

**ADOPTED REGULATION OF THE
STATE BOARD OF HEALTH**

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EXPLANATION--Matter in italics is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§ 1-49: NRS 439.200 and 450B.120.

Section 1. Chapter 450B of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

“Health division” means the health division of the department of human resources.

Sec. 2. NAC 450B.280 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.280 “Volunteer service” means a service approved by the [state health officer] *health division* for the operation of any ambulance or other motor vehicle for the purpose of transporting sick or injured persons or dead bodies without compensation other than reimbursements to defray the actual expenses of providing the service. A “volunteer service” may be wholly or partly subsidized and may be operated under the auspices of a governmental or public agency or an industrial or nonprofit corporation.

Sec. 1. NAC 450B.320 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.320 1. The health division may not issue a license to an applicant unless all the information required by NAC 450B.330 is contained in his application and the health division is satisfied that he meets the following criteria:

(a) Is 18 years of age or older as of the date of the application.

(b) If he is applying to become an attendant:

(1) Holds a currently valid class 3 driver's license or its equivalent issued in this state; or

(2) Is employed in Nevada, makes his residence in a contiguous state, and is required by reason of his residence to maintain his driver's license issued by that state equivalent to a class 3 license in this state.

(c) Is able to read, speak and understand the English language.

(d) Has been found by a licensed physician within the 12 months immediately preceding the date on which his application is submitted to be of sound physical and mental health and free of physical defects or diseases which might impair his ability to drive or attend an ambulance, air ambulance or agency's vehicle and that determination is verified by the physician on a form approved by the health [officer] *division* for that purpose.

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (f), has not been convicted of any felony or misdemeanor for committing an act which, in the judgment of the health [officer,] *division*, indicates that the applicant might not be able to function properly as an attendant or to care for patients for whom he would become responsible.

(f) Has not been convicted of a third or subsequent violation of the provisions of NRS 484.379 within the 7 years immediately preceding the date of his application.

(g) Possesses a current, valid certificate evidencing his successful completion of a program of training with testing for competency in the basic procedures for emergency care which is equivalent to the national standard course for an emergency medical technician.

2. In addition, an applicant for a license as an air attendant must:

(a) Meet all the prerequisites for an attendant as listed in NAC 450B.310 to 450B.350, inclusive.

(b) Possess the following:

(1) A currently valid certificate as an intermediate emergency medical technician or as an advanced emergency medical technician which was issued pursuant to chapter 450B of NRS; or

(2) A currently valid license as a registered nurse issued pursuant to chapter 632 of NRS.

(c) Provide to the health division documentation verifying successful completion of a course of training approved by the medical director of the service employing him. The course must include the following:

(1) Special considerations in attending a patient in an air ambulance;

(2) Aircraft safety and orientation;

(3) Altitude physiology and principles of atmospheric physics;

(4) Familiarization with systems for air-to-ground communications;

(5) Familiarization with the system of emergency medical services in the service area;

(6) Survival procedures in an air ambulance crash;

(7) Response procedures to accidents involving hazardous materials;

(8) Use of modalities for in-flight treatment;

(9) Infection control;

(10) Oxygen therapy in relation to altitude;

(11) Patient assessment in the airborne environment; and

(12) Vital sign determination in the airborne environment.

3. In addition to the qualifications listed in subsections 1 and 2, an advanced emergency medical technician or a registered nurse providing advanced life support care in an air ambulance must possess a valid certification of completion of a course in Advanced Cardiac Life Support issued by the American Heart Association.

Sec. 4. NAC 450B.330 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.330 1. An application for a license must be made upon the form prepared and prescribed by the [bureau of emergency medical services of the] health division. The health division shall, within 30 days after receipt of an application, have an investigation made of the applicant and the information contained on his application. Upon completion of the investigation, the health division shall issue the license for which the application was made or notify the applicant in writing, in the manner prescribed in NAC 450B.710, that the application is rejected, setting forth the reasons for the rejection and his right to appeal to

the [board] *health division* in the manner prescribed in [that section.] *NAC 439.300 to 439.440, inclusive.*

2. On an initial application for a license, the applicant must submit the following information:

(a) His place of residence for 5 years before he moved to his present address and length of time he has resided in this state;

(b) His date of birth;

(c) His height and weight;

(d) The color of his eyes;

(e) The color of his hair;

(f) His social security number;

(g) The name and address of his employer immediately preceding his current employment;

(h) A description of the last two jobs he held immediately before the application is made;

(i) A statement of whether the applicant, within the 3 years immediately preceding the date of the application, has been convicted of, or forfeited bail for, a traffic violation other than a parking violation and, if so, when, where and under what circumstances the violation occurred;

(j) A statement of whether the applicant, within the 10 years immediately preceding the date of the application, has been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor other than a traffic

violation and, if so, when and where the conviction occurred and a description of the offense;

(k) A description of the applicant's training and experience in the transportation and care of patients;

(l) A statement of whether the applicant has previously been licensed as a driver, attendant, attendant-driver or air attendant in a service, fire-fighting agency or volunteer service or agency and, if so, where and by what authority that license was issued; and

(m) A statement of whether such a license has ever expired or been revoked or suspended and, if so, for what cause.

3. An applicant for a license as an attendant must file with the health division, in addition to the items specified in subsection 2, a valid certificate designating him as an emergency medical technician, intermediate emergency medical technician or advanced emergency medical technician.

4. An application for renewal of a license must:

(a) Be made on an abbreviated form of application prescribed by the health division; and

(b) Include information relating to any conviction of the applicant for any felony or misdemeanor occurring since the submission of the application for the initial license.

5. The health division shall not renew a license if:

(a) An applicant fails to comply with the provisions of subsection 4; or

(b) In the judgment of the health [officer,] *division*, the applicant is not able to function properly as an attendant or to provide care for patients for whom he would become responsible.

Sec. 5. NAC 450B.340 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.340 1. Upon the request of a holder of a permit to operate a volunteer service, the health division may issue a provisional license to an applicant who has joined the volunteer service but has not completed the required training for licensure.

2. Such a license may be valid only for the period necessary for the applicant to comply with the requirements prescribed in this chapter for a regular license as an attendant, but not more than 6 months. At the completion of the provisional licensee's training, the operator of the volunteer service must submit to the [bureau of emergency medical services of the] health division the information required in NAC 450B.330 and subsection 1 of NAC 450B.320.

3. A person who holds a provisional license issued under this section may serve in a volunteer service in a training capacity when accompanied by two licensed attendants.

Sec. 6. NAC 450B.350 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.350 1. The license of an attendant is not assignable or transferable to any other person.

2. A license expires on the date of expiration appearing on it. The date of expiration for licenses is July 1, and after the initial period of effectiveness, a license expires

biennially. The health division shall designate the same year of expiration for the licenses of all attendants in a particular service or fire-fighting agency.

