

## Displaying information for All Roles located in Michigan for All Scenarios

### Good Samaritan Law: Medical Professional

MCLS 691.1501(1)

Other medical professional, Nurse, Physician, EMT

A medical professional, who, in good faith and without compensation, provides emergency care at the scene of an emergency will not be held legally responsible for acting or failing to act. They can be held legally responsible if acting with extreme carelessness or intent to cause harm.

Generally, Good Samaritan laws only offer protection for those individuals who provide care during spontaneous emergencies unrelated to volunteer deployment.

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### Liability: Use of Epi Pen

MCLS 333.17744d

Other medical professional, Volunteer / Other, Nurse, Physician, EMT, Government Public Health, Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Veterinarian, Dentist, Pharmacist, Social Worker, Mental and Behavioral Health Professional

An individual trained to administer auto-injectable epinephrine and does so, will not be held legally responsible for acting or failing to act. They can be held legally responsible if acting with intent to cause harm.

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### Good Samaritan Act: Veterinarian and Veterinary Technician

MCLS 333.18826

Veterinarian

A veterinarian or veterinary technician, who provides emergency care to an animal when the owner is unknown or are not able to contact the owners will not be held legally responsible for acting or failing to act. They can be held legally responsible if acting with extreme carelessness or intent to cause harm.

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### Liability: Use of Opioid Antagonist

MCLS 333.17744c

Other medical professional, Volunteer / Other, Nurse, Physician, EMT, Government Public Health, Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Veterinarian, Dentist, Pharmacist, Social Worker, Mental and Behavioral Health Professional

An individual, who, in good faith, administers an opioid antagonist to a person reasonably believed to be suffering from an opioid related overdose will not be criminally or professionally responsible for acting.

**Liability: Governmental Employee**

MCLS 30.411(2)

Other medical professional, Volunteer / Other, Nurse, Physician, EMT, Government Public Health, Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Veterinarian, Dentist, Pharmacist, Social Worker, Mental and Behavioral Health Professional

An employee of the state or a political subdivision who is acting as a member of disaster relief forces, will not be held legally responsible for personal injuries or property damage.

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**Liability: Authorized Medical Professional**

MCLS 30.411(4)

Nurse, Physician, EMT, Veterinarian, Dentist, Pharmacist

When an emergency declaration is in effect, a medical professional, licensed in this or another state, by the federal government, or a branch of the armed forces, who provides their services at the request of a state official will not be held legally responsible for injuries or death to a person. They can be held legally responsible if acting with extreme carelessness or intent to cause harm.

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**Liability: Acting on Behalf of the Government**

MCLS 691.1407(2)

Other medical professional, Volunteer / Other, Nurse, Physician, EMT, Government Public Health, Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Veterinarian, Dentist, Pharmacist, Social Worker, Mental and Behavioral Health Professional

An officer, employee, or volunteer of a governmental agency, who reasonably believes they are acting within the scope of their authority while the government agency is engaged in a governmental function, will not be held legally responsible for acting or failing to act. They can be held legally responsible if acting with extreme carelessness or intent to cause harm.

This section does not apply to providing medical care, unless, it is provided in a hospital owned and operated by the Department of Community Health or uncompensated care provided during a search and rescue operation.

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**Liability: Disaster Relief Activities**

MCLS 30.411(3)

Other medical professional, Volunteer / Other, Nurse, Physician, EMT, Government Public Health, Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Veterinarian, Dentist, Pharmacist, Social Worker, Mental and Behavioral Health Professional

An employee of the state or a political subdivision, nongovernmental worker, or volunteer who is engaged in disaster relief activities or training, will not be held legally responsible for death or injury to a person.

This section does not apply when providing medical care to a person, except care or treatment provided by an uncompensated search and rescue operation medical assistant or tactical operation medical assistant.

**Liability: Prescription or Dispensing of Opioid Antagonist**

MCLS 333.17744b(4)

Other medical professional, Nurse, Physician, Dentist, Pharmacist, Mental and Behavioral Health Professional

A medical professional, who prescribes or dispenses an opioid antagonist to an individual at risk for an opioid overdose or an individual in a position to assist a person at risk will not be held legally responsible for injury or death due to the administration, or failure to administer, of the opioid antagonist.

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**Good Samaritan Law: Medical Professional in Hospital**

MCLS 691.1502

Other medical professional, Nurse, Physician, EMT, Dentist

A medical professional, who does not have a duty to act in response to an emergency situation in a hospital or medical facility and, in good faith, responds to a request for aid, will not be held legally responsible for acting or failing to act. They can be held legally responsible if acting with extreme carelessness or intent to cause harm.

