

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to public health and safety; amending 63 O.S. 1991, Section 1-2511, which relates to the Oklahoma Emergency Medical Services Improvement Program; modifying the Oklahoma EMS Advisory Council; requiring certain additional qualifications; modifying duties; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 1991, Section 1-2511, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-2511. The Commissioner shall have the following powers and duties for the creation and implementation of an Oklahoma Emergency Medical Services Improvement Program:

1. Administer and coordinate all federal and state programs, not specifically assigned by state law to other state agencies, which include provisions of the Federal Emergency Medical Services Systems Act and other federal laws and programs relating to the development of emergency medical services in this state;

2. Assist private and public organizations, emergency medical and health care providers, ambulance authorities, district boards and other interested persons or groups in improving emergency

medical services at the local, municipal, district or state levels. This assistance shall be through professional advice and technical assistance;

3. Coordinate the efforts of local units of government to establish service districts and set up boards of trustees or other authorities to operate and finance emergency medical services in the state as provided under Section 9C of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution or under Sections 1201 through 1221 of Title 19 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The Commissioner shall evaluate all proposed district areas and operational systems to determine the feasibility of their economic and health services delivery;

4. Prepare, maintain and utilize a comprehensive plan and program for emergency medical services development throughout the state to be adopted by the State Board and incorporated within the State Health Plan. The plan shall establish goals, objectives and standards for a statewide integrated system and a timetable for accomplishing and implementing different elements of the system. The plan shall also include, but not be limited to, all components of an emergency medical services system; regional and statewide planning; the establishment of standards and the appropriate criteria for the designation of facilities; data collection and quality assurance; and funding;

5. Maintain a comprehensive registry of all ambulance services operating within the state, to be published annually. All ambulance service providers shall register annually with the Commissioner on forms supplied by the Department, containing such requests for information as may be deemed necessary by the Commissioner;

6. Develop a standard report form which may be used by local, regional and statewide emergency medical services and EMS systems to facilitate the collection of data related to the provision of emergency medical and trauma care. The Commissioner shall also develop a standardized EMS data set and an electronic submission

standard which may, at the option of each ambulance service, be utilized in lieu of the standard report for the submission of required data. Each ambulance service shall submit the information required in this section through either the standard form or electronic data set at such intervals as may be prescribed by rules and regulations promulgated by the State Board;

7. Evaluate and certify all emergency medical services training programs and emergency medical technician training courses and operational services in accordance with specifications and procedures approved by the State Board;

8. Provide an emergency medical technicians' and ambulance service licensure program;

9. Appoint an Oklahoma EMS Advisory Council to be created until July 1, 1996, in accordance with the Oklahoma Sunset Law, to be composed of physicians, health service providers, consumers of health care, other health care professionals, ~~and~~ persons involved in the education and training of emergency medical personnel and members of the public. The Commissioner shall appoint the members of the Council to serve at his pleasure. The Council shall consist of not more than fifteen (15) persons. Provided at all times, at least one-half of the Council shall be composed of persons representing rural areas of this state and small cities and towns.

Persons on the Council shall at all times serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary travel expenses from funds available for the operation of the Department. The Council shall advise the Commissioner or his designee on the following:

- a. training program specifications for emergency medical personnel, the types of medical care procedures which may be performed by emergency medical personnel, qualifications for licensure and certification of emergency medical personnel,

- b. patient care equipment for ambulances, ambulance specifications, criteria and standards for the classification of emergency medical services rendered by providers, including communications and reporting requirements, and operational procedures for providers of ambulance services,
- c. design of the statewide communications system, including procedures for summoning and dispatching emergency medical service, including 911,
- d. projects, programs, and legislation needed to improve emergency medical services in the state, and
- e. developing and establishing rules for the administration of the Commission's responsibilities pursuant to the Oklahoma Emergency Medical Services Act, and
- f. such other matters and activities as directed by the Commissioner or his designee;

10. Appoint a standing Medical Direction Subcommittee of the Council to be composed entirely of physicians who are or who have been medical directors or regional medical directors. The Commissioner shall appoint the members of the Subcommittee to serve at his pleasure. The Subcommittee shall advise the Commissioner or his designee on the following:

- a. the design of all medical aspects and components of emergency medical services systems,
- b. the appropriateness of all standards for medical and patient care operations or services, treatment procedures and protocols,
- c. the implementation and facilitation of regional EMS Systems, and
- d. such other matters and activities as directed by the Commissioner or his designee;

11. Employ and prescribe the duties of employees as may be necessary to administer the provisions of this act; and

12. Apply for and accept public and private gifts, grants, donations and other forms of financial assistance designed for the support of emergency medical services.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective September 1, 1994.

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