3. An attendant must renew his license on or before its expiration date.

4. The health division shall renew an attendant's license if:

(a) The health division is satisfied that, in addition to meeting the other requirements for a renewal, the applicant has complied with the requirements, limitations, terms and conditions applicable to obtaining an initial license; and

(b) A physician determines that the applicant, within the preceding 12 months, is of sound physical and mental health, is free of physical defects or diseases and is able to drive or attend an ambulance, air ambulance or agency's vehicle and verifies such a determination in a written report submitted on a form approved by the health ~~[officer.]~~ *division.*

5. A service or fire-fighting agency shall ensure that each of its attendants holds a currently valid license.

6. No official entry made upon any license may be defaced, removed or obliterated. If any such defacement, removal or obliteration occurs on any portion of a license, it is void.

Sec. 7. NAC 450B.355 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.355 1. To be certified as a first responder, an applicant must be 18 years of age or older and have successfully completed the national standard course for first responders or an equivalent curriculum approved by the ~~[bureau of emergency medical services of the]~~ health division.

2. The applicant shall submit verification to the [bureau of emergency medical services of the] health division signed by the person responsible for conducting the training that the applicant has successfully completed the course or curriculum.

3. Upon certification, a first responder may render services in rescue, first aid, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Sec. 8. NAC 450B.363 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.363 1. The health division may issue a certificate as an emergency medical technician to an applicant trained in another state if the following requirements are met:

(a) The applicant:

- (1) Is currently a resident of Nevada;
- (2) Will be a resident of Nevada within 6 months after applying for certification; or
- (3) Is a resident of a state contiguous to Nevada and is employed by or an active volunteer with a service or fire-fighting agency in Nevada.

(b) The applicant submits the appropriate form and the fee prescribed in NAC 450B.700.

(c) The applicant:

- (1) Has successfully completed training in a course approved by the appropriate authority in the other state, which course was at least equivalent to the national standard course for emergency medical technicians and holds a valid certificate as an emergency medical technician issued by an authorized agency in the other state; or

(2) Holds a valid certificate as an emergency medical technician issued by the national registry for emergency medical technicians.

(d) The applicant's certification or registration in the other state has not been revoked, terminated or suspended pursuant to any disciplinary proceeding.

(e) The health division receives verification of his certificate as an emergency medical technician from the issuing agency of the other state on a form provided by the health division.

2. The health division may require the applicant to:

(a) Demonstrate his practical skills.

(b) Pass a written examination administered by the [bureau of emergency medical services of the] health division.

Sec. 9. NAC 450B.366 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.366 1. A certificate as a first responder or an emergency medical technician expires on the date of expiration appearing on it and, after the initial period of effectiveness, a certificate expires biennially. The health division shall designate the date of expiration of each certificate.

2. Such a certificate is renewable if:

(a) The health officer determines that the holder of the certificate has, before the date of expiration, successfully completed:

(1) A course in continuing training which is equivalent to the national standard refresher course for first responders or emergency medical technicians and is approved by the [bureau of emergency medical services of the] health division; or

(2) Any other program of continuing education approved by the [bureau of emergency medical services of the] health division. Such a program may not be approved unless the attendance requirement for a:

(I) First responder is at least 20 hours.

(II) Emergency medical technician is at least 30 hours.

(b) The holder submits, within the 3 months immediately before the date his certificate expires, an application evidencing that he has met the requirements as set forth in paragraph (a).

Sec. 10. NAC 450B.374 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.374 1. If an emergency medical technician or first responder is unable to attend an approved course for continuing training required for renewal of his certificate, or otherwise comply with the requirements for renewal, within the prescribed period, he may submit a written request for a late renewal on a form provided by the [bureau of emergency medical services of the] health division.

2. To be granted a late renewal of his certificate, the applicant must:

(a) Successfully meet all of the requirements for renewal;

(b) Submit verification that he has met such requirements; and

(c) For an emergency medical technician, pass a written and practical examination as approved by the health division.

3. The applicant for late renewal of a certificate must pay the fee required by NAC 450B.700.

4. The health division shall deny an application for late renewal if more than 3 years have elapsed from the date of the expiration of the certificate.

Sec. 11. NAC 450B.3745 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.3745 To be trained and certified as an intermediate emergency medical technician, an applicant must:

1. Possess a currently valid certificate as an emergency medical technician;
2. Have successfully completed the national standard course for intermediate emergency medical technicians or an equivalent curriculum approved by the [bureau of emergency medical services of the] health division;
3. Submit verification signed by the physician of record who was responsible for the training that the applicant has successfully completed the course or curriculum; and
4. Possess or have applied for a license as an attendant.

Sec. 12. NAC 450B.375 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.375 1. If an intermediate emergency medical technician is unable to renew his certificate when required, he may submit a request for a late renewal on a form provided by the [bureau of emergency medical services of the] health division.

2. If he holds a current license as an attendant issued by the health division, upon:

(a) Demonstrating his proficiency in practical skills to the medical director of a service or fire-fighting agency;

(b) Successfully meeting all of the requirements for renewal of a certificate as an emergency medical technician;

(c) Verifying that he is or will be employed by or an active volunteer with a service or fire-fighting agency that holds a current permit to operate at the level of intermediate emergency care; and

(d) Payment of the required fee,

late renewal may be authorized for the remainder of the new period of certification.

3. The health division shall deny an application for late renewal if more than 3 years have elapsed from the date of the expiration of the certificate.

Sec. 13. NAC 450B.378 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.378 1. The health division may issue a certificate as an intermediate emergency medical technician to a person trained in another state if the following requirements are met:

(a) The applicant:

(1) Is currently a resident of Nevada;

(2) Will be a resident of Nevada within 6 months after applying for certification; or

(3) Is a resident of a state contiguous to Nevada and is employed by or an active volunteer with a service or fire-fighting agency in Nevada that holds a current permit to operate at the level of intermediate emergency care.

(b) The applicant submits the appropriate form and the fee prescribed in NAC 450B.700.

(c) The applicant:

(1) Has successfully completed training in a course which was at least equivalent to the course approved in Nevada and holds a valid certificate as an intermediate emergency medical technician or an advanced medical technician issued by an authorized agency in the other state; or

(2) Holds a valid certificate as an intermediate emergency medical technician issued by the national registry for emergency medical technicians.

(d) The applicant's certification or registration in the other state has not been revoked, terminated or suspended pursuant to any disciplinary proceeding.

(e) The health division receives verification of his certificate as intermediate emergency medical technician or advanced emergency medical technician from the issuing agency of the other state on a form provided by the health division.

2. The health division may require the applicant to:

(a) Demonstrate his practical skills to the medical advisory board or the medical director of a service or fire-fighting agency.

(b) Pass a written examination administered by the [bureau of emergency medical services of the] health division.

Sec. 14. NAC 450B.380 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.380 1. A certificate as an intermediate emergency medical technician expires on the date of expiration appearing on it and, after the initial period of effectiveness, a certificate expires biennially. The health division shall designate the date of expiration of each certificate.

