

Maine EMS Rules Change Proposal
Explanation To Maine EMS Board Regarding Proposed Changes
January 13, 2009

Chapter 1 – MISSION AND GOALS OF THE MAINE SYSTEM

Lines 80-81

Changed for consistency with statute – adds emergency medical dispatch as part of the EMS system

Chapter 2 DEFINITIONS

Lines 232-234

Changed for consistency with statute.

Lines 251-254

Changed for consistency with statute.

Lines 390 - 392

New definition for Patient Run Report/Record that needs to be filed by Ambulance Services and Non-Transporting Services documenting each call or for each patient when more than one patient is involved, when requested by the public.

Lines 395 - 405

New definitions for Paramedic Inter-Facility Transfer (PIFT), PIFT Service and PIFT Provider.

Lines 413 – 415

Changed for consistency with statute.

Lines 430 - 431

Housekeeping

Chapter 3 AMBULANCE AND NON-TRANSPORTING SERVICE LICENSES

Line 505

Removes in concert with the regional medical director.

Lines 534 - 541

Adds A. Unless otherwise approved by MEMS a service must be separately licensed for each base.

B. A service may apply for a single license for multiple bases locations provided they have a Service Medical Director and a single QA/QI program that is approved by the Board and the Service Medical Director

Lines 563 - 565

Adds if the service is requesting an endorsement for PIFT the fee is an additional \$50.00.

Lines 620 - 628

Removed #6 that applicant has obtained the written approval of the regional medical director.....

Lines 651 – 657

Removes that applicant has notified regional council of seeking licensure by the Board and that regional council must submit any comment within 45 days of an applicant notifying the council.

Line 689 - 691

Adds if the service is requesting an endorsement for PIFT the fee is an additional \$50.00.

Line 736

Removes notifying regional councils adds Maine EMS.

Lines 759 – 761

Defines response

Line 764

Removes in concert with the regional medical director.

Lines 768 – 769

Adds modified response to a non-emergency medical call.

Line 776

Removes the regional medical director.

Line 788

Clarifies run report record will be submitted electronically.

Line 791

Removes #2 that MEMS will distribute run forms.

Lines 794 - 795

Clarifies run report record will be submitted electronically on a weekly basis.

Lines 844

Changed statue, other repealed

Lines 891 - 892

Removes a Maine licensed and adds with a valid license. Clarifies run report record will be submitted electronically.

Lines 1037 - 1038

C. added to state that each year MEMS shall inspect each non-transporting service.

Chapter 3-A EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH CENTER

Entire Chapter:

Changed for consistency with statute - References to “EMD Service(s)” changed to “EMD Center(s)” and “certification(s)” changed to “license(s)” consistent with 2007 statute change.

Lines 1131 - 1133

Changed for consistency with statute – provides that Quality Assurance requirements are as set forth in the Maine EMS approved Emergency Medical Priority Reference System.

Lines 1148 – 1150

Removed unnecessary wording

Lines 1177 - 1181

Changed for consistency with statute – EMD Centers are required to report employment and termination of Emergency Medical Dispatchers.

Lines 1216- 1218

Establishes a deadline of July 1, 2010 for licensed EMD Centers to transition to Statewide EMD Training program and protocol .

Chapter 4 AIR AMBULANCE LICENSES

Line 1292

Removes in concert with the regional medical director.

Lines 1318 - 1323

Added A. Unless otherwise approved by MEMS a service must be separately licensed for each base.

B. A service may apply for a single license for multiple bases locations provided they have a Service Medical Director and a single QA/QI program that is approved by the Board and the Service Medical Director

Lines 1344 - 1347

Adds if the service is requesting an endorsement for PIFT the fee is an additional \$50.00.

Line 1439 and 1482

Housekeeping

Lines 1510 - 1515

Removes that applicant has notified regional council of seeking licensure by the Board and that regional council must submit any comment within 45 days of an applicant notifying the council.

Lines 1543 - 1546

Adds if the service is requesting an endorsement for PIFT the fee is an additional \$50.00.

Lines 1603 – 1605

Removes #5. Apply for new permission to provide a higher level of care by notifying regional councils.

Line 1634

Removes in concert with the regional medical council.

Line 1641

Clarifies run report record will be submitted electronically.

Line 1644

Removes #2 that MEMS will distribute run forms.

Lines 1646 - 1647

Clarifies run report record will be submitted electronically on a weekly basis.

Line 1693

Changed statute, other was repealed

Chapter 5 PERSONNEL LICENSES

Line 1966

Adds Ambulance Attendants must follow MEMS Rules dated March 6, 1992.

Line 2014

Housekeeping

Lines 2052 - 2064

Housekeeping combining A and D.

Line 2102 and 2124

Changes Maine license not expired by two year and removed three years.

Lines 2109 – 2116

Changes categories to include BLS Pediatric and ALS Pediatric

Lines 2133 – 2161, 2213 – 2237 and 2247 - 2262

Removed – no longer applies after 2004.

Lines 2166 – 2195

Changes hours to include the new pediatric categories

Lines 2239 - 2240

Removes juvenile adjudications and adds for alcohol and drugs.

