

# EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT)

## POSITION SUMMARY

### COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER (CHW)

- Frontline public health worker who is a trusted member of and/or has a close understanding of the community served.
- Serve as a link between health services and the community to facilitate access to services and improve service delivery.

### EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT)

- Provide out of hospital emergency medical care/ transportation for critical and emergent patients who access the EMS system.
- Have the basic knowledge/skills necessary to stabilize and safely transport patients.

## TRAINING AND PREREQUISITES

- Completion of an approved CHW Training Program by SD DSS.
- Certification through Indian Health Service Community Health Representative basic training, a CHW program approved by the South Dakota Board of Technical Education or the South Dakota Board of Regents, or a CHW training program approved by the State.

- Complete state approved EMT training program.
- Possess a valid CPR certificate.
- Qualify the NREMT examination.
- 18 years or older with high school diploma or GED.
- Pass criminal background screening.

## CERTIFICATES AND LICENSURE

- No certificate or license is required in SD.

- Valid South Dakota license through SDDOH.
- Advanced Emergency Medical Technician—required to attend a state-approved, competency-based training course as well.

## TYPICAL SUPERVISORS

- Clinic, nursing, or another organizational manager.

- EMT supervisor, nurse, or physician.

## MEDIAN HOURLY WAGE *(NATIONAL)*

Community Health Worker (CHW) - \$20.19

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) - \$17.62

### SOURCES

To view the complete comparison of a CHW and EMT and to review the sources for this information, visit [www.chwsd.org/career-comparisons/](http://www.chwsd.org/career-comparisons/)