2. A certified intermediate emergency medical technician must undergo at least one examination by the medical director of the service or fire-fighting agency every 12 months to verify retention of his skills in order to maintain his certification. The medical director may recommend revocation of certification at any time.

3. In making the examination of an intermediate emergency medical technician, the medical director shall determine whether the intermediate emergency medical technician retains his skills in:

(a) Each technique for which certification has been issued; and

(b) The administration of approved medications,

and enter that determination on a form provided by the health division. The medical director shall forward the form to the [bureau of emergency medical services of the] health division.

4. To renew his certificate, an intermediate emergency medical technician must:

(a) Meet the requirements for renewal of his certificate as an emergency medical technician;

(b) Be employed by a service or fire-fighting agency or active in a volunteer service or fire-fighting agency which holds an endorsement authorizing its operation at the level of intermediate or advanced emergency care; and

(c) Three months before his certificate expires, submit an application evidencing that he has met the requirements of this section.

Sec. 15. NAC 450B.390 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.390 1. The following are the circumstances and conditions under which the special procedures of venipuncture, management of airways, administration of medication and performance of intra-osseous infusion must be documented by a licensed attendant who is an intermediate emergency medical technician:

(a) Any oral order from the physician, or a registered nurse acting on the authority of a physician, authorizing the attendant to perform one of these procedures must originate from an emergency department of a hospital or any other site designated by the health division and must be recorded on magnetic tape.

(b) Each tape recording of a physician's oral orders to an attendant concerning these procedures must be retained by the hospital or the facility issuing the medical directions for at least 5 years after the recording is made.

(c) The attendant shall enter the physician's oral order or circumstances under which the emergency medical technician performed pursuant to a written order or protocol on the report of emergency care.

(d) The entry on the report of emergency care must be countersigned by the physician receiving the patient unless the intermediate emergency medical technician was performing pursuant to a written order or protocol.

2. The fluids, tubing and needles used for venipuncture, equipment for the management of airways and the other supplies and medications needed to support the special procedures performed by the authorized attendants must not be carried or stored in any vehicle other than an ambulance or agency's vehicle operated under a permit. The special procedures may be performed only when the attendant is functioning as part of the ambulance's team or as an attendant of a fire-fighting agency at the scene of an emergency.

3. A person may perform one of the special procedures only if he is:

(a) A licensed attendant and an intermediate emergency medical technician or a registered nurse who is actively employed by or a volunteer with a service or fire-fighting agency that holds a current permit to operate at the level of intermediate emergency care; and

(b) Authorized for the procedure by the medical director of the service or fire-fighting agency or the medical advisory board of the service that provides intermediate emergency care.

4. The health [officer] *division* shall suspend the license and certificate of any person who performs one of these procedures without proper authorization or not in accordance with this section.

Sec. 16. NAC 450B.400 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.400 To be certified as an advanced emergency medical technician, an applicant must:

1. Have successfully completed the national standard course for advanced emergency medical technicians or an equivalent curriculum approved by the [bureau of emergency medical services of the] health division;
2. Submit verification signed by the physician of record who was responsible for the training that he has successfully completed the course or curriculum; and
3. Possess or have applied for a license as an attendant.

Sec. 17. NAC 450B.410 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.410 1. The health [officer] *division* may issue a certificate for an advanced emergency medical technician to a person trained in another state if:

- (a) The applicant:
 - (1) Is a resident of Nevada on the date of the application;
 - (2) Will be a resident of Nevada within 6 months after applying for certification; or
 - (3) Is a resident of a state contiguous to Nevada and is employed by or an active volunteer with a service or fire-fighting agency in Nevada that holds a current permit to operate at the level of advanced emergency care;
- (b) The applicant submits the appropriate form and the fee prescribed in NAC 450B.700;
- (c) The applicant:

(1) Has successfully completed training in a course which was at least equivalent to the national standard course for emergency medical technicians-paramedic; or

(2) Is certified by the national registry of emergency medical technicians as a paramedic;

(d) The applicant's certification or registration in the other state has not been revoked, terminated or suspended pursuant to any disciplinary proceeding; and

(e) The health division receives verification of his certification as an advanced emergency medical technician from the issuing agency of the other state on a form provided by the health division.

2. The health division may require the applicant to:

(a) Demonstrate his practical skills to the medical advisory board or the medical director of the service or fire-fighting agency.

(b) Pass a written examination in procedures for advanced emergency care administered by the [bureau of emergency medical services of the] health division.

Sec. 18. NAC 450B.420 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.420 1. A certificate as an advanced emergency medical technician expires on the date of expiration appearing on it and, after the initial period of effectiveness, a certificate expires biennially. The health division shall designate the date of expiration of each certificate.

2. A certified advanced emergency medical technician must undergo at least one examination by the medical director of the service or fire-fighting agency every 12 months

to verify retention of his skills in order to maintain his certification. The medical director may recommend revocation of certification at any time.

3. In making the examination of an advanced emergency medical technician, the medical director shall determine whether the advanced emergency medical technician retained his skills:

- (a) For which certification has been issued; and
- (b) In the administration of approved medications,

and enter that determination on a form provided by the health division. The medical director shall forward the form to the [bureau of emergency medical services of the] health division.

4. To obtain a renewal of his certificate, the advanced emergency medical technician must:

(a) Successfully complete the national standard course of training equivalent to a refresher course for advanced emergency medical technicians-paramedic or 40 hours of continuing education or training approved by the medical director of the service or fire-fighting agency;

(b) Submit verification that he has successfully completed such a curriculum;

(c) Be employed by a service or fire-fighting agency or active in a volunteer service or fire-fighting agency which holds an endorsement authorizing its operation at the level of advanced emergency care;

(d) Provide proof of current certification in advanced cardiac life support; and

(e) Three months before his certificate expires, submit an application evidencing that he has met the requirements of this section.

Sec. 19. NAC 450B.425 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.425 1. If an advanced emergency medical technician is unable to renew his certificate when required, he may submit a request for a late renewal on a form provided by the [bureau of emergency medical services of the] health division.

2. If he holds a current license as an attendant issued by the health division, upon:

(a) Demonstrating his practical skills to the medical advisory board or to the medical director of the service or fire-fighting agency;

(b) Successfully meeting all of the requirements for renewal of a certificate as an advanced emergency medical technician;

(c) Verifying that he is or will be employed by or an active volunteer with a service or fire-fighting agency that holds a current permit at the level of advanced emergency care;

(d) Submitting documentation on a form provided by the health division of successfully completing 40 hours of continuing medical education and training within the 2 years immediately preceding the date of application for late renewal and such course or courses are approved by the [bureau of emergency medical services of the] health division;

(e) Providing proof of current certification in advanced cardiac life support; and

(f) Payment of the required fee,

late renewal may be authorized for the remainder of the new period of certification.

3. The health division shall deny an application for late renewal if more than 3 years have elapsed from the date of the expiration of the certificate.

