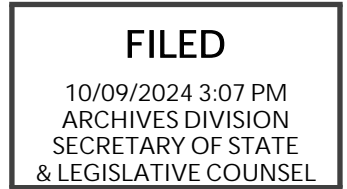




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RULES:

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RULE TITLE: Definitions

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RULE SUMMARY: The rule amendments update the EMS supervising physician application process to align with current practice. The rule also updates EMS supervising physician and agent qualifications by removing the requirement they be a resident or actively practicing in the EMS area, but adds they hold an Active or Emeritus status MD/DO license with the Oregon Medical Board.

RULE TEXT:

- (1) "Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT or Advanced EMT)" means a person who is licensed by the Authority as an Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT).
- (2) "Agent" means a physician licensed under ORS 677.100 to 677.228, actively registered and in good standing with the Board, designated by the supervising physician to provide direction of the medical services of emergency medical services providers as specified in these rules.
- (3) "Authority" means the Public Health Division, Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems of the Oregon Health Authority.
- (4) "Board" means the Oregon Medical Board for the State of Oregon.
- (5) "Committee" means the EMS Advisory Committee to the Oregon Medical Board.
- (6) "Emergency Care" as defined in ORS 682.025(4) means the performance of acts or procedures under emergency conditions in the observation, care and counsel of persons who are ill or injured or who have disabilities; in the administration of care or medications as prescribed by a licensed physician, insofar as any of these acts is based upon knowledge and application of the principles of biological, physical and social science as required by a completed course utilizing an approved curriculum in prehospital emergency care. However, "emergency care" does not include acts of medical diagnosis or prescription of therapeutic or corrective measures.
- (7) "Emergency Medical Responder" means a person who is licensed by the Authority as an Emergency Medical

Responder.

(8) "Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)" means a person who is licensed by the Authority as an EMT.

(9) "Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate (EMT-Intermediate)" means a person who is licensed by the Authority as an EMT-Intermediate.

(10) "In Good Standing" means a person who is currently licensed, who does not have any restrictions placed on his/her license, and who is not on probation with the licensing agency for any reason.

(11) "Nonemergency care" as defined in ORS 682.025(8) means the performance of acts or procedures on a patient who is not expected to die, become permanently disabled or suffer permanent harm within the next 24 hours, including but not limited to observation, care and counsel of a patient and the administration of medications prescribed by a physician licensed under ORS Chapter 677, insofar as any of these acts are based upon knowledge and application of the principles of biological, physical and social science and are performed in accordance with scope of practice rules adopted by the Oregon Medical Board in the course of providing prehospital care.

(12) "Paramedic" means a person who is licensed by the Authority as a Paramedic.

(13) "Scope of Practice" means the maximum level of emergency and nonemergency care that an emergency medical services provider may provide as defined in OAR 847-035-0030.

(14) "Standing Orders" means the written detailed procedures for medical or trauma emergencies and nonemergency care to be performed by an emergency medical services provider issued by the supervising physician commensurate with the scope of practice and level of licensure of the emergency medical services provider.

(15) "Supervising Physician" means a physician licensed under ORS 677.100 to 677.228, actively registered and in good standing with the Board, approved by the Authority, and who provides direction of, and is ultimately responsible for emergency and nonemergency care rendered by emergency medical services providers as specified in these rules. The supervising physician is also ultimately responsible for the agent designated by the supervising physician to provide direction of the medical services of the emergency medical services provider as specified in these rules.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 682.245

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 682.025, ORS 682.245

AMEND: 847-035-0020

RULE TITLE: Application and Qualifications for a Supervising Physician and Agent

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RULE SUMMARY: The rule amendments update the EMS supervising physician application process to align with current practice. The rule also updates EMS supervising physician and agent qualifications by removing the requirement they be a resident or actively practicing in the EMS area, but adds they hold an Active or Emeritus status MD/DO license with the Oregon Medical Board. A license status qualification can easily be determined on OMB's License Verification webpage.

RULE TEXT:

(1) The Board has delegated to the Authority the following:

- (a) Designing and administering the supervising physician and agent application;
- (b) Approving a supervising physician or agent, or determining that the supervising physician applicant does not meet the qualifications; and
- (c) Investigating and disciplining any emergency medical services provider who violates their scope of practice.

(2) The Authority must provide copies of any supervising physician or agent applications and any emergency medical services provider disciplinary action reports to the Board upon request.

(3) The Authority must immediately notify the Board when questions arise regarding the qualifications or responsibilities of the supervising physician or agent of the supervising physician.

(4) A supervising physician and agent must meet the following qualifications:

- (a) Be a physician licensed under ORS 677.100 to 677.228, with an Active or Emeritus license status, and in good standing with the Board;
- (b) Possess thorough knowledge of skills assigned by standing order to emergency medical services providers;
- (c) Possess thorough knowledge of laws and rules of the State of Oregon pertaining to emergency medical services providers; and
- (d) Have completed or obtained one of the following within one calendar year after beginning the position as a supervising physician:
 - (A) Thirty-six months of experience as an EMS Medical Director;
 - (B) Completion of the one-day National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP®) Medical Direction Overview Course, or an equivalent course as approved by the Authority;
 - (C) Completion of the three-day National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP®) National EMS Medical Directors Course and Practicum®, or an equivalent course as approved by the Authority;
 - (D) Completion of an ACGME-approved Fellowship in EMS; or
 - (E) Subspecialty board certification in EMS.
- (5) A supervising physician must meet ongoing education standards by completing or obtaining one of the following every two calendar years:
 - (a) Attendance at one Oregon Health Authority EMS supervising physician's forum;
 - (b) Completion of an average of four hours of EMS-related continuing medical education per year; or
 - (c) Participation in maintenance of certification in the subspecialty of EMS.

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