



Memorandum

Maine EMS Proposed Rules Changes

To: All Interested Parties
From: Maine Emergency Medical Services
Date: August 14, 2020
Topic: Maine EMS Proposed Rules Changes Summary

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Re: Maine EMS proposed Rules Changes

This is a general overview of the proposed changes. This is not intended to be a complete assessment of the proposed changes. A complete rules document can be found on the Maine EMS Website at:

[Maine EMS Website](#)

The public comment period closes on September 25, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. Public comments can be submitted electronically by clicking on this link.

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Note: Changes made since our last update are made in italics.

- Chapter 1 Mission and Goals Of The Maine EMS System
 - Minor technical changes
- Chapter 2 Definitions
 - Minor technical changes
 - *Under the definition of Service Level Medical Director, the Nurse Practitioner language was modified*
- Chapter 3 Ground Ambulance Service And Non-transporting Service Licenses

- *The fee for an EMS vehicle has been removed, and pro rating of vehicle fees will be maintained*
- Adds a requirement that all agencies designate a point of contact for education and training
- Adds a requirement for agencies licensed or permitting to the AEMT or paramedic level to have a medical director
- For services that apply with a medical director, they must include a medical director acknowledgement
- Adds a requirement for a safety plan that addresses patient, provider and public safety
- Sets agency expiration dates to November 30
- PIFT designations must be renewed annually with the service license
- Clarifies the meaning of “able to provide care”
- Removes the annual average response time of 20 minutes or less
- Patient care reports will be due in 24 hours
- Incorporates by reference the NFPA 1917 & SAE J 3027 standard for ambulance litter integrity, retention, and patient restraint fasteners
 - *The deadline for compliance was moved to January 1, 2022*
- Chapter 3-A Emergency Medical Dispatch Center Licenses
 - Requires dispatch centers to utilize the electronic version of the EMD protocol
 - Adds a requirement for dispatch centers to have a policy that addresses what to do when an EMS agency does not respond to the notification of a call.
 - Adds a requirement that effective June 1, 2020, licensed EMD Centers must provide the Emergency Medical Dispatch Determinant code to responders as part of the Emergency Medical Services dispatch to a call for medical treatment or transport on all calls received through the 911 system.
- Chapter 4 Air Ambulance Service Licenses
 - *In Section 5(1)(C)(2)(dd), –“Victim recovery procedures in the post-crash or unanticipated incident” was removed*
 - *Section 5(1)(C)(4) – to require full time dispatch capability is in conflict with FAA regulations so “during operating hours” was added to line 1980 & 1981*
 - *Section 9(2)(A) – This was reworded due to the EMS person being the only one whose license is comparable to the service license level. It now reads “EMS Person licensed by the State, at or above the level to which the service is licensed or a, Registered Nurse, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, Physician, or Physician’s Assistant”*
 - *Section 13(2) & (5) – we will continue to pro rate fees for air ambulance vehicles*
 - *Section 15(1)(L)(4) – this language was confusing “must be located” was changed to read “must be secured”*

- Moves the Restricted Response Air Ambulance requirement away from an air ambulance service and makes it available to a ground ambulance service for licensing requirements.
- Several changes in this chapter focus on regulating the medical care provided by an air ambulance service instead of on areas that are regulated by the FAA.
- Chapter 5 Personnel Licenses
 - *Section 5(2)(D)(2) –March 1, 2016 was pushed to January 1, 2021*
 - *Section 5(2) (D(3)(b)) was reverted to the original language of “An applicant is determined by Maine EMS to be eligible to license based upon a current certification or license from another state or territory”*
 - Incorporates by reference the 2007 NHTSA EMS Scope of Practice
 - Over a period of time, CEH hours for all levels will transition towards the NCCP model, which removes the requirement for providers to seek out skills hours and offers the opportunity for competency verifications from the agency training officer
 - Requires EMS personnel to attest to having sufficient CEH credits to renew and allows Maine EMS to audit a random selection of license renewals to check for compliance
 - Adds language regarding competence verification requirements
 - Changes the licensing period from three years to two years
- Chapter 5-A Emergency Medical Dispatcher Licenses
 - Removes the requirement that a dispatcher be employed by a dispatch center in order to maintain their license
- Chapter 6 Advanced Life Support Drugs And Medications
 - Minor language changes
 - *Section 2(2)(E) was updated to be reflective of the actual substance types.*
- Chapter 7 State Licensure Examinations
 - Minor language changes
- Chapter 8 Training Courses And Continuing Education Programs Used For Licensure
 - Minor technical clarifications
- Chapter 8-A Training Centers
 - Minor language clarifications
- Chapter 9 Instructor Coordinator Licenses
 - Changes the licensing period from three years to two years
 - Allows Maine EMS to audit random renewal applications for compliance
- Chapter 9-A Emergency Medical Dispatch Training, Instructors, And Continuing Education Programs
 - Minor language changes

- Chapter 10 Reciprocity
 - Minor language changes
- Chapter 11 Standards and Procedures For Refusing To Issue Or Renew A License, And For Modifying, Suspending, Or Revoking A License
 - Minor language updates
 - Adding quality rules for dispatchers
- Chapter 12 Procedures for Licensing Actions And Board Actions
 - *Some revisions were rejected, and the original language was kept, specifically, Section 1(1): Add sentence back in "The investigating body may require that the complaint be submitted on complaint forms developed for that purpose..." &*
 - *Section 1(2)(C) & (E): "subcommittee" was added back in*
 - *Section 2(1)(A): "denial of the application or negotiation of a consent agreement" was added back in.*
 - Minor language changes as this chapter is largely derived from statute
 - Adds a non-disciplinary refusal to renew
- Chapter 13 Waiver of The Rules
 - Minor language changes
 - *Sections 4 and 5: Added "or organization" to make consistent with the Board's changes to Sections 1 and 2*
- Chapter 14 Sexual Misconduct
 - Minor language changes
- Chapter 15 Maine EMS Regions and regional Councils
 - Minor language changes
- Chapter 16 Death Benefits for Emergency Medical Services Persons Who Die In The Line Of Duty
 - Minor language changes
- Chapter 17 Equipment Lists For Maine EMS Services And regional EMS Radio Frequencies
 - *Section 4 (Dressings and Bandages): Footnote 12 was unclear. Remove "Aluminum foil roll must be 18" by 25"; change "and" to "as well as" to make clear that both required*
 - Changes the equipment chapter from a list to a table
 - Adds clarification to sizes of equipment
 - Brings equipment required by protocol into the Rules
- Chapter 18 Quality Assurance and Improvement
 - Minor language changes
- Chapter 19 Community Paramedicine
 - No changes