

1 ENGROSSED SENATE AMENDMENT
TO

2 ENGROSSED HOUSE
3 BILL NO. 2742

By: Cox of the House

and

Standridge of the Senate

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8 An Act relating to public health and safety; amending
9 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-2503, as last amended by
10 Section 65, Chapter 229, O.S.L. 2013 (63 O.S. Supp.
11 2015, Section 1-2503), which relates to definitions;
12 modifying and adding certain definitions; amending 63
13 O.S. 2011, Section 1-2504, as amended by Section 2,
14 Chapter 23, O.S.L. 2013 (63 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section
15 1-2504), which relates to the utilization of
16 emergency medical personnel; adding certain personnel
17 that may be utilized; amending 63 O.S. 2011, Section
18 1-2505, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 23, O.S.L.
19 2013 (63 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 1-2505), which
20 relates to levels of care; adding certain definition;
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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

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10 last amended by Section 65, Chapter 229, O.S.L. 2013 (63 O.S. Supp.
11 2015, Section 1-2503), is amended to read as follows:

12 Section 1-2503. As used in the Oklahoma Emergency Response
13 Systems Development Act:

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15 or should be approved by the Commissioner of Health, designed and
16 equipped to transport a patient or patients and to provide
17 appropriate on-scene and en route patient stabilization and care as
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20 display evidence of such approval at all times;

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22 corporation established by the state or any unit of local government
23 or combination of units of government for the express purpose of
24 providing, directly or by contract, emergency medical services in a
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3 facility in an ambulance;

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14 of Title 19 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

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17 certified by the Department to perform emergency medical services in
18 accordance with the Oklahoma Emergency Response Systems Development
19 Act and in accordance with the rules and standards promulgated by
20 the Board;

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22 organization of any type certified by the Department to provide
23 emergency medical care, but not transport. Certified emergency
24 medical response agencies may utilize certified emergency medical

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3 direction of and consistent with guidelines for medical control;

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5 identification of stabilizing and definitive emergency services
6 provided by each hospital that treats emergency patients;

7 10. "CoAEMSP" means the Committee on Accreditation of
8 Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions;

9 11. "Commissioner" means the State Commissioner of Health;

10 12. "Community paramedic" means a licensed paramedic who meets
11 the requirements of Section 1-2505 of this title;

12 13. "Community paramedic services" means services that include
13 interventions intended to prevent unnecessary ambulance
14 transportation or hospital emergency department use.

15 a. Community paramedic services must be part of a care
16 plan ordered by a primary health care provider or a
17 hospital provider in consultation with the medical
18 director of an ambulance service. Such care plan must
19 ensure that the services provided by a community
20 paramedic do not duplicate services already provided
21 to the patient, including home health and waiver
22 services.

23 b. Community paramedic services shall include health
24 assessment, chronic disease monitoring and education,

1 medication compliance, immunizations and vaccinations,
2 laboratory specimen collection, hospital discharge
3 follow-up care and minor medical procedures compliant
4 with the community paramedic's scope of practice and
5 approved by the ambulance medical director;

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7 Council created in Section ~~44~~ 1-103a.1 of this ~~act~~ title;

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12 and standards promulgated by the Board;

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4 promulgated by the Board;

5 ~~18.~~ 20. "Licensure" means the licensing of emergency medical
6 care providers and ambulance services pursuant to rules and
7 standards promulgated by the Board at one or more of the following
8 levels:

- 9 a. ~~Basic~~ basic life support,
- 10 b. ~~Intermediate~~ intermediate life support,
- 11 c. ~~Paramedic~~ paramedic life support,
- 12 d. ~~Advanced~~ advanced life support,
- 13 e. ~~Stretcher~~ stretcher aid van, and
- 14 f. ~~Specialty~~ specialty care, which shall be used solely
15 for interhospital transport of patients requiring
16 specialized en route medical monitoring and advanced
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18 equipment and personnel provided by paramedic life
19 support.

