



Resource Typing Definition for Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services  
Emergency Medical Services

## PARAMEDIC

<b>RESOURCE CATEGORY</b>	Emergency Medical Services
<b>RESOURCE KIND</b>	Personnel
<b>OVERALL FUNCTION</b>	The Paramedic is a health professional whose primary focus is to respond to, assess, and triage emergent, urgent, and nonurgent requests for medical care; apply basic and advanced knowledge and skills necessary to determine patient physiological, psychological, and psychosocial needs; administer medications; interpret and use diagnostic findings to implement treatment; provide complex patient care; and facilitate referrals or access to a higher level of care when the patient's needs exceed the capability level of the Paramedic
<b>COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This position can be ordered as a single resource</li> <li>2. Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as working conditions, length of deployment, security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment</li> </ol>

Each type of resource builds on the qualifications of the type below it. For example, Type 1 qualifications include the qualifications in Type 2, plus an increase in capability. Type 1 is the highest qualification level.

COMPONENT	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>The Paramedic:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Functions as part of a comprehensive Emergency Medical Services (EMS) response, community, health, or public safety system with advanced clinical protocols and medical oversight</li> <li>2. Performs interventions with the basic and advanced equipment typically found on an ambulance, including agency medical director-approved diagnostic equipment</li> <li>3. May provide specialized interfacility care during transport</li> <li>4. Facilitates medical decisions at an emergency scene and during transport</li> <li>5. Provides an important link in the continuum of healthcare</li> </ol>	Not Specified
<b>EDUCATION</b>	Completion of a nationally accredited Paramedic program that meets or exceeds all other state, tribal, and territorial requirements	Not Specified
<b>TRAINING</b>	<p>Completion of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100</li> <li>2. IS-200: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, ICS-200</li> <li>3. IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction</li> <li>4. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction</li> </ol>	Not Specified



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EXPERIENCE	Ongoing, active participation with an EMS-providing entity, organization, or agency	Not Specified
PHYSICAL / MEDICAL FITNESS	Arduous	National Incident Management System (NIMS) Guideline for the National Qualification System (NQS) defines physical/medical fitness levels for NIMS positions.
CURRENCY	Ongoing, active participation with an EMS-providing entity, organization, or agency	Not Specified
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS	State-, tribe-, or territory-granted active status of legal authority to function as a Paramedic	Not Specified



## NOTES

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1. Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated component and capability.
2. This document contains references to non-Federal resources and materials. Such references do not constitute an endorsement by the U.S. government, or any of its employees, of the information or content which a non-Federal resource or material provides.

## REFERENCES

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