Sec. 20. NAC 450B.430 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.430 [1.] If an advanced emergency medical technician:

[(a)] 1. Violates any of the provisions of chapter 450B of NRS;

[(b)] 2. Is guilty of any conduct which impairs his performance;

[(c)] 3. Does not submit proof of continuing training on or before the date specified on his certificate;

[(d)] 4. Develops a physical or mental condition which constitutes a threat to persons needing his services; or

[(e)] 5. Has been found to have exhibited unprofessional conduct, the [state health officer or his designee may immediately suspend the person from service as an advanced emergency medical technician, upon furnishing him written notice specifying the reasons for the suspension and providing him an opportunity to request a hearing to determine the reasonableness of that action and to show cause why his certificate should not be revoked.

2. After the suspended person has been afforded an opportunity for such a hearing, his certificate may be revoked if it is found that any of the grounds for revocation exist.] *health division may suspend or revoke his certificate pursuant to the requirements set forth in NAC 439.300 to 439.440, inclusive.*

Sec. 21. NAC 450B.440 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.440 1. A program of training in *the State of* Nevada for advanced emergency medical technicians must be at least equivalent to the national standard course for emergency medical technicians-paramedic. The program must be supervised by a physician but may be coordinated by a registered nurse. The faculty must be composed of appropriate professional, academic and technical instructors. The program must be approved by the [bureau of emergency medical services of the] health division and sponsored by:

(a) A hospital licensed by the health division; or

(b) A community college or a university, accredited by the department of education, in conjunction with a hospital licensed by the health division.

2. Upon a person's successful completion of a course or courses equivalent to the national standard course, *as certified by* the health officer , *the health division* shall issue a temporary authorization for him to function in training as a probationary advanced emergency medical technician during a period of evaluation of not more than 6 months. The health division may, upon request, extend the evaluation for a period not to exceed 12 months.

3. A person authorized to function as a probationary emergency medical technician may also apply to the [bureau of emergency medical services of the] health division for a license as an attendant. Such a license may be valid only during the period of training.

4. On verification of the person's successful completion of this period of evaluation by the supervising physician or medical director of the service or fire-fighting agency, the health [officer] *division* shall issue him a certificate as an advanced emergency medical

technician. This certificate is valid until the date of expiration appearing on it and is renewable biennially thereafter.

Sec. 22. NAC 450B.443 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.443 Each holder of a certificate as an advanced emergency medical technician must receive at least 40 hours of training each year in courses approved by the board to maintain his certification, and is subject to reexamination every 2 years by the [state health office.] *health division.*

Sec. 23. NAC 450B.505 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.505 1. Each service or fire-fighting agency providing emergency care must:

(a) Apply for and receive a permit from the [bureau of emergency medical services of the] health division; and

(b) Have a medical director who is responsible for developing, carrying out and evaluating standards for the provision of emergency care by the service or fire-fighting agency.

2. The medical director of a service or fire-fighting agency shall:

(a) Establish medical standards which:

(1) Are consistent with standards approved by the board;

(2) Are equal to or more restrictive than the standards of the state emergency

medical system; and

(3) Must be approved by the health [officer] *division* or a physician currently active in providing emergency care who is designated by the health [officer] *division* to review and make recommendations to the health [officer.] *division*.

(b) Direct the emergency care provided by any certified person who is actively employed by or a volunteer with the service or fire-fighting agency.

3. The appointment of a medical director must be approved by the health [officer] *division* or a physician with experience in emergency care who is designated by the health [officer] *division* to approve such appointments. The medical director must:

- (a) Be a physician;
- (b) Have experience in and current knowledge of the emergency care of patients who are acutely ill or injured;
- (c) Have knowledge of and access to local plans for responding to emergencies;
- (d) Be familiar with the operations of a base hospital, including communication with, and direction of, personnel who provide emergency care;
- (e) Be actively involved in the training of personnel who provide emergency care;
- (f) Be actively involved in the audit, review and critique of emergency care provided by personnel;
- (g) Have knowledge of administrative and legislative processes affecting local, regional, and state systems that provide emergency medical services;
- (h) Have knowledge of laws and regulations affecting local, regional and state systems that provide emergency medical services; and

(i) Have knowledge of procedures and treatment for advanced cardiac and trauma life support.

4. A medical director of a service or fire-fighting agency may:

(a) In consultation with appropriate specialists and consistent with the protocols of regional and statewide systems, establish medical protocols and policies for the service or fire-fighting agency;

(b) Recommend to the health [officer] *division* the certification or revocation of certification of personnel who provide emergency care;

(c) Approve educational requirements and proficiency levels for instructors and personnel of the service or fire-fighting agency;

(d) Approve educational programs within the service that are consistent with accepted local, regional and state medical practice;

(e) Suspend an emergency medical technician within that service or fire-fighting agency pending review and evaluation by the health [officer;] *division;*

(f) Establish medical standards for dispatch procedures to ensure that the appropriate response units are dispatched to the scene of a medical emergency when requested;

(g) Establish criteria and procedures to be used when a patient refuses transportation;

(h) Establish medical criteria for the level of care and type of transportation to be used for emergency care;

(i) Establish standing orders and procedures and the criteria under which the providers of emergency care may operate before initiating contact with a physician at a base station; and

(j) Conduct an audit to ensure the quality of the medical system of the service or fire-fighting agency in conjunction with the activities of the designated base hospital or health facility.

5. The medical director of the service or fire-fighting agency may delegate his duties to any other qualified physician.

6. If a medical director of a service or fire-fighting agency wishes to resign, he:

(a) Shall provide written notification of his intentions to the health [officer] *division* and the service or fire-fighting agency not less than 30 days before the effective date of his resignation; and

(b) May provide recommendations for an interim replacement.

7. If the medical director of a service or fire-fighting agency is unable to carry out his responsibilities, he shall designate an alternate physician to assume the duties of the medical director.

Sec. 24. NAC 450B.510 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.510 1. Within 30 days after receipt of an application to operate a service or a fire-fighting agency, including a voluntary service or agency, the health division shall:

(a) Have an investigation made of the applicant, his proposed service or agency and the information contained in his application; and

(b) Upon completion of the investigation, issue a permit authorizing him to operate the service or agency or a written rejection of his application on any ground set forth in NAC 450B.520, setting forth the reasons for the rejections and notifying the applicant of his right to appeal [.] *pursuant to NAC 439.300 to 439.440, inclusive.*

2. An applicant for a permit to operate a service or a fire-fighting agency must submit the following information:

(a) The name and address of the owner of each unit or vehicle to be used in providing the service.

(b) A description of each vehicle to be used in providing the service, including the manufacturer, model, year, serial number, color and identifying marks of those vehicles.

(c) The base location of each unit or vehicle.

(d) A list of the names of attendants staffing each vehicle.

