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**Notice of Readoption**

**Emergency Medical Technicians-Paramedic: Training and Certification**

**Readoption: N.J.A.C. 8:41A**

Authority: N.J.S.A. 26:2K-7 through 20, specifically, 26:2K-8, 9, 12, and 17.

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. 8:41A, Emergency Medical Technicians-Paramedic: Training and Certification, were scheduled to expire on November 1, 2023. The rules continue to establish uniform Statewide licensure and operations standards for the education, certification, and recertification of an Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic (EMT-Paramedic).

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

Subchapter 2, EMT-Paramedic Training Programs, provides general administrative requirements for entities providing EMT-Paramedic didactic and clinical education. This includes requirements for student qualifications, didactic and clinical training, specific clinical objectives, and suspension or revocation of training site approval.

Subchapter 3, NREMT-Paramedic Certification Examination, provides general requirements for the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) certification examination, including eligibility to sit for the examination, admission to the examination, and special accommodations for individuals with a documented learning disability.

Subchapter 4, EMT-Paramedic Certification, provides standards for EMT-Paramedic certification, including initial certification, reciprocity, recertification, expired certification status, and inactive status.

Subchapter 5, Scope of Practice, Enforcement Actions, and Hearings, prescribes scope of practice, enforcement actions, and hearing requirements. This includes EMT-Paramedic competencies, enforcement actions, hearings, and penalties for impersonating an EMT-Paramedic.

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 revisions. 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. 8:41A. The Commissioner has reviewed N.J.A.C. 8:41A 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. 8:41A is readopted and shall continue in effect for seven years.