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NOTICE OF A COMMENT PERIOD ON A PROPOSED RULE

Division of Health

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Resources TITLE NUMBER: 64

RULE TYPE: Legislative; CITE AUTHORITY WV Code §§ 16-4C-23 and 16-1-7

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES NO

IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: _____

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: _____

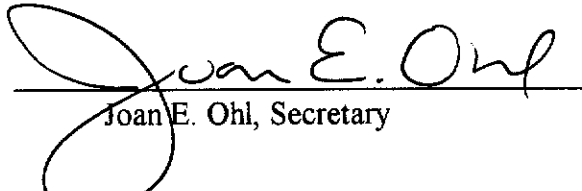
IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: 29

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: Specialized Multipatient Medical Transport

IN LIEU OF A PUBLIC HEARING, A COMMENT PERIOD HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED DURING WHICH ANY INTERESTED PERSON MAY SEND COMMENTS CONCERNING THESE PROPOSED RULES. THIS COMMENT PERIOD WILL END ON August 18, 2000 AT 4:30 p.m. ONLY WRITTEN COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AND ARE TO BE MAILED TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS.

Jerry Rhodes, Deputy Director
DHHR, Bureau for Public Health
Office of Emergency Medical Service
350 Capitol Street, Room 515
Charleston, WV 25301-3716

THE ISSUES TO BE HEARD SHALL BE LIMITED TO THIS PROPOSED RULE.


Joan E. Ohi, Secretary

\$4.00

Brief Summary Of The Rule

This rule addresses the revisions to WV Code §16-4C, enacted by S.B.612 during the 1999 regular legislative session. It clarifies the definition of ambulance and addresses vehicle and personnel requirements for EMS agencies that choose to engage in Specialized Multi Patient Medical Transport services.

STATEMENT OF CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH REQUIRE THE PROPOSED RULE

This proposed rule is in accordance with the intent of Senate Bill 612 that amended and reenacted sections three and eight, article 4C, of Chapter 16 of the West Virginia code, clarifying the definition of "ambulance" and specifying staffing and personnel requirements of specialized multi patient medical transports.

FISCAL NOTE FOR PROPOSED RULES

Rule Title: Division of Health Legislative Rules - Emergency Medical Services - Title 64 Series 29

Type of Rule: **Legislative** **Interpretive** **Procedural**

Agency: Division of Health
 Department of Health and Human Resources

Address: Building 3, Capitol Complex
 Charleston, W. Va. 25305

1. Effect of the Proposed Rule	ANNUAL		FISCAL YEAR		
	Increase	Decrease	Current	Next	Thereafter
Estimated Total Cost	\$	\$	\$	\$ 0	\$0
Personal Services				0	0
Current Expense				0	0
Repairs & Alterations				0	0
Equipment				0	0
Other				0	0
Revenue				0	0

2. Explanation of above estimates.

No Costs

3. Objectives of this rule:

This rule will create a method for licensed EMS Agencies to provide Specialized Multi Patient Medical Transport services in accordance to provisions in Senate Bill 612. Staffing, personnel and vehicle standards are addressed.

5. Explanation of Overall Impact of Proposed Rule.

A. Economic Impact on State Government.

There is no economic impact on State Government directly as a result of this rule.

B. Economic Impact on Political Subdivisions; Specific Industries; Specific Groups of Citizens.

There is no economic impact.

C. Economic Impact on Citizens/Public at Large.

There is no economic impact on citizens or the public at large as a result of this rule.

DATE

AGENCY

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

July 19, 2000

WV Dept. of Health & Human Resources

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§64-29-1. General.

1.1. Scope. – This rule is intended to: help ensure the adequate provision of emergency medical services to the citizens of West Virginia; help meet the needs and goals set out in WV Code 16-4C-2; and to provide for specialized multipatient medical transport by establishing vehicle and personnel requirements.

1.2. Authority. – WV Code 16-4C-23 and 16-1-7.

1.3. Filing Date. --

1.4. Effective Date. --

1.5. Applicability. – This rule applies to emergency medical services agencies that provide specialized multipatient medical transport services. EMS agencies that provide this level of service must also comply with the provisions of legislative rule §64-CSR-48.

1.6. Enforcement. – This rule is enforced by the commissioner of the bureau for public health¹.

§64-29-2. Definitions.

2.1. Ambulance. - Any privately or publicly- owned vehicle or aircraft that is designed, constructed or modified, equipped or maintained, and operated for the transportation of patients, including, but not limited to, emergency medical services vehicles; rotary and fixed wing air ambulances; GSA KKK-A-1822 federal standard type I, type II and type III vehicles; and specialized multipatient medical transport vehicles operated by an emergency medical services agency.

¹ The Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) was created by the Legislature's reorganization of the executive branch of State government in 1989. The Department of Health was renamed the Division of Health and made a part of the DHHR (W. Va. Code § 5F-1-1 et seq.). Administratively within the DHHR the Bureau for Public Health through its Commissioner carries out the public health function of the Division of Health.

