4690.0100 DEFINITIONS.

Subpart 1. **Scope.** For the purposes of parts 4690.0100 to 4690.8300, the following terms have the meanings given them.

Subp. 2. **Air ambulance.** "Air ambulance" means an ambulance that is designed and manufactured to travel by air. It includes fixed wing aircraft and helicopters.

Subp. 3. **Base of operation.** "Base of operation" means the address at which the physical plant housing ambulances, related equipment, and personnel is located.

Subp. 4. [Repealed, L 1999 c 245 art 9 s 66]

Subp. 4a. **Board.** "Board" means the emergency medical services regulatory board.

Subp. 5. **Change.** "Change" means an action or occurrence by which a situation relevant to licensure has become distinctly and materially different such that it can reasonably be expected that the licensee will not meet the conditions of its current license.

Subp. 6. **Change in type of service.** "Change in type of service" means any change in the schedule of:

A. level of service when the change is from basic life support to advanced life support;

B. hours during which service will be available; or

C. the group of individuals for whom services will be exclusively provided such that a new type of license is required.

Subp. 7. **Change of base of operation.** "Change of base of operation" means the relocation of vehicles, related equipment, and personnel housed at one location to another location such that it is no longer possible for the service making the change to meet the conditions of its license regarding its designated primary service area.

Subp. 8. **City of the first class and city of the second class.** "City of the first class" and "city of the second class" have the meanings given to them in Minnesota Statutes, section 410.01.

Subp. 9. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means commissioner of health.

Subp. 10. **Communications base.** "Communications base" means the composite collection of radio base station equipment which is used for two-way radio communications between ambulances and medical facilities.

Subp. 11. **Disaster.** "Disaster" means a sudden occurrence or other temporary condition causing or likely to cause such widespread damage and such mass casualties or threats to the health and safety of members of the public that available ambulance services cannot reasonably be considered adequate to respond to the emergency needs of the affected public.

Subp. 11a. **Deputy director of medical services.** "Deputy director of medical services" means the individual appointed by the director to lead the medical services division and who is a licensed physician under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 147.

Subp. 12. **Drug.** "Drug" means all medicinal substances and preparations recognized by the United States Pharmacopoeia National Formulary, issued by the United States Pharmacopoeial Convention (Rockville, Maryland) or by any revision of that publication. It also means all substances and preparations intended for external and internal use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease in humans or other animals, and all substances and preparations, other than food, intended to affect the structure or any function of the body of humans or other animals.

Subp. 13. [Repealed, L 1999 c 245 art 9 s 66]

Subp. 13a. **Emergency Medical Services Physician Advisory Council.** "Emergency Medical Services Physician Advisory Council" means the advisory council established in Minnesota Statutes, section 144E.035.

Subp. 14. **Full operating condition and good repair.** "Full operating condition and good repair" means a condition in which all systems, parts, elements, and components are completely workable, operational, and reliable.

Subp. 15. [Repealed, L 1999 c 245 art 9 s 66]

Subp. 16. [Repealed, L 2012 c 193 s 50]

Subp. 17. [Repealed, L 2012 c 193 s 50]

Subp. 18. **Land ambulance.** "Land ambulance" means an ambulance that is designed and manufactured to travel on land.

Subp. 19. [Repealed, L 1999 c 245 art 9 s 66]

Subp. 20. [Repealed, L 1999 c 245 art 9 s 66]

Subp. 21. [Repealed, L 1999 c 245 art 9 s 66]

Subp. 22. [Repealed, L 1999 c 245 art 9 s 66]

Subp. 23. [Repealed, L 1999 c 245 art 9 s 66]

Subp. 24. [Repealed, L 1999 c 245 art 9 s 66]

Subp. 25. **Parenteral.** "Parenteral" means not through the alimentary canal, but rather by injection, through some other route.

Subp. 26. [Repealed, L 1999 c 245 art 9 s 66]

Subp. 27. [Repealed, L 1999 c 245 art 9 s 66]

Subp. 28. [Repealed, L 2000 c 313 s 10]

Subp. 29. [Repealed, L 1999 c 245 art 9 s 66]

Subp. 30. **Scheduled ambulance service.** "Scheduled ambulance service" means basic or advanced ambulance service that restricts its services to specified periods of time or to a specified group of people, or restricts the type of services it provides to a specified medical category.

Subp. 31. **Single service.** "Single service" means designed and manufactured to be used once and then disposed of, not to be reused.

Subp. 32. **Sterile.** "Sterile" means free from microorganisms.

Subp. 33. **Substation.** "Substation" means the location from which ambulances and personnel operate to provide ambulance service which is supplementary to that provided from the base of operation and which enables the licensee to serve all points in its primary service area in accordance with the requirements in parts 4690.3400 to 4690.3700.

Subp. 34. **Telemetry.** "Telemetry" means the direct transmission of electronic signals indicating measurement of patient physiological vital signs.

Subp. 35. **Treatment.** "Treatment" means the use of the skills or equipment required by parts 4690.0100 to 4690.8300 for the management and care of an ill or injured person or of a pregnant woman for the purpose of combating disease, minimizing disability, preventing death, or preserving health.

Subp. 36. **Triage.** "Triage" means the sorting out and classification of ill or injured persons to determine priority of need and place of treatment.

Subp. 37. **Variance.** "Variance" means permission to comply in a manner other than that specified by parts 4690.0100 to 4690.8300.

Subp. 38. **Waiver.** "Waiver" means permission not to comply with parts 4690.0100 to 4690.8300.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 144.804; 144E.011; 144E.16*

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