This section does not apply if the medical professional has a professional-patient relationship or if the medical professional acts outside their scope of license.

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**Liability: Use of Opioid Antagonist**

MCLS 691.1503

Other medical professional, Volunteer / Other, EMT, Government Public Health, Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Veterinarian, Dentist, Pharmacist, Social Worker, Mental and Behavioral Health Professional

An individual, who, in good faith, administers an opioid antagonist to a person believed to be suffering an opioid related overdose, will not be held legally responsible for damages. They can be held legally responsible if acting with intent to cause harm.

This section does not apply if the person administering the antagonist is a physician, physician's assistant, registered nurse, or a practical nurse.

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**Liability: Use of an AED or CPR**

MCLS 691.1504

Other medical professional, Volunteer / Other, Nurse, Physician, EMT, Government Public Health, Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Veterinarian, Dentist, Pharmacist, Social Worker, Mental and Behavioral Health Professional

An individual, who, voluntarily and in good faith, provides emergency care by giving CPR or by the use of an AED, will not be held legally responsible for acting or failing to act. They can be held legally responsible if acting with extreme carelessness or intent to cause harm.

**Liability: National Ski Patrol System**

MCLS 691.1507

Other medical professional, Volunteer / Other, Nurse, Physician, EMT, Government Public Health, Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Veterinarian, Dentist, Pharmacist, Social Worker, Mental and Behavioral Health Professional

A registered member of the national ski patrol system, who, in good faith and while on patrol, provides emergency care at the scene of an emergency, will not be held legally responsible for acting or failing to act. They can be held legally responsible if acting with extreme carelessness or intent to cause harm.

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**Mutual Aid Agreement: Law Enforcement Officer**

MCLS 3.734

Law Enforcement

A law enforcement officer, from a physically adjacent state to Michigan, who provides their services pursuant to a mutual aid agreement, will have the same authority and immunity as a law enforcement officer of Michigan.

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**Liability: Food Donation**

MCLS 691.572

Other medical professional, Volunteer / Other, Nurse, Physician, EMT, Government Public Health, Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Veterinarian, Dentist, Pharmacist, Social Worker, Mental and Behavioral Health Professional

An individual, who, in good faith, donates, prepares, or serves food for use by a nonprofit, or a nonprofit that dispenses the food, will not be held legally responsible for the nature or condition of the food. They can be held legally responsible if acting with extreme carelessness, intent to cause harm, or knew the food was harmful.

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**Liability: Providing Shelter**

MCLS 30.411(7)-(8)

Other medical professional, Volunteer / Other, Nurse, Physician, EMT, Government Public Health, Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Veterinarian, Dentist, Pharmacist, Social Worker, Mental and Behavioral Health Professional

An individual, owning or controlling real estate who, voluntarily and without compensation, allows it to be used to shelter people during an actual, impending, or practice disaster, will not be held legally responsible for injury or damage to a person or property. The person is obligated to make any hidden dangers or safety hazards, that could possibly result in death or injury, known to the people using the real estate.

**Liability: Hazardous Material Spill Volunteer**

MCLS 324.20302

Other medical professional, Volunteer / Other, Nurse, Physician, EMT, Government Public Health, Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Veterinarian, Dentist, Pharmacist, Social Worker, Mental and Behavioral Health Professional

When an emergency declaration is in effect, a person, who, voluntarily and in good faith, assists with a spill of a hazardous material into waters, will not be held legally responsible for acting or failing to act. They can be held legally responsible if acting with extreme carelessness or intent to cause harm.

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**Powers, Duties, Rights, Privileges, and Immunities: Disaster Relief Force Providing Aid in Another Jurisdiction**

MCLS 30.411(1)

Other medical professional, Volunteer / Other, Nurse, Physician, EMT, Government Public Health, Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Veterinarian, Dentist, Pharmacist, Social Worker, Mental and Behavioral Health Professional

Personnel of disaster relief forces, who are employees of Michigan or a political subdivision in this state, will receive the same powers, duties, rights, privileges, and immunities as if they were in their home jurisdiction and working in their official capacity. Personnel of disaster relief forces, who are not employees of Michigan or a political subdivision in this state, will receive the same rights and legal protections as a Michigan state employee.

This section is limited to only when the personnel is on duty.

