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Notice of Readoption

Emergency Medical Technician-Basics: Training and Certification

Readoption: N.J.A.C. 8:40A

Authority: N.J.S.A. 26:2K-39 through 65, specifically, 26:2K-40, 41, 47.2, 47.4, 47.9, 51, 53, 63, 64, and 65.

Authorized By: Kaitlan Baston, MD, MSc, DFASAM, Acting Commissioner, Department of Health.

Effective Date: September 12, 2023.

New Expiration Date: September 12, 2030.

Take notice that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, the rules at N.J.A.C. 8:40A, Emergency Medical Technician-Basics: Training and Certification, were scheduled to expire on November 1, 2023. The rules establish uniform Statewide licensure and operations standards for the education, certification, and recertification of an Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-Basic).

Subchapter 1, Authority, Scope, and Definitions, states the authority, scope, and purpose, defined terms, and formal waiver procedures.

Subchapter 2, Emergency Medical Technician Training Fund, provides rules for participation in the use of money from the Emergency Medical Technician Training Fund and for the disbursement of funds.

Subchapter 3, Training Agency Certification, provides general administrative requirements for entities providing EMT-Basic education. This includes requirements for the educational entity's application, site visits, and suspension or revocation of training agency certification.

Subchapter 4, EMT-Basic Training Agency Personnel, provides requirements for educational entity program staff, including program director, program coordinator, program medical advisor, EMT instructor, aide, and lead instructor.

Subchapter 5, Basic Training Programs, provides general requirements for basic training programs, including qualifications of EMT students, attendance, reporting requirements, application to conduct education program requirements, instructional staff, training sites, and curriculum.

Subchapter 6, NREMT-Basic Certification Examination, provides the general requirements for the certification examination, including eligibility for examination, admission to the examination, examination results and reexaminations, and special accommodations for individuals with a documented learning disability.

Subchapter 7, EMT-Basic Certification, provides the requirements of EMT-Bs certification, including general information, certification standards, reciprocity, standards for minors, recertification, and expired certifications.

Subchapter 8, EMT-Instructor Certification, provides standards for the certification of EMT-Basic instructors. This includes certification and recertification requirements and for the status of expired certifications.

Subchapter 9, Continuing Education Programs, provides continuing education program requirements. This includes student qualifications, attendance requirements, application to conduct continuing education sessions, instructional staff requirements, curriculum, and reporting requirements.

Subchapter 10, Scope of Practice, Enforcement Actions, and Hearings, provides standards regarding scope of practice, enforcement actions, and hearings. This includes basic competencies, enforcement actions, requirements for hearings, and penalty actions for impersonating an EMT-Basic or EMT instructor.

As part of its rulemaking responsibilities, the Department of Health (Department) conferred with multiple stakeholder groups, including the New Jersey Association for Paramedic Programs, New Jersey Emergency Medical Services Task Force, New Jersey Emergency Medical Services Educators Association, New Jersey Paramedic Educators, and the College of Emergency Physicians, to review the existing rules and consider amendments. With input from the stakeholder groups, the Department is developing a rulemaking to consolidate, revise, and update its emergency medical services training and certification rule chapters, namely N.J.A.C. 8:40A and 8:41A, to provide information for individuals seeking education and/or a credential and streamline the licensure process for clarity and consistency for emergency medical service providers.

The Department anticipates filing this rulemaking with the Office of Administrative Law for processing in the ordinary course; however, this rulemaking would not be completed prior to the expiration of N.J.A.C. 8:40A. The Commissioner has reviewed N.J.A.C. 8:40A and determined that, pending the finalization of the anticipated rulemaking described above, the existing chapter remains necessary, proper, reasonable, efficient, understandable, and responsive for the purposes for which it was originally promulgated, as amended and supplemented over time, and should be readopted. Therefore, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c(1), N.J.A.C. 8:40A is readopted and shall continue in effect for seven years.