

AN ACT concerning regulation.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act is amended by changing Sections 3.5, 3.35, and 3.65 as follows:

(210 ILCS 50/3.5)

Sec. 3.5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

"Clinical observation" means the ongoing observation of a patient's medical or mental health condition by a licensed health care professional utilizing a medical skill set while continuing assessment and care.

"Department" means the Illinois Department of Public Health.

"Director" means the Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health.

"Emergency" means a medical condition of recent onset and severity that would lead a prudent layperson, possessing an average knowledge of medicine and health, to believe that urgent or unscheduled medical care is required.

"Emergency Medical Services personnel" or "EMS personnel" means persons licensed as an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) (First Responder), Emergency Medical Dispatcher (EMD),

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate (EMT-I), Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (A-EMT), Paramedic (EMT-P), Emergency Communications Registered Nurse (ECRN), Pre-Hospital Registered Nurse (PHRN), Pre-Hospital Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (PHAPRN), or Pre-Hospital Physician Assistant (PHPA).

"Exclusive representative" has the same meaning as defined in Section 3 of the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act.

"Health care facility" means a hospital, nursing home, physician's office or other fixed location at which medical and health care services are performed. It does not include "pre-hospital emergency care settings" which utilize EMS personnel to render pre-hospital emergency care prior to the arrival of a transport vehicle, as defined in this Act.

"Hospital" has the meaning ascribed to that term in the Hospital Licensing Act.

"Labor organization" has the same meaning as defined in Section 3 of the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act.

"Medical monitoring" means the performance of medical tests and physical exams to evaluate an individual's ongoing exposure to a factor that could negatively impact that person's health. "Medical monitoring" includes close surveillance or supervision of patients liable to suffer deterioration in physical or mental health and checks of various parameters such as pulse rate, temperature,

respiration rate, the condition of the pupils, the level of consciousness and awareness, the degree of appreciation of pain, and blood gas concentrations such as oxygen and carbon dioxide.

"Silver spanner program" means a program in which a member under a fire department's or fire protection district's collective bargaining agreement works on or at the EMS System under another fire department's or fire protection district's collective bargaining agreement and (i) the other fire department or fire protection district is not the member's full-time employer and (ii) any EMS services not included under the original fire department's or fire protection district's collective bargaining agreement are included in the other fire department's or fire protection district's collective bargaining agreement.

"Trauma" means any significant injury which involves single or multiple organ systems.

(Source: P.A. 103-521, eff. 1-1-24.)

(210 ILCS 50/3.35)

Sec. 3.35. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Resource Hospital; Functions. The Resource Hospital of an EMS System shall:

(a) Prepare a Program Plan in accordance with the provisions of this Act and minimum standards and criteria established in rules adopted by the Department pursuant to

this Act, and submit such Program Plan to the Department for approval.

(b) Appoint an EMS Medical Director, who will continually monitor and supervise the System and who will have the responsibility and authority for total management of the System as delegated by the EMS Resource Hospital.

The Program Plan shall require the EMS Medical Director to appoint an alternate EMS Medical Director and establish a written protocol addressing the functions to be carried out in his or her absence.

(c) Appoint an EMS System Coordinator and EMS Administrative Director in consultation with the EMS Medical Director and in accordance with rules adopted by the Department pursuant to this Act.

(d) Identify potential EMS System participants and obtain commitments from them for the provision of services.

(e) Educate or coordinate the education of EMS personnel and all other license holders in accordance with the requirements of this Act, rules adopted by the Department pursuant to this Act, and the EMS System Program Plan. An EMS System may coordinate education outside of the region of which it is located with valid justification and Department approval. The didactic portion of education may be conducted through an online platform with EMS System and Department approval. An

education plan within a Resource Hospital may include classes performed outside of the region in which the Resource Hospital is located. When considering whether to approve or deny an education plan for classes performed outside of the region in which a Resource Hospital is located, the Department shall give deference to the EMS Medical Director's education plan request and shall not unreasonably withhold approval.

(f) Notify the Department of EMS personnel who have successfully completed the requirements as provided by law for initial licensure, license renewal, and license reinstatement by the Department.

(g) Educate or coordinate the education of Emergency Medical Dispatcher candidates, in accordance with the requirements of this Act, rules adopted by the Department pursuant to this Act, and the EMS System Program Plan.