(e) A schedule of proposed fees to be charged patients for:

(1) Response and transportation;

(2) Administering medication, oxygen or other such treatment;

(3) Using an electro-cardiograph monitor or defibrillator; and

(4) Any other supplies, equipment and procedures provided by the service or fire-fighting agency.

(f) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (h), the name, address and one set of fingerprints of the person designated by the applicant to manage the operations of the service or fire-fighting agency providing emergency care.

(g) The name, address and one set of fingerprints of the applicant.

(h) In the case of a service, if the applicant is a corporation, partnership or sole proprietor engaged in the business to provide ambulance services of any type:

(1) The names and addresses of all the corporate directors and officers or the partners or the sole proprietor and the managing agents and all their businesses. Each person so listed is, for the purposes of this section, an applicant.

(2) A statement of the applicant's financial worth.

(i) If the application is being made for a permit to operate a volunteer service, proof of the applicant's volunteer status verified by the local board of county commissioners.

(j) In the case of a fire-fighting agency, if the applicant does not operate a service, a list of services which will take control of a patient at the scene of a medical emergency and provide transportation for the patient.

3. The health [officer] *division* shall not issue an original permit to operate a service or a fire-fighting agency unless:

(a) All the information required by subsection 2 is contained in the application;

(b) He is satisfied that all of the applicant's attendants who will operate or serve any vehicle or aircraft pursuant to the permit are licensed and certified or in the process of being licensed and certified in the appropriate category; and

(c) The service or fire-fighting agency has appointed a medical director as required by NAC 450B.505.

4. The same requirements, limitations, terms and conditions applicable to the issuance of an initial permit apply to the renewal of a permit.

Sec. 25. NAC 450B.520 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.520 The health [officer] *division* may disapprove an application for a permit or an application for the renewal of a permit to operate a service or fire-fighting agency for one or more of the following reasons, regardless of the category of the proposed service or agency or its level of emergency care:

1. The applicant for a permit to operate an ambulance, air ambulance or agency's vehicle had previously held a business license or any other permit or license to operate such a service and that permit or license was revoked.
2. The applicant for a permit to operate an ambulance, air ambulance or agency's vehicle has a criminal record which might reasonably indicate that there is reasonable cause to believe that the applicant might not operate the service or fire-fighting agency in a manner that would promote the health and general welfare of persons within this state who may need to use the service.
3. The applicant for a permit to operate an ambulance, air ambulance or agency's vehicle does not have the equipment, licensed attendants or medical director required by this chapter.
4. The applicant for a permit to operate an air ambulance does not meet the Federal Aviation rules for certification under CFR Part 91 or Part 135, or both, as published in the Federal Register, January 1, 1985.

Sec. 26. NAC 450B.523 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.523 Any person who proposes to operate a service or fire-fighting agency at the level of intermediate or advanced emergency care must apply for an endorsement authorizing his operation at that level. The application must be made on the form prescribed by the [bureau of emergency medical services of the] health division.

Sec. 27. NAC 450B.526 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.526 The [bureau of emergency medical services of the] health division shall prescribe forms for an operator's use in applying for an endorsement to operate a service or fire-fighting agency at the level of intermediate or advanced emergency care. The following information must be provided on the application:

1. The name and address of the applicant's service or fire-fighting agency.
2. The name and signature of the medical director of the service or fire-fighting agency.
3. If a service, the name of each hospital to which patients will be delivered and the signature of an authorized representative of each hospital which agrees to furnish the equipment, medications, supplies and services described in NAC 450B.578.
4. The name and qualifications of each attendant or registered nurse, including a copy of the license of each registered nurse.
5. A list of equipment and supplies, including specific medications and intravenous fluids, proposed for use.
6. A description of the systems to be used for:

- (a) Keeping records; and
- (b) An audit of the performance of the service or fire-fighting agency by the medical director.

Sec. 28. NAC 450B.529 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.529 1. After receiving an application for an endorsement to operate a service or fire-fighting agency at the level of intermediate or advanced care, the [bureau of emergency medical services of the] health division shall, within 30 days after the receipt:

- (a) Have an investigation made of the applicant's proposed operations and the information contained in his application; and
- (b) Upon completion of the investigation, issue an endorsement authorizing the requested level of operations or a written rejection of the application on any ground prescribed in this chapter, setting forth the reasons for the rejection and notifying the applicant of his right to appeal [.] *pursuant to NAC 439.300 to 439.440, inclusive.*

2. A volunteer service operating ambulances which has attendants certified as intermediate emergency medical technicians or advanced emergency medical technicians or uses registered nurses and which has not applied for endorsement at the level of intermediate or advanced emergency care is allowed 12 months after the attendants are certified to obtain the endorsement.

Sec. 29. NAC 450B.532 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.532 1. The operator of a service or fire-fighting agency must apply for a renewal of his endorsement in conjunction with his application for renewal of his permit.

2. The health [officer] *division* may require a review of the applicant's operations or a submission of updated information as a condition of renewal of the endorsement.

Sec. 30. NAC 450B.560 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.560 1. All of the following equipment, or similar items as approved by the [bureau of emergency medical services of the] health division, must be carried in an ambulance, air ambulance or agency's vehicle:

- (a) Portable apparatus for suction with wide-bore tubing and rigid pharyngeal suction tip with assorted sizes of sterile suction catheters.
- (b) A bag-valve-mask unit with an oxygen reservoir operated by hand with clear masks in sizes for adults, children and infants. The unit must be capable of use with an oxygen supply.
- (c) Oropharyngeal airways in sizes for adults, children and infants.
- (d) Portable equipment for supplying and administering oxygen with adequate tubing and semiopen, valveless, transparent masks in sizes for adults, children and infants.
- (e) Nonbreathing clear oxygen masks in sizes for adults and children.
- (f) Bite sticks, either commercial or made of three tongue blades taped together and padded.
- (g) Sterile pressure pads, either abdominal or universal trauma dressings.
- (h) Sterile gauze pads.
- (i) Soft roller, self-adhering bandages.
- (j) Nasal cannulas.

- (k) Naso-pharyngeal airways with water soluble lubricant in sizes for adults and children.
- (l) Rolls of tape in assorted sizes.
- (m) Traction splints for lower extremities, in sizes for adults and children.
- (n) Devices used to splint fractures of the extremities approved by the [bureau of emergency medical services of the] health division.
- (o) Bandage scissors used for cutting bandages and other materials.
- (p) A stethoscope and sphygmomanometer with a cuff in sizes for adults and children.
- (q) Sheets for covering burns of the body.
- (r) A sterile obstetrical kit, or other similar product that is commercially produced, containing at least:
 - (1) Four towels or surgical drapes;
 - (2) Sterile dressings which are 4 inches by 4 inches;
 - (3) Two sterile perineal pads;
 - (4) Tape, clamps and a scalpel to tie and cut the umbilical cord;
 - (5) A bulb syringe for suctioning the baby's mouth;
 - (6) Sterile gloves; and
 - (7) An infant blanket.
- (s) A kit for the treatment of systemic poisoning, including activated charcoal and syrup of Ipecac.
- (t) Potable water.