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10 personnel by a physician via radio or telephone. Off-line medical
11 control is the establishment and monitoring of all medical
12 components of an emergency medical service system, which is to
13 include stretcher aid van service including, but not limited to,
14 protocols, standing orders, educational programs, and the quality
15 and delivery of on-line control;

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17 without restriction, who acts as a paid or volunteer medical advisor
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2 means;

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6 and standards which may exceed, but may not be in contravention of,
7 those required by the state, which is under the medical direction of
8 a single regional medical director, and which participates directly
9 in the delivery of the following services:

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11 dispatching, emergency and routine, including priority
12 dispatching of first response agencies, stretcher aid
13 van and ambulances,
- 14 b. emergency medical responder services provided by
15 emergency medical response agencies,
- 16 c. ambulance services, both emergency, routine and
17 stretcher aid van including, but not limited to, the
18 transport of patients in accordance with transport
19 protocols approved by the regional medical director,
20 and
- 21 d. directions given by physicians directly via radio or
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1 ambulance personnel at the scene of an emergency or
2 while en route to a hospital;

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5 defined by the Oklahoma Emergency Response Systems Development Act,
6 chosen by an emergency medical service region to provide external
7 medical oversight, quality control and related services to that
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10 service in a registry maintained by the Department; provided,
11 however, registration shall not be deemed to be a license;

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14 designed and equipped to transport individuals on a stretcher or
15 gurney type apparatus. Vehicles used as stretcher aid vans shall
16 meet such standards as may be required by the State Board of Health
17 for approval and shall display evidence of such approval at all
18 times. Stretcher aid van services shall only be permitted and
19 approved by the Commissioner in emergency medical service regions,
20 ambulance service districts, or counties with populations in excess
21 of ~~300,000~~ four hundred thousand (400,000) people. Notwithstanding
22 the provisions of this paragraph, stretcher aid van transports may
23 be made to and from any federal or state veterans facility;

1 ~~26.~~ 28. "Stretcher aid van patient" means any person who is or
2 will be transported in a reclining position on a stretcher or
3 gurney, who is medically stable, nonemergent and does not require
4 any medical monitoring equipment or assistance during transport; and

5 ~~27.~~ 29. "Transport protocol" means the written instructions
6 governing decision-making at the scene of a medical emergency by
7 ambulance personnel regarding the selection of the hospital to which
8 the patient shall be transported. Transport protocols shall be
9 developed by the regional medical director for a regional emergency
10 medical services system or by the Department if no regional
11 emergency medical services system has been established. Such
12 transport protocols shall adhere to, at a minimum, the following
13 guidelines:

- 14 a. nonemergency, routine transport shall be to the
15 facility of the patient's choice,
- 16 b. urgent or emergency transport not involving life-
17 threatening medical illness or injury shall be to the
18 nearest facility, or, subject to transport
19 availability and system area coverage, to the facility
20 of the patient's choice, and
- 21 c. life-threatening medical illness or injury shall
22 require transport to the nearest health care facility
23 appropriate to the needs of the patient as established
24 by regional or state guidelines.

1 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-2504, as
2 amended by Section 2, Chapter 23, O.S.L. 2013 (63 O.S. Supp. 2015,
3 Section 1-2504), is amended to read as follows:

4 Section 1-2504. A. Any hospital or health care facility
5 operating within the state may utilize ~~Emergency Medical Technician,~~
6 ~~Intermediate, Advanced Emergency Medical Technician or Paramedic or~~
7 ~~Critical Care Paramedic~~ emergency medical technician, intermediate
8 emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician
9 or paramedic, community paramedic or critical care paramedic
10 personnel for the delivery of emergency medical patient care within
11 the hospital or health care facility. All licensed ambulance
12 services shall use ~~Emergency Medical Technician, Intermediate,~~
13 ~~Advanced Emergency Medical Technician~~ emergency medical technician,
14 intermediate emergency medical technician, advanced emergency
15 medical technician or ~~Paramedic~~ paramedic personnel for on-scene
16 patient care and stabilization and the delivery of prehospital and
17 en route emergency medical care.

18 B. Any hospital or health care facility operating within the
19 state may utilize community paramedic personnel for the delivery of
20 community paramedic services for patients who come to the hospital
21 or health care facility who reside in this state.

22 C. While participating in an ~~Emergency Medical Technician,~~
23 ~~Intermediate, Advanced Emergency Medical Technician~~ emergency
24 medical technician, intermediate emergency medical technician,

1 advanced emergency medical technician, community paramedic or
2 ~~Paramedic~~ paramedic training course approved by the State Department
3 of Health, the student shall be allowed to perform in the hospital,
4 clinic or prehospital setting, while under the direct supervision of
5 a physician, registered nurse, or licensed emergency medical
6 personnel who are licensed at a level equal to or above the level of
7 training of the student, or other allied health preceptor, any of
8 the skills determined to be appropriate for the training level of
9 the student by the Department.