(h) Establish or approve protocols for prearrival medical instructions to callers by System Emergency Medical Dispatchers who provide such instructions.

(i) Educate or coordinate the education of Pre-Hospital Registered Nurse, Pre-Hospital Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, Pre-Hospital Physician Assistant, and ECRN candidates, in accordance with the requirements of this Act, rules adopted by the Department pursuant to this Act, and the EMS System Program Plan.

(j) Approve Pre-Hospital Registered Nurse,

Pre-Hospital Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, Pre-Hospital Physician Assistant, and ECRN candidates to practice within the System, and reapprove Pre-Hospital Registered Nurses, Pre-Hospital Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Pre-Hospital Physician Assistants, and ECRNs every 4 years in accordance with the requirements of the Department and the System Program Plan.

(k) Establish protocols for the use of Pre-Hospital Registered Nurses, Pre-Hospital Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, and Pre-Hospital Physician Assistants within the System.

(l) Establish protocols for utilizing ECRNs and physicians licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches to monitor telecommunications from, and give voice orders to, EMS personnel, under the authority of the EMS Medical Director.

(m) Monitor emergency and non-emergency medical transports within the System, in accordance with rules adopted by the Department pursuant to this Act.

(n) Utilize levels of personnel required by the Department to provide emergency care to the sick and injured at the scene of an emergency, during transport to a hospital or during inter-hospital transport and within the hospital emergency department until the responsibility for the care of the patient is assumed by the medical personnel of a hospital emergency department or other

facility within the hospital to which the patient is first delivered by System personnel.

(o) Utilize levels of personnel required by the Department to provide non-emergency medical services during transport to a health care facility and within the health care facility until the responsibility for the care of the patient is assumed by the medical personnel of the health care facility to which the patient is delivered by System personnel.

(p) Establish and implement a program for System participant information and education, in accordance with rules adopted by the Department pursuant to this Act.

(q) Establish and implement a program for public information and education, in accordance with rules adopted by the Department pursuant to this Act.

(r) Operate in compliance with the EMS Region Plan.

(Source: P.A. 100-1082, eff. 8-24-19.)

(210 ILCS 50/3.65)

Sec. 3.65. EMS Lead Instructor.

(a) "EMS Lead Instructor" means a person who has successfully completed a course of education as approved by the Department, and who is currently approved by the Department to coordinate or teach education, training and continuing education courses, in accordance with standards prescribed by this Act and rules adopted by the Department

pursuant to this Act.

(b) The Department shall have the authority and responsibility to:

(1) Prescribe education requirements for EMS Lead Instructor candidates through rules adopted pursuant to this Act.

(2) Prescribe testing requirements for EMS Lead Instructor candidates through rules adopted pursuant to this Act.

(3) Charge each candidate for EMS Lead Instructor a fee to be submitted with an application for an examination, an application for licensure, and an application for relicensure.

(4) Approve individuals as EMS Lead Instructors who have met the Department's education and testing requirements.

(5) Require that all education, training and continuing education courses for EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT, Paramedic, PHRN, PHPA, PHAPRN, ECRN, EMR, and Emergency Medical Dispatcher be coordinated by at least one approved EMS Lead Instructor. A program which includes education, training or continuing education for more than one type of personnel may use one EMS Lead Instructor to coordinate the program, and a single EMS Lead Instructor may simultaneously coordinate more than one program or course. An EMS Lead Instructor may oversee a paramedic with at

least 3 years of experience to teach EMT classes, with a licensed teacher, in high schools. High school students electing to not take the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) Certification exam shall not be accounted for in calculating the course pass rate by the EMS System or Department.

(6) Provide standards and procedures for awarding EMS Lead Instructor approval to persons previously approved by the Department to coordinate such courses, based on qualifications prescribed by the Department through rules adopted pursuant to this Act.

(7) Suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue or renew the approval of an EMS Lead Instructor, after an opportunity for a hearing, when findings show one or more of the following:

(A) The EMS Lead Instructor has failed to conduct a course in accordance with the curriculum prescribed by this Act and rules adopted by the Department pursuant to this Act; or

(B) The EMS Lead Instructor has failed to comply with protocols prescribed by the Department through rules adopted pursuant to this Act.

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