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EMS Provider Preparation and Administration of COVID-19 Vaccine

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and the Oregon Medical Board (OMB) are committed to ensuring that under the direction of their supervising physician, EMTs, advanced EMTs, Oregon EMT-intermediates and paramedics may continue to prepare and administer COVID-19 immunizations. The temporary rule ([OAR 847-035-0030](#) (9)(o)) that allows EMS providers to administer immunizations is scheduled to expire on December 11, 2021. The OMB has filed a proposed rule that will permanently allow EMS providers to administer immunizations in the event of a declared epidemic. Information on this notice of proposed rulemaking can be found at: <https://www.oregon.gov/omb/statutesrules/Documents/847-035-0030.pdf>.

In the event that the temporary rule expires before a permanent rule is adopted, providers will still be allowed to act under the OHA, EMS emergency vaccination protocol for the duration of the declared emergency, set to expire December 31, 2021.

Many communities depend on EMS to provide these vaccinations. As the demand for booster immunizations rise, and with the pediatric COVID-19 vaccination approval, EMS will continue to be able to prepare and administer the vaccines.

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