

147A.1 Definitions.

As used in [this subchapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Department*” means the Iowa department of public health.
2. “*Director*” means the director of the Iowa department of public health.
3. “*Emergency medical care*” means such medical procedures as:
 - a. Administration of intravenous solutions.
 - b. Intubation.
 - c. Performance of cardiac defibrillation and synchronized cardioversion.
 - d. Administration of emergency drugs as provided by rule by the department.
 - e. Any other medical procedure approved by the department, by rule, as appropriate to be performed by emergency medical care providers who have been trained in that procedure.
4. “*Emergency medical care provider*” means an individual trained to provide emergency and nonemergency medical care at the first-responder, EMT-basic, EMT-intermediate, EMT-paramedic level, or other certification levels adopted by rule by the department, who has been issued a certificate by the department.
5. “*Emergency medical services*” or “*EMS*” means an integrated medical care delivery system to provide emergency and nonemergency medical care at the scene or during out-of-hospital patient transportation in an ambulance.
6. “*Emergency medical services instructor*” means an individual who has successfully completed an EMS curriculum determined in rules in accordance with [chapter 17A](#) by the director and subject to the approval of the state board of health.
7. “*Emergency medical services medical director*” means a physician licensed under [chapter 148](#), who is responsible for overall medical direction of an emergency medical services program and who has completed a medical director workshop, sponsored by the department, within one year of assuming duties. An emergency medical services medical director who receives no compensation for the performance of the director’s volunteer duties under [this chapter](#) shall be considered a state volunteer as provided in [section 669.24](#) while performing volunteer duties as an emergency medical services medical director.
8. “*Emergency rescue technician*” or “*ERT*” means an individual trained in various rescue techniques including but not limited to extrication from vehicles and agricultural rescue, and who has successfully completed a curriculum approved by the department in cooperation with the Iowa fire service institute.
9. “*First responder*” or “*FR*” means an individual trained in patient-stabilizing techniques, through the use of initial emergency medical care procedures and skills prior to the arrival of an ambulance, pursuant to rules established by the department and who is currently certified as a first responder by the department.
10. “*Physician*” means an individual licensed under [chapter 148](#).
[C79, 81, §147A.1]
84 Acts, ch 1287, §1; 86 Acts, ch 1245, §1142; 89 Acts, ch 89, §6; 93 Acts, ch 58, §7; 95 Acts, ch 41, §9; 99 Acts, ch 141, §21; 2008 Acts, ch 1088, §99; 2009 Acts, ch 56, §3
Referred to in [§85.36](#), [85.61](#), [97B.49B](#), [100B.14](#), [100B.31](#), [139A.2](#), [141A.1](#), [144A.2](#), [321.423](#), [708.3A](#), [724.6](#)