

CHAPTER 144E

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REGULATORY BOARD

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144E.001 DEFINITIONS.

[For text of subds 1 to 7, see M.S.2004]

Subd. 8. **Licensee.** "Licensee" means a natural person, partnership, association, corporation, Indian tribe, or unit of government which possesses an ambulance service license.

[For text of subds 8a to 14, see M.S.2004]

Subd. 14a. **Tribe.** "Tribe" means a federally recognized Indian tribe, as defined in United States Code, title 25, section 450b, paragraph (e), located within the state of Minnesota.

Subd. 15. **Volunteer ambulance attendant.** "Volunteer ambulance attendant" means a person who provides emergency medical services for a Minnesota licensed ambulance service without the expectation of remuneration and who does not depend in any way upon the provision of these services for the person's livelihood. An individual may be considered a volunteer ambulance attendant even though the individual receives an hourly stipend for each hour of actual service provided, except for hours on standby alert, or other nominal fee, and even though the hourly stipend or other nominal fee is regarded as taxable income for purposes of state or federal law, provided that the hourly stipend and other nominal fees do not exceed \$6,000 annually.

History: 2005 c 147 art 10 s 1-3

144E.101 AMBULANCE SERVICE REQUIREMENTS.

[For text of subds 1 to 13, see M.S.2004]

Subd. 14. **Trauma triage and transport guidelines.** By July 1, 2009, a licensee shall have written age appropriate trauma triage and transport guidelines consistent with the criteria issued by the Trauma Advisory Council established under section 144.608 and approved by the board. The board may approve a licensee's requested deviations to the guidelines due to the availability of local or regional trauma resources if the changes are in the best interest of the patient's health.

History: 1Sp2005 c 4 art 6 s 34

144E.266 EMERGENCY SUSPENSION OF AMBULANCE SERVICE REQUIREMENT.

(a) The requirements of sections 144E.10; 144E.101, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 13; 144E.103; 144E.12; 144E.121; 144E.123; 144E.127; and 144E.15, are suspended:

(1) throughout the state during a national security emergency declared under section 12.31;

(2) in the geographic areas of the state affected during a peacetime emergency declared under section 12.31; and

(3) in the geographic areas of the state affected during a local emergency declared under section 12.29.

(b) For purposes of this section, the geographic areas of the state affected shall include geographic areas where one or more ambulance services are providing requested mutual aid to the site of the emergency.

History: 2005 c 147 art 10 s 4

144E.27 FIRST RESPONDER REGISTRATION.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.2004]

Subd. 2. **Registration.** To be eligible for registration with the board as a first responder, an individual shall complete a board-approved application form and:

(1) successfully complete a board-approved initial first responder training program. Registration under this clause is valid for two years and expires at the end of the month in which the registration was issued; or

(2) be credentialed as a first responder by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians. Registration under this clause expires the same day as the National Registry credential.

[For text of subds 3 to 6, see M.S.2004]

History: 2005 c 147 art 10 s 5

144E.28 CERTIFICATION OF EMT, EMT-I, AND EMT-P.

Subdivision 1. **Requirements.** To be eligible for certification by the board as an EMT, EMT-I, or EMT-P, an individual shall:

(1) successfully complete the United States Department of Transportation course, or its equivalent as approved by the board, specific to the EMT, EMT-I, or EMT-P classification;

(2) pass the written and practical examinations approved by the board and administered by the board or its designee, specific to the EMT, EMT-I, or EMT-P classification; and

(3) complete a board-approved application form.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.2004]

Subd. 3. **Reciprocity.** The board may certify an individual who possesses a current National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians registration from another jurisdiction if the individual submits a board-approved application form. The board certification classification shall be the same as the National Registry's classification. Certification shall be for the duration of the applicant's registration period in another jurisdiction, not to exceed two years.

[For text of subds 4 to 6, see M.S.2004]

Subd. 7. **Renewal.** (a) Before the expiration date of certification, an applicant for renewal of certification as an EMT shall:

(1) successfully complete a course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation that is approved by the board or the licensee's medical director;

(2) take the United States Department of Transportation EMT refresher course and successfully pass the practical skills test portion of the course, or successfully complete 48 hours of continuing education in EMT programs that are consistent with the United States Department of Transportation National Standard Curriculum or its equivalent as approved by the board or as approved by the licensee's medical director and pass a practical skills test approved by the board and administered by a training program approved by the board. The cardiopulmonary resuscitation course and practical skills test may be included as part of the refresher course or continuing education renewal requirements. Twenty-four of the 48 hours must include at least four hours of instruction in each of the following six categories:

(i) airway management and resuscitation procedures;

- (ii) circulation, bleeding control, and shock;
- (iii) human anatomy and physiology, patient assessment, and medical emergencies;
- (iv) injuries involving musculoskeletal, nervous, digestive, and genito-urinary systems;
- (v) environmental emergencies and rescue techniques; and
- (vi) emergency childbirth and other special situations; and
- (3) complete a board-approved application form.

(b) Before the expiration date of certification, an applicant for renewal of certification as an EMT-I or EMT-P shall:

(1) for an EMT-I, successfully complete a course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation that is approved by the board or the licensee's medical director and for an EMT-P, successfully complete a course in advanced cardiac life support that is approved by the board or the licensee's medical director;

(2) successfully complete 48 hours of continuing education in emergency medical training programs, appropriate to the level of the applicant's EMT-I or EMT-P certification, that are consistent with the United States Department of Transportation National Standard Curriculum or its equivalent as approved by the board or as approved by the licensee's medical director. An applicant may take the United States Department of Transportation Emergency Medical Technician refresher course or its equivalent without the written or practical test as approved by the board, and as appropriate to the applicant's level of certification, as part of the 48 hours of continuing education. Each hour of the refresher course, the cardiopulmonary resuscitation course, and the advanced cardiac life support course counts toward the 48-hour continuing education requirement; and

(3) complete a board-approved application form.

(c) Certification shall be renewed every two years.

(d) If the applicant does not meet the renewal requirements under this subdivision, the applicant's certification expires.

Subd. 8. Reinstatement. (a) Within four years of a certification expiration date, a person whose certification has expired under subdivision 7, paragraph (d), may have the certification reinstated upon submission of:

(1) evidence to the board of training equivalent to the continuing education requirements of subdivision 7; and

(2) a board-approved application form.

(b) If more than four years have passed since a certificate expiration date, an applicant must complete the initial certification process required under subdivision 1.

History: 2005 c 147 art 10 s 6-9