

147A.4 Rulemaking authority.

1. The department shall adopt rules required or authorized by this subchapter pertaining to the operation of ambulance, rescue, and first response services which have received authorization under section 147A.5 to utilize the services of certified emergency medical care providers. These rules shall include, but need not be limited to, requirements concerning physician supervision, necessary equipment and staffing, and reporting by ambulance, rescue, and first response services which have received the authorization pursuant to section 147A.5.

The director, pursuant to rule, may grant exceptions and variances from the requirements of rules adopted under this subchapter for any ambulance, rescue, or first response service. Exceptions or variations shall be reasonably related to undue hardships which existing services experience in complying with this subchapter or the rules adopted pursuant to this subchapter. However, no exception or variance may be granted unless the service has adopted a plan approved by the department prior to July 1, 1996, to achieve compliance during a period not to exceed seven years with this subchapter and rules adopted pursuant to this subchapter. Services requesting exceptions and variances shall be subject to other applicable rules adopted pursuant to this subchapter.

2. The department shall adopt rules required or authorized by this subchapter pertaining to the examination and certification of emergency medical care providers. These rules shall include, but need not be limited to, requirements concerning prerequisites, training, and experience for emergency medical care providers and procedures for determining when individuals have met these requirements. The department shall adopt rules to recognize the previous EMS training and experience of first responders and emergency medical technicians to provide for an equitable transition to the EMT-basic certification. The department may require additional training and examinations as necessary and appropriate to ensure that individuals seeking certification have met the EMT-basic knowledge and skill requirements.

3. The department shall establish the fee for the examination of the emergency medical care providers to cover the administrative costs of the examination program.

[C79, 81, § 147A.4; 82 Acts, ch 1005, § 1, 2]

84 Acts, ch 1287, § 4; 86 Acts, ch 1245, § 1143; 89 Acts, ch 89, §7; 93 Acts, ch 58, § 3; 95 Acts, ch 41, §12, 28; 99 Acts, ch 141, §22