(u) Supplies for stabilizing the head and neck, as approved by the medical director of the service or fire-fighting agency.

(v) A flashlight.

(w) A fully charged ABC fire extinguisher which is not less than 5 pounds.

(x) A pneumatic antishock garment.

2. In addition to the basic items listed in subsection 1, the following equipment and supplies must be carried in an ambulance, air ambulance or agency's vehicle for the use of an intermediate emergency medical technician, an advanced emergency medical technician or a registered nurse, if such a person will serve on the ambulance, air ambulance or agency's vehicle and emergency care at the intermediate or advanced level will be provided:

(a) Sterile intravenous solutions in plastic containers with kits for administration;

(b) Equipment for advanced management of airway, as approved by the medical director of the service or fire-fighting agency;

(c) Needles, tubing and other equipment necessary to administer intravenous therapy and perform specialized procedures as approved by the medical director of the service or fire-fighting agency;

(d) Medications for treatment as approved by the medical director of the service or fire-fighting agency and appropriate for intermediate or advanced emergency care;

(e) If the service has been issued a permit to operate at the level of advanced emergency care, a device for monitoring the electrical activity of the heart and a manual defibrillator capable of producing a hard copy; and

(f) Equipment for telemetric radio communication capable of operating on the channels of the radio designated for emergency medical services, unless exempted by the medical director of the service or fire-fighting agency and the health [officer.] *division*.

3. Any vehicle used to transport or transfer patients must also carry:

(a) A bed pan, urinal and basin or other equivalent items;

(b) A humidifier for use in the administration of built-in oxygen which must be discarded after use by each patient; and

(c) A supply of clean linen.

4. Any vehicle used to transport patients must also carry a short spine board and a long spine board with accessories or similar devices approved by the [bureau of emergency medical services of the] health division.

Sec. 31. NAC 450B.564 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.564 The health [officer] *division* shall not issue an original permit or renew a permit to operate an air ambulance service unless the service has received a satisfactory surveillance review for safety and compliance, issued by the local office of the Federal Aviation Administration and the office holding the certificate of responsibility for the aircraft.

Sec. 32. NAC 450B.580 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.580 1. No ambulance or agency's vehicle may be used to respond to a call unless it is fully operational and staffed with at least two attendants.

2. Each ambulance, air ambulance or agency's vehicle must be maintained in safe operating condition, including all of its engine, body and other operating parts and equipment. The health [officer] *division* shall periodically, at least every 12 months, require the holder of a permit to certify that he has had each ambulance, air ambulance or agency's vehicle under his control inspected by a professional mechanic who has found it to be in safe operating condition. In the case of an air ambulance, maintenance must be in accordance with Federal Aviation Rules Parts 43, 91 and 135 as applicable which are hereby adopted by reference and are available from the United States Department of Transportation, at no cost. The holder shall mail a copy of this certificate to the [bureau of emergency medical services of the] health division with each application for the renewal of a permit or upon request of the [bureau of emergency medical services.] *health division*.

3. Each ambulance, air ambulance or agency's vehicle must be equipped with equipment that provides two-way radio communications which provides an attendant with communication 24 hours a day for dispatch and medical information. At least one radio must operate on the ultra high frequencies allocated by the Federal Communications Commission for transmission of medical communications and must contain all of the features incorporated in the state radio system for emergency medical services.

4. The name of the service, including a volunteer service, or its operator must be printed on both sides of an ambulance or on a sign placed in the window of an air ambulance.

5. No ambulance, air ambulance or agency's vehicle may be operated while an attendant, pilot or air attendant serving on the vehicle or craft is under the influence of any alcoholic beverage or any drug or prescribed medication that impairs his ability to carry out his responsibilities.

6. No ambulance or air ambulance may be operated unless all interior portions of the patient's compartment are cleaned and sanitized after each use.

7. No ambulance, air ambulance or agency's vehicle may be used to respond to any call if it contains any soiled, dirty or otherwise contaminated bandages, dressings, bedding, materials or equipment.

8. The operator of a service or fire-fighting agency shall maintain at least one ambulance, air ambulance or agency's vehicle in a fully operational condition 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. If the operator of a service or fire-fighting agency is unable to provide such service because of an inoperative ambulance or agency's vehicle, he shall notify the [bureau of emergency medical services of the] health division of that fact within 48 hours.

Sec. 33. NAC 450B.600 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.600 1. An aircraft used by a service operating an air ambulance including a volunteer service, must be endorsed by the [bureau of emergency medical services of the]

health division, must be equipped to provide advanced life support and must be operated by a pilot certified by the Federal Aviation Administration.

2. An air ambulance used to transport a patient must be staffed with a registered nurse or a physician and have the capability of being staffed with two air attendants.

3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, an air ambulance used to transfer a patient must be staffed with at least one air attendant and must have the capability of being staffed with two air attendants. An air ambulance used to transfer a patient must be staffed with at least two air attendants, one of which is a registered nurse or a physician, if it is determined by the physician requesting the transfer that the presence of two air attendants is in the best interest of the care of the patient.

4. An air attendant or registered nurse staffing an air ambulance must be examined biennially by a licensed physician and found to be free from physical defects or disease which might impair his ability to attend a patient in an air ambulance. The operator of the air ambulance shall maintain documentation of such examinations.

Sec. 34. NAC 450B.611 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.611 1. Each service and fire-fighting agency shall identify at least one base station providing 24-hour voice communication between a physician and personnel who provide emergency care. The station or stations must be identified in the application for a permit for the service or fire-fighting agency submitted to the [bureau of emergency medical services of the] health division.

2. The medical director of a service or fire-fighting agency shall identify local protocols which define the circumstances under which verbal medical directions must be given by a physician to personnel who provide emergency care.

3. Except as otherwise provided by local protocol, a receiving hospital must be notified before the arrival of each patient transported by the service or fire-fighting agency.

4. The medical director of the service or fire-fighting agency may establish requirements for the training of the physician at the base station to assure that the physician is knowledgeable of the protocols and procedures established by the medical director.

5. A base station with an agreement to provide 24-hour communication between a physician and a provider of emergency care shall require that the physician providing medical directions is knowledgeable of:

(a) The procedures for treatment established by the medical director of the service or fire-fighting agency;

(b) The communication system establishing contact between personnel who provide emergency care and the base station;

(c) The emergency care of acutely ill or injured patients;

(d) The capabilities of the providers of emergency care; and

(e) The policies of local and regional emergency medical services and protocols for referring patients with trauma.

6. A physician at a base station providing medical directions to a provider of emergency care may participate in medical audits of that care in conjunction with the medical director regarding the proper use of protocols and procedures.

Sec. 35. NAC 450B.620 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.620 1. Each holder of a permit to operate a service or fire-fighting agency, including a volunteer service or agency, shall file with the [bureau of emergency medical services of the] health division a current list of all ambulances, air ambulances or agency's vehicles operated pursuant to the permit. The list must contain the same information as is required to be submitted with an application for a permit.