10 ~~C.~~ D. The student shall be allowed to perform any of the skills
11 determined to be appropriate by the Department for the training
12 level of the student while performing community paramedic services
13 under the direct supervision of a physician, registered nurse or
14 emergency medical personnel who are licensed at a level equal to or
15 above the level of training of the student, or other allied health
16 preceptor.

17 E. A registered nurse or licensed practical nurse may be used
18 in the back of an ambulance during an interhospital transfer to
19 supplement the skills of licensed emergency medical personnel. A
20 registered nurse or licensed practical nurse functioning in this
21 fashion must be following written orders of a physician or be in
22 direct radio or telephone contact with a physician.

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4 Section 1-2505. Personnel licensed in the following levels of
5 care may perform as designated under their classification:

6 1. "Emergency ~~Medical Technician~~ medical technician (EMT)"
7 means an individual licensed by the State Department of Health
8 following completion of a standard ~~Basic Emergency Medical~~
9 ~~Technician~~ basic emergency medical technician training program
10 approved by the Department, who has met such other standards of
11 competence and character as may be required, and who has passed a
12 standard licensing examination of knowledge and skill, administered
13 by the Department or other entity designated by the Department. The
14 licensed ~~Emergency Medical Technician~~ emergency medical technician
15 is allowed to perform such skills as may be designated by the
16 Department;

17 2. "Intermediate emergency medical technician (IEMT)" means an
18 individual licensed as an EMT, who has completed an intermediate
19 training program approved by the Department, who has met such other
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12 emergency medical technician is allowed to perform such skills as
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14 4. "Community paramedic" means an individual who meets the
15 provisions of paragraph 5 of this section and:

- 16 a. possesses two (2) years of full-time service as a
17 paramedic or its part-time equivalent, and
18 b. completes a training program from an entity approved
19 by the Department; and

20 5. "Paramedic", including community paramedic, means an
21 individual licensed as an EMT, ~~Intermediate~~ IEMT or AEMT, who has
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1 knowledge and skill administered by the Department or other entity
2 designated by the Department. The ~~Paramedic~~ paramedic is allowed to
3 perform such skills as may be designated by the Department.

4 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
5 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-2509.1 of Title 63, unless
6 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

7 The State Board of Health shall promulgate rules to implement
8 the provisions of the Oklahoma Emergency Response Systems
9 Development Act.

10 SECTION 5. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016."
11 Passed the Senate the 11th day of April, 2016.

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23 emergency medical services system has been established. Such
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1 transport protocols shall adhere to, at a minimum, the following
2 guidelines:

- 3 a. nonemergency, routine transport shall be to the
4 facility of the patient's choice,
- 5 b. urgent or emergency transport not involving life-
6 threatening medical illness or injury shall be to the
7 nearest facility, or, subject to transport
8 availability and system area coverage, to the facility
9 of the patient's choice, and
- 10 c. life-threatening medical illness or injury shall
11 require transport to the nearest health care facility
12 appropriate to the needs of the patient as established
13 by regional or state guidelines.

14 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-2504, as
15 amended by Section 2, Chapter 23, O.S.L. 2013 (63 O.S. Supp. 2015,
16 Section 1-2504), is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 1-2504. A. Any hospital or health care facility
18 operating within the state may utilize ~~Emergency Medical Technician,~~
19 ~~Intermediate, Advanced Emergency Medical Technician or Paramedic or~~
20 ~~Critical Care Paramedic~~ emergency medical technician, intermediate
21 emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician
22 or paramedic, community paramedic or critical care paramedic
23 personnel for the delivery of emergency medical patient care within
24 the hospital or health care facility. All licensed ambulance

1 services shall use ~~Emergency Medical Technician, Intermediate,~~
2 ~~Advanced Emergency Medical Technician~~ emergency medical technician,
3 intermediate emergency medical technician, advanced emergency
4 medical technician or ~~Paramedic~~ paramedic personnel for on-scene
5 patient care and stabilization and the delivery of prehospital and
6 en route emergency medical care.

7 B. Any hospital or health care facility operating within the
8 state may utilize community paramedic personnel for the delivery of
9 community paramedic services for residents within the emergency
10 medical services system coverage area.