2.2. Advanced Life Support (ALS). -- A sophisticated level of out-of-hospital and interfacility emergency medical services provided by the following levels of EMS personnel: EMT-P, EMSA-RN, EMSA-PA, EMSA-FN, EMSA-SCN, EMSA-DO, EMSA-MD, or as stated in this rule, that includes, but is not limited to, transportation of incapacitated individuals, basic life support procedures and ALS assessment, supervision, and interventions.

2.3. Attendant-in-Charge. -- A person certified pursuant to this rule to have the ultimate responsibility for the care of a patient with respect to the provision of emergency medical services.

2.4. Basic Life Support (BLS). -- A basic level of out-of-hospital and interfacility emergency medical services provided when a patient requires BLS services or continual medical supervision. Basic life support can be performed by ALS personnel as well as an EMT-B, EMSA-LPN, EMT-FR or as stated in legislative rule §64CSR48.

2.5. Commissioner. -- The commissioner of the bureau for public health, or his or her designee.

2.6. Emergency Medical Service Agency (EMS Agency). - Any agency licensed under W. Va. Code §16-4C-6a and legislative rule §64CSR48 to provide emergency medical services.

2.7. Emergency Medical Service Personnel (EMSP). - Any person certified by the commissioner to provide emergency medical services in W. Va.. Code §16-4C-8. EMSP includes, but is not limited to: emergency medical services attendant, emergency medical technician-basic, and emergency medical technician-paramedic.

2.8. Emergency Medical Services. -- All services that are set forth in W. Va. Code §16-4-C, "The Emergency Medical Services Act of 1996" and those services included in and made part of the emergency medical services plan of the department of health and human resources including, but not limited to, responding to the medical needs of an individual to prevent the loss of life or aggravation of illness or injury.

2.9. Emergency Medical Services Vehicle (EMS vehicle). -- EMS transportation vehicles including ambulances, air ambulances and non-medical transportation vehicles as described in legislative rule §64CSR48. In addition, non-transporting EMS vehicles may include any private or publicly owned vehicle or craft that is designed, constructed, or modified and equipped and is intended to be used for and is maintained or operated to provide on-scene emergency medical services.

2.10. EMT-Basic (EMT-B). -- A person certified as an Emergency Medical Technician - Basic.

2.11. Operator. -- A person certified pursuant to this rule as responsible for the operation of an emergency medical services vehicle.

2.12. Specialized Multipatient Medical Transport. - A type of ambulance transport provided for patients with medical needs greater than those of the average population that may require the presence of a trained emergency medical technician during the transport of the patient; provided, that the requirement of "greater medical need" may not prohibit the transportation of a patient whose need is preventive in nature.

§64-29-3. Specialized Multipatient Medical Transport Vehicle Requirements.

3.1. Class F - A specialized multipatient medical transport vehicle is classified as a Class F EMS vehicle.

3.1.a. The Class F EMS vehicle is primarily intended to provide transportation to ambulatory patients with a medical history but who have no apparent immediate need for any level of medical supervision while being transported to and from scheduled medical appointments.

3.1.b. The Class F EMS vehicle shall not be equipped with any form of stretcher.

3.1.c. An EMS agency may not use a Class F EMS vehicle for delivery of basic or advanced life support.

3.1.d. The Class F EMS vehicle specifications shall include the following:

3.1.d.1. The vehicle shall not be a passenger sedan, limousine, recreational vehicle, or sport utility vehicle.

3.1.d.2. The major portion of the body of the vehicle shall be one (1) of four (4) approved safety colors: bright, highly visible shades of red, white, yellow, orange or combinations thereof. Additional colors may be permitted only after approval of the commissioner.

3.1.d.3. All lettering on the vehicle shall be a minimum of three (3) inches in height except the lettering that is part of an organization logo or emblem.

3.1.d.4. The name of the EMS agency, and of the city, town, or county, shall appear on both sides of the vehicle, and logos or emblems are also permitted.

3.1.e. Equipment and supplies for the Class F EMS vehicle shall include:

3.1.e.1. Communications equipment on the vehicle that allows the operator of the vehicle to have voice contact with their operational dispatch center; and

3.1.e.2. Other equipment and supplies as determined by the West

Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Public Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services.

3.1.f. All Class F EMS Vehicles shall be inspected by representatives of the West Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services for compliance with the requirements established in this rule.

§64-29-4. Specialized Multipatient Medical Transport Vehicle Personnel Requirements.

4.1. Class F EMS Vehicle Personnel.

4.1.a. A Class F EMS vehicle shall have a minimum of one (1) EMS-P that may be the operator of the vehicle.

4.1.b. The operator of a Class F EMS vehicle shall have a minimum of:

4.1.b.1. A valid motor vehicle operator's permit; and

4.1.b.2. Current certification as an EMT-Basic or an equivalent EMSP approved by the commissioner.

4.1.c. Non-certified assistants or observers are permitted in Class F EMS vehicles at the discretion of the EMS Agency.