

**8840.5100 DEFINITIONS.**

Subpart 1. **Ambulance.** "Ambulance" has the meaning given to it in Minnesota Statutes, section 144E.001, subdivision 2.

Subp. 1a. **Applicant.** "Applicant" means a person who applies for a new certificate of compliance, or its renewal, as required to operate as a special transportation service provider.

Subp. 1b. **Certificate of course completion.** "Certificate of course completion" means a certificate that includes the:

- A. name of the training course;
- B. name of the instructor, sponsoring organization, or company who provided the training;
- C. date the training was given;
- D. location where the training was given;
- E. number of hours of training that were provided; and
- F. name and signature of the instructor.

Subp. 2. **Attendant.** "Attendant" means a person who assists in the transportation of passengers in special transportation service vehicles, but who does not drive the vehicle.

Subp. 2a. **City.** "City" includes statutory cities and home rule charter cities.

Subp. 3. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of transportation, or an authorized agent.

Subp. 4. [Repealed, 28 SR 1578]

Subp. 5. **Disabled.** "Disabled" means having a disability.

Subp. 5a. **Driver.** "Driver" means a person who transports passengers in special transportation service vehicles, but who is not a volunteer driver. A volunteer driver is one who transports passengers in a private automobile, and is not subject to the direction or control of a provider.

Subp. 6. **Elderly.** "Elderly" means age 55 and older.

Subp. 6a. **Grants or other financial assistance.** "Grants or other financial assistance" means funds from either the state or federal government, including funds that are distributed to third-party entities under contract with either the state or federal government for purposes of special transportation service.

Subp. 7. **Disability.** "Disability" means having a physical or mental impairment that limits one or more major life activities.

Subp. 8. **Major life activities.** "Major life activities" means functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working.

Subp. 9. **Motor vehicle.** "Motor vehicle" has the meaning given to it in Minnesota Statutes, section 169.011, subdivision 42.

Subp. 10. **Municipality.** "Municipality" has the meaning given to it in Minnesota Statutes, section 466.01, subdivision 1.

Subp. 11. **Person.** "Person" means every natural person; proprietorship, firm, general or limited liability partnership, corporation, limited liability company, or other business entity; association; and body politic.

Subp. 12. **Physical or mental impairment.** "Physical or mental impairment" means any physiological disorder or condition or anatomical loss, any mental or psychological disorder, and specific learning disabilities and includes but is not limited to such diseases and nonacute conditions as orthopedic, vision impairments, speech disabilities, hearing loss, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, cancer, heart disease, developmental disability, emotional illness, drug addiction, and alcoholism.

Subp. 13. **Provider.** "Provider" means a public or private entity or person who operates special transportation service vehicles.

Subp. 14. **Regular basis.** "Regular basis" means either providing more than an average of 12 round trips per month in any calendar year or transporting more than 30 passengers per month.

Subp. 15. **School bus.** "School bus" has the meaning given to it in Minnesota Statutes, section 169.011, subdivision 71.

Subp. 16. **Semiambulatory.** "Semiambulatory" means having the ability to walk with difficulty or with the aid of an artificial limb or personal assistance device such as a brace, a cane, a crutch, or a walker.

Subp. 17. **Special transportation service.** "Special transportation service" means motor vehicle transportation provided on a regular basis by a public or private person that is designed exclusively or primarily to serve individuals who are elderly or disabled and who are unable to use regular means of transportation but do not require ambulance service, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 144E.001, subdivision 3. Special transportation service includes, but is not limited to, service provided by specially equipped buses, vans, taxis, and volunteers driving private automobiles as provided for in Minnesota Statutes, section 174.29, subdivision 1.

Subp. 18. **State.** "State" has the meaning given to it in Minnesota Statutes, section 3.732, subdivision 1, clause (1).

Subp. 19. **Variance.** "Variance" means permission to comply in a manner other than that specified.

Subp. 20. **Vehicle.** "Vehicle" means a motor vehicle used to provide special transportation service.

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