural BLS Ambulance service approved by the WA State DOH. Your signature below acknowledges your understanding of the AFA scope of practice and skills through this program, and your responsibility to communicate your level of training when appropriate.

AIRWAY

- Head tilt/Chin lift
- Modified Chin lift
- Jaw thrust
- Positive pressure ventilation (BVM) – **NOT IN SCOPE**=O2 administration/oral & nasal airway devices
- Pocket mask
- Airway obstruction removal (manual)

CARDIOVASCULAR CARE

- Cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- Automated External Defibrillation (AED)

PATIENT ASSESSMENT & DIAGNOSIS PROCEDURES

- Blood Pressure-Manual & Automated
- Assess Pulse
- Assess Respirations

TRAUMA CARE

- Cervical Spine Stabilization (manual)
- Extremity Injury Immobilization (manual)
- Hemorrhage Control (direct pressure/bandaging/tourniquet/wound packing)

MEDICAL CARE

- OB - Assist Normal Delivery (when EMS not available)
- Intranasal naloxone administration

ASSIST SKILLS – AFAs are trained to assist EMS providers in the following areas when directed.

- Airway Management (set up equipment and assist within scope and direction of EMS)
- Spinal motion restriction (set up equipment and assist under direction of EMS)
- Extremity immobilization (set up mechanical equipment and assist under direction of EMS)

Print Name & Sign

Date