Chapter 5-A: EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCHER LICENSE

Entire Chapter:

Changed for consistency with statute - References to “EMD Service(s)” changed to “EMD Center(s)” and “certification(s)” changed to “license(s)” consistent with 2007 statute change.

Lines 2333 - 2335

Changed for consistency with statute - Requirement for Maine EMS notification when an EMD is hired or terminated was shifted from the individual provider to the EMD Center.

Lines 2333 - 2344

Removed – paragraph applied to initial licensing of emergency medical dispatchers prior to January 1, 2007 EMD implementation date

Line 2368

Changed for consistency with statute - Adds requirement that and EMD, must be employed by a Maine licensed EMD Center in order to obtain an individual license.

Lines 2375 – 2393

Changes training certification requirements for an emergency medical dispatch from specific Maine EMS CEH categories to current certification by the entity that provides the statewide EMD protocol (i.e., National Academies of Emergency Dispatch [NAED]). NAED requires

twenty four hours of continuing education and CPR certification in order to maintain NAED certification. The change will eliminate redundancy in the current certification and licensing requirements

Lines 2396 – 2429

This section was modified to maintain ability to use MEMS CEH for license renewal during the transition period to the single statewide EMD protocol. CEH category numbers are being changed to facilitate addition of pediatric CEH categories for EMS.

Lines 2428 - 2429

Unnecessary wording removed regarding license renewal

Lines 2456 - 2459

Establishes a deadline of July 1, 2010 for licensed dispatchers to transition to Statewide EMD Training program and protocol .

Chapter 7 STATE LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS

Lines 2562 - 2563

Removes by exam administrators and exam proctors approved by Maine EMS. And § 2.

Lines 2565 - 2568

Housekeeping

Chapter 8 TRAINING COURSES AND CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS USED FOR LICENSURE

Lines 2717 - 2718

Removes to receive approval and replaced it with for Maine EMS to consider granting CEH approval.

Chapter 9 INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION

Entire Chapter

All certification changed to license throughout the chapter.

Entire Chapter

Change Lead Instructor to I/C.

Chapter 9-A EMD TRAINING, INSTRUCTORS, AND CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

Line 2948 – 2979

The changes to Chapter 9-A will require that training and instructor requirements will be in accordance the Maine EMS–approved Emergency Medical Dispatch Priority Reference System (EMDPRS). The change will provide greater Board flexibility in establishing or modifying EMS training and instructor requirements

CHAPTER 10: RECIPROCITY

Line 3063 and 3071

Removes or province as a person has to have a US Social Security number to receive reciprocity.

CHAPTER 14 SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

Lines 3626 - 3627

Adds a suspected or obvious injury, and removes the use of gloves.

CHAPTER 15: MAINE EMS REGIONS AND REGIONAL COUNCILS

Lines 3742 - 3743

Adds The Board shall delineate regions within the State in accordance with 32 M.R.S.A. Chapter 2-B § 89 (1).

Lines 3745 – 3781

Removes # 1 A-F and #2 A and B.

CHAPTER 17: EQUIPMENT LISTS FOR MAINE EMS SERVICES AND REGIONAL EMS RADIO FREQUENCIES

Equipment List for Non-Transporting Services

Line 4001 - Adds 1 AED

Line 4008- Adds 1 Bag Valve Mask, Infant

Line 4071 - Adds Stethoscopes, I – adult, and 1 – pediatric

Line 4086 - Adds reflective to vests

Equipment List for Ground Ambulance Services

Line 4115 – Adds 1 AED

Line 4122 – Adds 1 Bag Valve Mask, Infant

Line 4196– Adds 1 Pulse Oximeter

Line 4198– Removes rope

Line 4230 – Adds Stethoscopes, I – adult, and 1 – pediatric

Line 4255 – Adds B. Optional Equipment: 1 Glucometer

Equipment List for Scene Response Air Ambulances

Line 4354– Adds Stethoscopes, I – adult, and 1 – pediatric

The Advanced Life Support equipment list for scene response air ambulances

Line 4386 – Adds 12 Lead

Line 4397 – Adds either a colorimetric or continuous waveform or capnometric device

Line 4406 – Adds 1 Glucometer

Line 4423 – Adds Periglottic Devices or Transglottic Devices

Equipment List for Transfer Air Ambulances

Line 4464 – Adds 1 Bag Valve Mask, Infant

Line 4470 – Adds 1 Glucometer

Line 4483 – Adds either a colorimetric or continuous waveform or capnometric device

Line 4507 – Adds Periglottic Devices or Transglottic Devices

Line 4512 – Removes Monitor/Defibrillator was listed twice

Line 4534 – Adds Stethoscopes, I – adult, and 1 – pediatric

Line 4542 – Adds 12 lead

Advanced Life Support Equipment List

Line 4592 – Adds 12 lead

Line 4599 – Adds either a colorimetric or continuous waveform or capnometric device

Line 4624 - Adds Periglottic Devices or Transglottic Devices

Line 4638 – Removes Cardiac Monitor, listed twice.

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