

641—113.5(135) Disaster medical assistance team.**113.5(1) General requirements.**

a. An entity may make application to the department to be a sponsor agency of a DMAT pursuant to subrule 113.3(1). An individual may make application to the department to be a member of a DMAT pursuant to subrule 113.4(1).

b. The department, in conjunction with the sponsor agencies, shall establish the DMAT operational procedures. The operational procedures shall be in writing and shall be provided to each DMAT member. All DMAT members and sponsor agencies shall follow the DMAT operational procedures as established by the department. The Iowa DMAT Operational Procedures Manual is available through the Iowa Department of Public Health, Center for Disaster Operations and Response, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075.

c. If the department notifies a DMAT, DMAT member, or sponsor agency of a violation of Iowa Code section 135.143, this chapter, or an operational procedure, the DMAT, DMAT member, or sponsor agency shall correct the deficiency or violation identified by the department within a time frame determined by the department. If a DMAT, DMAT member, or sponsor agency fails to correct a deficiency or violation within the time frame identified by the department, or if the deficiency or violation constitutes an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare, the department may initiate action to revoke approval pursuant to subrule 113.3(2) or 113.4(2).

113.5(2) Team composition.

a. A DMAT shall be comprised of a minimum of 35 health care professionals and administrative personnel as identified in the Iowa DMAT Operational Procedures Manual.

b. The sponsor agency for each team shall be responsible for maintaining adequate staffing.

113.5(3) Licensure and educational requirements.

a. Each DMAT member shall hold and maintain an active unrestricted license, registration, or certification to practice in Iowa in the member's respective medical or health care profession.

b. Each DMAT member shall complete the following courses or shall complete other substantially similar courses approved by the department:

- (1) Incident command structure;
- (2) Weapons of mass destruction awareness; and
- (3) Hazardous materials awareness or operations.

c. In addition to the requirements in paragraph 113.5(3)“b,” the DMAT's leadership shall complete training in:

- (1) Hospital emergency incident command structure; and
- (2) Risk communication.

d. A sponsor agency shall provide specific position training to DMAT members as determined to be necessary by the sponsor agency and as approved by the department.

e. A sponsor agency, in conjunction with the department, shall develop and implement training exercises to test the team's notification process, deployment readiness, and response capabilities.

f. The sponsor agency shall be responsible for documenting each DMAT member's completion of required training.

113.5(4) Deployment and standdown.

a. DMATs shall prepare to deploy within two to four hours of notification by the department. DMATs shall not self-deploy and shall not be covered by the provisions of Iowa Code section 135.143 and this chapter if self-deployed or deployed by another agency or entity.

b. On-call team schedules shall be established and distributed by the department and shall be followed by the DMATs and sponsor agencies.

c. Deployment and standdown procedures are outlined in the Iowa DMAT Operational Procedures Manual and shall be followed by all DMAT members.