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**Scope of Practice: Medical Professional**

MCLS 30.411(5)

Nurse, Physician, EMT, Veterinarian, Dentist, Pharmacist

When an emergency declaration is in effect, an out-of-state licensed medical professional can practice in this state, which can include the administration of anesthetics, minor surgery intravenous, subcutaneous, or intramuscular procedures, or the administration of oral and topical medications, but they must be under the supervision of a member of the medical staff of a licensed hospital of this state.

Additional services can be provided under the authority of other state statutes.

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**License Reciprocity: Health Professional**

MCLS 333.16171(c)

Other medical professional, Nurse, Physician, EMT, Dentist, Pharmacist, Social Worker, Mental and Behavioral Health Professional

An individual, who by education, training, or experience substantially meets the licensure requirements of Michigan, can provide medical care during a disaster or at the scene of an emergency.

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**Mutual Aid Agreement: Law Enforcement Officer**

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**Workers' Compensation: Firefighter**

MCLS 419.202

Firefighter

A firefighter, volunteer or paid, who provides their services outside of their jurisdiction and is injured is entitled to workers' compensation.

**Workers' Benefits: State Employee Volunteer Leave**

MCLS 30.411a

Other medical professional, Volunteer / Other, Nurse, Physician, EMT, Government Public Health, Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Veterinarian, Dentist, Pharmacist, Social Worker, Mental and Behavioral Health Professional

A state employee, who is not in the state classified civil service and is a certified disaster service volunteer of the American Red Cross, is entitled to leave with or without pay to participate in disaster relief operations upon request of the American Red Cross.

When an emergency declaration is in effect, a state employee who is a certified disaster service volunteer of the American Red Cross is entitled to leave with regular pay to participate in disaster relief operations upon request of American Red Cross and appropriate approval is given. This is limited to 10 work days in a 12 month period either consecutively or nonconsecutively . No more than 50 state employees will be granted leave during a fiscal year, unless the Governor increases the limit.

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**Powers, Duties, Rights, Privileges, and Immunities: Disaster Relief Force Providing Aid in Another Jurisdiction**

MCLS 30.411(1)

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Personnel of disaster relief forces, who are employees of Michigan or a political subdivision in this state, will receive the same powers, duties, rights, privileges, and immunities as if they were in their home jurisdiction and working in their official capacity. Personnel of disaster relief forces, who are not employees of Michigan or a political subdivision in this state, will receive the same rights and legal protections as a Michigan state employee.

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**Workers' Compensation: Volunteer Civil Defense Worker**

MCLS 418.161(1)(g)

Other medical professional, Volunteer / Other, Nurse, Physician, EMT, Government Public Health, Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Veterinarian, Dentist, Pharmacist, Social Worker, Mental and Behavioral Health Professional

A volunteer civil defense worker, who is on the roster of a civil defense organization of the state or a political subdivision and is injured while performing their duties is entitled to workers' compensation

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**Workers' Compensation: Emergency Medical Services Professional**

MCLS 418.161(1)(h)

EMT

A volunteer emergency medical services professional, who is an on-call member of a life support agency, will be considered an employee of the county, city, village, or township they are working with and is entitled to workers' compensation if they are injured while performing their duties.

**Workers' Compensation: Emergency Rescue Team**

MCLS 418.161(1)(j)

Other medical professional, Volunteer / Other, Nurse, Physician, EMT, Government Public Health, Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Veterinarian, Dentist, Pharmacist, Social Worker, Mental and Behavioral Health Professional

A member of an emergency rescue team, who is injured while performing their duties or during a training, will be considered an employee and is entitled to workers' compensation.

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**Workers' Compensation: On-call Fire Department or Volunteer Underwater Diving Team**

MCLS 418.161(1)(e)

Other medical professional, Volunteer / Other, Nurse, Physician, EMT, Government Public Health, Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Veterinarian, Dentist, Pharmacist, Social Worker, Mental and Behavioral Health Professional

An on-call member of a fire department, paid or unpaid, and a volunteer member of an underwater diving team, who is injured while performing their duties is entitled to workers' compensation.

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**Workers' Compensation: Registered Volunteer Health Professional**

MCLS 418.161(1)(o)

Other medical professional, Nurse, Physician, EMT, Veterinarian, Dentist, Pharmacist, Social Worker, Mental and Behavioral Health Professional

An individual registered with the national health professional volunteer register, who is engaged in the performance of their duties or a training, will be considered an employee and is entitled to workers' compensation.

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**Relevant Compacts**

Interstate Civil Defense and Disaster Compact  
Interstate Mutual Emergency Aid  
Emergency Management Assistance Compact