2. The operator shall file an amended list of his ambulances or agency's vehicles with the [bureau of emergency medical services of the] health division before any such vehicle or aircraft is placed in or removed from the service.

3. The operator of such a service or agency shall maintain a record of each patient on the report of emergency care in a format approved by the health [officer.] *division*. In addition to the information required in NAC 450B.766, the record must include the following information:

- (a) The time an ambulance or vehicle was dispatched.
- (b) The date and time when and place where the patient was provided care or transportation by the crew of the ambulance or agency's vehicle.
- (c) The time of departure with the patient.
- (d) The time of arrival at the destination.

(e) An identification of the destination.

(f) A description of the care given by the attendant.

4. The completed report of emergency care must contain accurate information and be delivered to the hospital upon the patient's arrival.

5. Each service shall submit the information required by subsection 3 and NAC 450B.766 to the [bureau of emergency medical services of the] health division on forms or in a format approved by the health [officer.] *division*. The information submitted may be used for compiling statistics.

Sec. 36. NAC 450B.630 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.630 Records concerning the transportation and transfer of patients within or beyond the boundaries of Nevada must be available for inspection by the health [officer] *division* at any reasonable time. Copies of the records must be filed with the health [officer] *division* within 2 weeks after the request of the health [officer.] *division*.

Sec. 37. NAC 450B.640 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.640 1. The [bureau of emergency medical services of the] health division shall inspect or have inspected every ambulance, air ambulance or agency's vehicle to be used in a service or fire-fighting agency, including a volunteer service or agency, after the issuance of a permit but before it is placed in service and shall determine whether or not it complies with the requirements of this chapter.

2. After a permit is issued for the operation of an ambulance or air ambulance service, or fire-fighting agency, the health division shall, at least once a year, inspect or have

inspected every ground or air ambulance or agency's vehicle operated in the service or by the agency. After each inspection pursuant to NRS 450B.220 and this section, the inspector shall prepare a written report describing any violation of any provisions of this chapter with respect to the vehicle or aircraft inspected and shall schedule a date for reinspection after correction of the violation within 4 weeks after the violation was noted.

3. The inspector shall give a copy of the report to the holder of the permit for the service or fire-fighting agency inspected.

Sec. 38. NAC 450B.645 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.645 A report of emergency care must be accurate and written on forms provided or prescribed by the health [officer.] *division*.

Sec. 39. NAC 450B.650 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.650 Nothing contained in this chapter prohibits the health [officer] *division* from periodically examining or investigating any person issued a permit, license or certificate.

Sec. 40. NAC 450B.660 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.660 1. Whenever the health [officer] *division* determines that any ambulance, air ambulance, agency's vehicle or its equipment which is faulty, malfunctioning or otherwise in violation of this chapter constitutes an immediate, serious hazard or a detriment to any person who may use the services provided by it, [he] *the health division* shall immediately inform the operator of the service or fire-fighting agency, including a volunteer service or agency, of the condition. [He] *The health division* may immediately issue an order temporarily suspending the equipment, service or fire-fighting agency from

operation pending the institution of appropriate proceedings to revoke the permit for the service or fire-fighting agency or the license or certificate of an attendant, or may suspend the permit, license or certificate pending the correction of the condition if the operator of the service or fire-fighting agency agrees to make the correction within a reasonable period.

2. Any type of permit or endorsement issued to operate a service or fire-fighting agency, including a volunteer service or agency, may be revoked or suspended if after an inspection by a representative of the health division, the holder of the permit does not correct the violation within a reasonable period after receiving an order by the health [officer] *division* to do so. As used in the preceding sentence, “reasonable” means a period necessary to take immediate action with due regard for the public interest and for the ordering of necessary supplies or parts.

3. The health [officer or his designee] *division* may immediately suspend from service or duty any attendant, volunteer, pilot or air attendant of a service or, in the case of a fire-fighting agency, including a volunteer service or agency, suspend an attendant from medical duty who the health [officer] *division* determines has violated any of the provisions of this chapter, has been found to have exhibited unprofessional conduct or who constitutes an immediate risk to persons needing his services. Upon such a suspension, the person may [immediately] request a hearing [before the board, in the manner described in NAC 450B.670 and 450B.710, for a review of the action.] *pursuant to the requirements set forth in NAC 439.300 to 439.440, inclusive.*

4. The health [officer] *division* may suspend the holder's license, certificate, permit or endorsement if he continues to fail to comply with any applicable provisions of this chapter or any other applicable laws or ordinances after warning by the health [officer.] *division*. Upon such a suspension, the holder may [immediately] request a hearing [before the board, in the manner described in NAC 450B.670 and 450B.710, for a review of the action.] *pursuant to the requirements set forth in NAC 439.300 to 439.440, inclusive.*

Sec. 41. NAC 450B.680 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.680 Whenever any permit, endorsement, certificate or license issued pursuant to this chapter is suspended, revoked or otherwise terminated, the health [officer] *division* shall immediately notify the appropriate licensing authorities of the action taken and shall request that they immediately institute proceedings to revoke any business license or other license issued to the person operating the service or fire-fighting agency or acting in the capacity of a driver, attendant, volunteer or air attendant if the permit or license was issued on the condition that the approval of the health division was necessary.

Sec. 42. NAC 450B.690 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.690 1. Any person whose permit or endorsement to operate a service or fire-fighting agency, including a volunteer service or agency, or whose certification or license to act as an attendant or volunteer attendant has been suspended or revoked or otherwise terminated in accordance with the provisions of this chapter may apply to the health division for a reinspection or reexamination for the purpose of reinstating the permit, endorsement, certificate or license.

2. The health [officer] *division* shall conduct a complete inspection or examination within 10 working days after receipt of a written application for such a reinstatement. After this inspection or examination the health [officer] *division* shall:

- (a) Reinstatement or reissue the permit, endorsement, certificate or license; or
- (b) Notify the person, in the same manner as described in NAC 450B.710, that the permit, endorsement, certificate or license may not be reinstated or reissued because of his failure to comply with specified sections of this chapter.