11 C. While participating in an ~~Emergency Medical Technician,~~
12 ~~Intermediate, Advanced Emergency Medical Technician~~ emergency
13 medical technician, intermediate emergency medical technician,
14 advanced emergency medical technician, community paramedic or
15 ~~Paramedic~~ paramedic training course approved by the State Department
16 of Health, the student shall be allowed to perform in the hospital,
17 clinic or prehospital setting, while under the direct supervision of
18 a physician, registered nurse, or licensed emergency medical
19 personnel who are licensed at a level equal to or above the level of
20 training of the student, or other allied health preceptor, any of
21 the skills determined to be appropriate for the training level of
22 the student by the Department.

23 ~~C.~~ D. The student shall be allowed to perform any of the skills
24 determined to be appropriate by the Department for the training

1 level of the student while performing community paramedic services
2 under the direct supervision of a physician, registered nurse or
3 emergency medical personnel who are licensed at a level equal to or
4 above the level of training of the student, or other allied health
5 preceptor.

6 E. A registered nurse or licensed practical nurse may be used
7 in the back of an ambulance during an interhospital transfer to
8 supplement the skills of licensed emergency medical personnel. A
9 registered nurse or licensed practical nurse functioning in this
10 fashion must be following written orders of a physician or be in
11 direct radio or telephone contact with a physician.

12 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-2505, as
13 amended by Section 3, Chapter 23, O.S.L. 2013 (63 O.S. Supp. 2015,
14 Section 1-2505), is amended to read as follows:

15 Section 1-2505. Personnel licensed in the following levels of
16 care may perform as designated under their classification:

17 1. "Emergency ~~Medical Technician~~ medical technician (EMT)"
18 means an individual licensed by the State Department of Health
19 following completion of a standard ~~Basic Emergency Medical~~
20 ~~Technician~~ basic emergency medical technician training program
21 approved by the Department, who has met such other standards of
22 competence and character as may be required, and who has passed a
23 standard licensing examination of knowledge and skill, administered
24 by the Department or other entity designated by the Department. The

1 licensed ~~Emergency Medical Technician~~ emergency medical technician
2 is allowed to perform such skills as may be designated by the
3 Department;

4 2. "Intermediate emergency medical technician (IEMT)" means an
5 individual licensed as an EMT, who has completed an intermediate
6 training program approved by the Department, who has met such other
7 standards of competence and character as may be required, and who
8 has passed a standard licensing examination of knowledge and skill
9 administered by the Department or other entity designated by the
10 Department. The ~~Intermediate~~ intermediate emergency medical
11 technician is allowed to perform such skills as may be designated by
12 the Department;

13 3. "Advanced ~~Emergency Medical Technician~~ emergency medical
14 technician (AEMT)" means an individual licensed as an ~~Emergency~~
15 ~~Medical Technician~~ emergency medical technician or ~~Intermediate~~
16 intermediate emergency medical technician who has completed an AEMT
17 training program approved by the Department, who has met such other
18 standards of competence and character as may be required, and who
19 has passed a standard licensing examination of knowledge and skills
20 administered by the Department or other entity designated by the
21 Department. The ~~Advanced Emergency Medical Technician~~ advanced
22 emergency medical technician is allowed to perform such skills as
23 may be designated by the Department; ~~and~~

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1 4. "Community paramedic" means an individual who meets the
2 provisions of paragraph 5 of this section and:

3 a. possesses two (2) years of full-time service as a
4 paramedic or its part-time equivalent, and

5 b. completes a training program from an entity approved
6 by the Department, which training shall require, at a
7 minimum, three hundred (300) hours of classroom and
8 clinical experience provided under the supervision of
9 a medical director, advanced practice registered
10 nurse, physician assistant or registered nurse; and

11 5. "Paramedic", including community paramedic, means an
12 individual licensed as an EMT, ~~Intermediate~~ IEMT or AEMT, who has
13 completed a standard ~~Paramedic~~ paramedic training program, who has
14 met such other standards of competence and character as may be
15 required, and who has passed a standard licensing examination of
16 knowledge and skill administered by the Department or other entity
17 designated by the Department. The ~~Paramedic~~ paramedic is allowed to
18 perform such skills as may be designated by the Department.

19 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-2509.1 of Title 63, unless
21 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 The State Board of Health shall promulgate rules to implement
23 the provisions of the Oklahoma Emergency Response Systems
24 Development Act.

