

State of South Dakota
Department of Health
Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners

Petition for Declaratory Ruling

Pursuant to the provisions of SDCL 1-26-15, I, a member of the South Dakota Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners staff, do hereby petition the South Dakota Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners for their decision in regard to the following:

1. An amendment to the declaratory ruling on immunizations adopted by the Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners on September 12, 2013.
2. The Board Action in question is as follows: **What professions are authorized to administer immunizations?**
3. The facts and circumstances which give rise to the petition or request to be decided by the Board are as follows: **The South Dakota Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners concluded in a Declaratory Ruling on September 12, 2013, that of the professions under the jurisdiction of the South Dakota Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners, only Physicians and Physician Assistants may administer vaccinations. Paramedics may administer medications in accordance with training, and Medical Assistants may administer medications under the direct supervision of a physician, certified nurse practitioner, certified nurse midwives, or physician assistant. The South Dakota Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners staff have been asked whether, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, administering immunizations is in the scope of practice of emergency medical technician – I/99 and Advanced emergency medical technicians, licensed under SDCL 36-4B.**
4. The precise petition or request to be decided by the Board is as follows: **May emergency medical technician – I/99 and emergency medical technician - Advanced be authorized to administer vaccinations, because it is within their scope of practice, per the scope of practice document adopted by the Board on June 14, 2018.**

Dated at Sioux Falls, SD, this _____ day of December 2020.

By: _____
Margaret Hansen
Executive Director
South Dakota Board of Medical
and Osteopathic Examiners