Sec. 43. NAC 450B.700 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.700 The [state health officer] *health division* shall charge and collect the following fees:

- 1. For licenses:
 - (a) For issuing a new license to a paid attendant \$ 5.00
 - (b) For renewing the license of a paid attendant 2.50
 - (c) For making a late renewal for a paid or volunteer attendant, an additional 2.00
- 2. For issuing certificates:
 - (a) For an advanced emergency medical technician by reciprocity \$25.00
 - (b) For an intermediate emergency medical technician by reciprocity

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| | 20.00 |
| (c) For an emergency medical technician by reciprocity | |
| | 15.00 |
| (d) For any late renewal | 5.00 |
| (e) For reissuance of a certificate as an advanced emergency medical technician | 25.00 |
| (f) For reissuance of a certificate as an intermediate emergency medical technician | 20.00 |
| (g) For reissuance of a certificate as an emergency medical technician | 15.00 |
| 3. For issuing a new permit for operation of a service or fire-fighting agency: | |
| (a) For a commercial operator who will provide advanced emergency care | \$50.00 |
| (b) For a municipal operator which will provide advanced emergency care | 30.00 |
| (c) For a commercial operator who will provide basic emergency care | 25.00 |
| (d) For an industrial operator who will provide basic emergency care | 30.00 |

(e) For a municipal operator which will provide basic or intermediate emergency care, whether by paid or volunteer attendants

15.00

(f) For a volunteer service which will provide basic or intermediate emergency care

15.00

(g) For a fire-fighting agency which will provide intermediate or advanced emergency care

30.00

4. For renewing a permit:

(a) For an operator providing advanced emergency care

\$15.00

plus \$5.00 per
vehicle

(b) For an operator providing basic or intermediate emergency care

5.00

plus \$5.00 per
vehicle

(c) For making a late renewal, an additional

10.00

5. For replacing or duplicating documents or furnishing copies of records:

\$2.00

(a) Permit

(b) License

2.00

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| (c) Certificate or identification card | 3.00 |
| (d) Copies of personnel records, per page | 1.00 |
| (e) Copies of other material, per page | 0.25 |

Sec. 44. NAC 450B.710 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.710 [1.] If any application for:

[(a)] 1. A permit to operate a service or fire-fighting agency, including a volunteer service or agency;

[(b)] 2. An endorsement authorizing emergency care at the level of intermediate or advanced emergency care; or

[(c)] 3. A license as an attendant or volunteer attendant of such a service or fire-fighting agency,

is rejected by the health [officer] *division* for the applicant's failure to comply with the requirements of this chapter, the applicant must [within 10 working days after the rejection,] be notified of the action, the reasons for it and the applicant's right of appeal [.

The notice must be sent by certified mail, addressed to the address appearing on the application, with return receipt requested.

2. Within 10 working days after receiving such a notice, using the date shown on the return receipt, an applicant who desires a hearing for the purpose of having a review of the action taken or any other related matter arising under this chapter must file a written request with the health officer for a hearing before the board.

3. Upon receipt of a written request for a hearing before the board, the health officer shall place the matter on the board's agenda for its next regularly scheduled meeting which is 30 working days or more after the date on which the request is received.

4. The board will issue a written decision within 10 working days after the hearing, affirming or reversing the action of the health officer.] *pursuant to NAC 439.300 to 439.440, inclusive.*

Sec. 45. NAC 450B.723 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.723 1. To receive an endorsement as an instructor in emergency medical services, an applicant must:

(a) Provide proof of the successful completion of a course or courses in training equivalent to the national standard course; and

(b) Provide verification of current certification as a first responder, emergency medical technician, intermediate emergency medical technician or advanced emergency medical technician issued by the [bureau of emergency medical services of the] health division.

2. A person certified as an instructor in emergency medical services may teach a program of training in emergency medical services less than or equal to the level of the instructor's emergency medical certification issued by the [bureau of emergency medical services of the] health division.

Sec. 46. NAC 450B.730 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.730 If the holder of a permit to operate a service or fire-fighting agency or any licensee in the service or agency is involved in any traffic accident with one of the

ambulances or in the case of an agency's vehicle, involved in a traffic accident while in service on a medical call, he shall report the full details of the accident within 5 days after it occurs to the health [officer] *division* by certified mail, postmarked within 5 days after the accident or by personal delivery of a written report.

Sec. 47. NAC 450B.826 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.826 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the initial designation of a level I or II center for the treatment of trauma or a pediatric regional resource center for the treatment of trauma is valid for the period verified by the American College of Surgeons or the medical organization or agency which conducted the survey required by NAC 450B.820, but for not more than 3 years.

2. The initial designation of a level III center for the treatment of trauma or the initial designation or renewal of a designation of a level IV center for the treatment of trauma is valid for the period established by the health division, but for not more than 2 years.

3. The renewal of a designation of a level I, II or III center for the treatment of trauma or a pediatric regional resource center for the treatment of trauma is valid for the period verified by the American College of Surgeons, or an equivalent medical organization approved by the board, but not for more than 3 years.

4. If the [state health officer] *health division* finds that extenuating circumstances exist while an application for the renewal of a designation is pending and that the withholding of the renewal of the designation may have a detrimental impact on the health of the public, [he] *it* may recommend to the administrator of the health division that a provisional

designation be issued. The administrator may issue a provisional designation for not more than 1 year on an application for the renewal of a level I, II, III or IV center for the treatment of trauma. The administrator may impose such conditions on the issuance of the provisional designation as he deems necessary.

Sec. 48. NAC 450B.836 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.836 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, if the health division intends to deny, suspend or revoke a designation, it shall **[give reasonable notice by certified mail to the administrator of the hospital and to all interested parties. The notice must cite the legal authority and jurisdiction and the reasons for the proposed action.**

2. Notice] *follow the requirements set forth in NAC 439.300 to 439.440, inclusive.*

2. Advance notice is not required to be given if the health division determines that the protection of the public health requires immediate action. If it so determines, the health division may order a summary suspension of the designation pending proceedings for revocation or other action.

3. If a center for the treatment of trauma or pediatric regional resource center for the treatment of trauma wishes to contest the enforcement action of the health division taken pursuant to this section, it must **[file a notice of appeal with the health division within 10 days after the action is taken.**

4. The health division shall hold a public hearing on its enforcement action within 30 days after receipt of a notice of appeal.

5. The administrator of the health division shall render a decision within 10 days after the hearing.] *follow the procedure for appeals set forth in NAC 439.300 to 439.440, inclusive.*

Sec. 49. NAC 450B.110 and 450B.670 are hereby repealed.

TEXT OF REPEALED SECTIONS

450B.110 “Emergency medical technician” defined. “Emergency medical technician” means a qualified person, as determined by this chapter, who is certified as such by the state health officer.

450B.670 Revocation of licenses, permits, endorsements and certificates: Action by board.

1. The board, after a hearing, will sustain the action of the health officer revoking any permit, endorsement, certificate or license issued under this chapter if it finds that the holder has failed to comply with, or to continue to comply with, any of the applicable provisions, standards, limitations or requirements of this chapter. But nothing in this chapter prohibits the immediate suspension of any permit, endorsement, certificate or license.

2. Before revoking any permit, endorsement, certificate or license, the health officer shall notify the holder by certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the address appearing on the latest application for the permit, endorsement, certificate or license in question, of his intention to ask the health division to revoke the permit, endorsement, certificate or license, the reasons therefor and the right of the holder to appear at the scheduled time, date and place of the revocation or suspension hearing, in the same manner as provided in NAC 450B.710, and to present evidence in his favor.

3. After the hearing, the board will render a decision in the same manner specified in NAC 450B.710.