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AGENCY: **16-163** - Department of Public Safety (DPS), **Maine Emergency Medical Services (Maine EMS)**

CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: **Ch. 1 thru 19**

TYPE OF RULE: Routine Technical

PROPOSED RULE NUMBERS: **2020-P051 thru P072**

BRIEF SUMMARY: Over the past several years the Maine EMS board conducted a systematic review of the Maine EMS rules. These proposed changes include updates to language in the following chapters:

- **Ch. 1**, Mission and Goals of the Maine EMS System
- **Ch. 2**, Definitions
- **Ch. 3**, Ground Ambulance Service and Non-transporting Service Licenses
- **Ch. 3-A**, Emergency Medical Dispatch Center Licenses
- **Ch. 4**, Air Ambulance Service Licenses
- **Ch. 5**, Personnel Licenses
- **Ch. 5-A**, Emergency Medical Dispatcher Licenses
- **Ch. 6**, Advanced Life Support Drugs and Medications
- **Ch. 7**, State Licensure Examinations
- **Ch. 8**, Training Courses and Continuing Education Programs Used for Licensure
- **Ch. 8-A**, Training Centers
- **Ch. 9**, Instructor Coordinator Licenses
- **Ch. 9-A**, Emergency Medical Dispatch Training, Instructors, and Continuing Education Programs
- **Ch. 10**, Reciprocity
- **Ch. 11**, Standards and Procedures for Refusing to Issue or Renew a License, and for Modifying, Suspending, or Revoking a License
- **Ch. 12**, Procedures For Licensing Actions and Board Actions
- **Ch. 13**, Waiver of the Rules
- **Ch. 14**, Sexual Misconduct
- **Ch. 15**, Maine EMS Regions and regional Councils
- **Ch. 16**, Death Benefits for Emergency Medical Services Persons Who Die in the Line of Duty
- **Ch. 17**, Equipment Lists For Maine EMS Services and regional EMS Radio Frequencies
- **Ch. 18**, Quality Assurance and Improvement

PUBLIC HEARING: none

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FINANCIAL IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTIES:

- The litter retention systems referenced in ch. 3 will be approximately \$5,000/ambulance. This is a requirement only for new ambulances licensed after these rules are in effect. It will not require agencies to upgrade existing litter retention systems. In 2018, Maine EMS issued 37 New Vehicle Applications.

There are 161 Ground Ambulance Services licensed by Maine EMS, with 512 licensed vehicles.

- Ground Ambulance Service and Non-Transporting Service applicants that are applying at or permitting to the Advanced EMT, or Paramedic level, must have a service-specific Medical Director.
- In ch. 3-A, an Emergency Medical Dispatch Center is now required to have the electronic version of the EMD Protocol, there are costs associated with this, however, there is currently no licensed EMD center in the State of Maine that does not comply with this already.
- Ch. 17 is the required equipment chapter; potential financial impact exists in this chapter where Maine EMS has clarified the equipment list.
- The count of required nasal airways has gone from four to seven.
- The count of required oral airways has gone from four to eight
- These above devices have been added to the rules, most if not, all services already comply with these requirements, as an example, our previous requirements of Oral airway, adult small, is not a size that is available on the market.
- A Bougie has been added for Paramedic level services and air ambulance services.
- CPAP devices have been added to the AEMT, Paramedic and Air Ambulance service levels.
- Gastric Tubes have been added to the Paramedic and air ambulance services.
- A Mucosal Atomization device has been added for all levels.
- Hemostatic Agents have been added for all levels.
- Tourniquets have been added for all levels.
- Medication Pumps have been added for Paramedic and Air Ambulance Services.
  - These items are additions from the MDPB Approved equipment list and the Maine EMS Protocols, these items are already a part of every ambulance service in the state, adding them to rule is a formality.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULE: 32 MRS ch. 2-B §88(2-B)

SUBSTANTIVE STATE OR FEDERAL LAW BEING IMPLEMENTED *(if different)*:

MAINE EMS WEBSITE: <https://www.maine.gov/ems/>.