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Notice of Readoption

Emergency Medical Technician-Basics: Training and Certification

Readoption: N.J.A.C. 8:40A

Authority: N.J.S.A. 26:2K-39 through 62.

Authorized By: Cathleen D. Bennett, Commissioner, Department of Health.

Effective Date: November 1, 2016.

New Expiration Date: November 1, 2023.

Take notice that pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, the rules at N.J.A.C. 8:40A were scheduled to expire on December 17, 2016. The rules establish standards in New Jersey for the certification and recertification of all Emergency Medical Technician-Basics (EMT-Bs). In order to maintain the current rules in effect, the Department of Health has determined that the rules should be readopted without amendment.

The rules continue to establish uniform Statewide licensure and operations standards for the education, certification, and recertification of EMT-Bs. Subchapter 1 continues to state the authority, scope, and purpose, defined terms, and formal waiver procedures. Subchapter 2 continues to provide rules for participation in the utilization of monies from the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Training Fund and for the disbursement of funds.

Subchapter 3 continues to provide general administrative requirements for entities providing EMT-B education. This includes requirements for the educational entity's application, site visits, and suspension or revocation of training agency certification.

Subchapter 4 continues to provide requirements for educational entity program staff, including program director, program coordinator, program medical advisor, EMT instructor, aide, and lead instructor.

Subchapter 5 continues to provide general requirements for basic training programs, including qualifications of EMT students, attendance, reporting requirements, application to conduct education program requirements, instructional staff, training sites, and curriculum.

Subchapter 6 continues to provide for the general requirements for the certification examination, including eligibility for examination, admission to the examination, examination results and reexaminations, and special accommodations for individuals with a documented learning disability.

Subchapter 7 continues to provide for the requirements of EMT-Bs certification, including general information, certification standards, reciprocity, standards for minors, recertification, and expired certifications.

Subchapter 8 continues to provide for the certification of EMT-Bs instructors. This includes certification and recertification requirements and for the status of expired certifications.

Subchapter 9 continues to provide for continuing education program requirements. This includes student qualifications, attendance requirements, application to conduct continuing education sessions, instructional staff requirements, curriculum, and reporting requirements.

Subchapter 10 continues to provide standards regarding scope of practice, enforcement actions, and hearings. This includes basic competencies, enforcement actions, requirements for hearings, and penalty actions for impersonating an EMT-Bs or EMT instructor.

The rules remain necessary, proper, reasonable, efficient, understandable, and responsive for the purposes for which they were originally promulgated. Therefore, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c, N.J.A.C. 8:40A is readopted and shall continue in effect for a seven-year period.