



PUBLIC NOTICE #9

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This notice is given by Clay Stamp, Chairman of the Emergency Medical Services Board and Dr. Theodore Delbridge, Executive Director of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS), acting pursuant to the Proclamation of Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., (the "Governor") dated March 5, 2020, proclaiming a state of emergency and a catastrophic health emergency related to COVID-19, as it may be amended or renewed from time to time, and the Order of the Governor dated March 19, 2020 entitled "Augmenting the Emergency Medical Services Workforce," as it may be amended from time to time, after finding that the action(s) described herein will not endanger the public health, welfare, or safety, and further that these actions will augment the emergency medical services workforce; and improve the response to the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency.

- 1) Commercial Ambulance Crew Configuration: COMAR 30.09.04.08B is modified to the extent that the MIEMSS State Office of Commercial Ambulance Licensing and Regulation (SOCALR) may waive the personnel requirements under COMAR 30.09.07.02(A)(1) and (3) for a licensed commercial ambulance service based inside of Maryland, as well as outside of Maryland, and allow a commercial ambulance service granted a waiver to staff a licensed Basic Life Support (BLS) ground ambulance with 1 EMS Clinician to provide patient care and 1 non-EMS licensed or certified individual to drive the BLS ambulance, provided the service demonstrates to the satisfaction of SOCALR, with the concurrence of the State EMS Medical Director, that the personnel staffing the BLS ambulance are adequate to provide services in the current exigent circumstances, and the service complies with all requirements established by SOCALR for the issuance of the waiver and otherwise complies with the requirements of COMAR 30.09.04.08.
- 2) Requirements for a Waiver: COMAR 30.09.04.08 is modified by the addition of the following subsection F.

F. To be eligible to receive and maintain a waiver under this notice a commercial ambulance service shall:

- (1) Submit to SOCALR initially and on a monthly basis the following information:
 - (a) The current number of unit hours staffed over a consecutive 7-day period during the most recent 30 days; and
 - (b) The name and address of each non-EMS individual designated by the Commercial Service to drive a Basic Life Support ambulance;
- (2) Ensure that each non-EMS individual designated to drive a Basic Life Support ambulance possesses a current and valid For-Hire Driver's license issued by the Public Service Commission prior to use of a non-EMS driver on a BLS ambulance;
 - (3) Provide to SOCALR a photocopy of a current and valid For-Hire Driver's license issued by the Public Service Commission for each non-EMS

individual designated to drive a BLS ambulance prior to use of a non-EMS driver on a BLS ambulance;

- (4) Ensure that each non-EMS individual designated to drive a BLS ambulance obtains an ePINS number Prior to use of a non-EMS driver on a BLS ambulance;
- (5) Provide the following training to each non-EMS individual it designates to drive a Basic Life Support ambulance prior to use of a non-EMS driver on a BLS ambulance:
 - (a) COMAR 30.09.02.02 – Patient Rights,
 - (b) COMAR 30.09.07.03 – Operational Requirements,
 - (c) Bloodborne Pathogens (29 CFR 1910.1030) to include Personal Protective Equipment and Body Substance Isolation precautions,
 - (d) Lifting/Moving/Positioning Patients - to include stretcher and stair chair operations,
 - (e) CPR certified and able to use an AED,
 - (f) Driver's training program to include safe road operations, ambulance backing and city driving; and
- (1) Provide SOCALR with a copy of the training programs required for the non-EMS driver prior to use of a non-EMS driver on a BLS ambulance.

3) Other Terms:

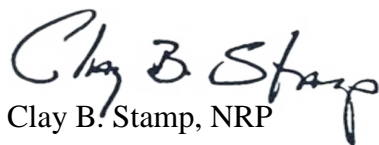
- a. COMAR 30.09.04.08F is modified to the extent that, in addition to the existing grounds for summary suspension, a waiver may be summarily suspended if SOCALR finds the party to whom the waiver has been granted has failed to comply with the terms of the waiver.
- b. COMAR 30.09.04.08F is further modified to the extent that failure to comply with the terms of the waiver may be grounds for further action under COMAR 30.09.09.02.
- c. COMAR 30.09.04.08D is modified to the extent that a waiver issued under this notice shall be in writing and valid for 60 days after the state of emergency has been terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded.
- d. c. COMAR 30.09.04.08E is modified to the extent that commercial ambulance service granted a waiver under this notice may not apply for renewal of a waiver.

All other terms of COMAR 30.09.04.08 remain in effect.

Any effect of Education Article Section 13-515 and the implementing regulations in COMAR 30.09 that is inconsistent with the foregoing is temporarily suspended.

This Notice is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until the state of emergency has been terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded.

Date: May 3, 2021



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