

**641—131.1(147A,147D,272C) Definitions.** For the purpose of these rules, the following definitions apply:

*“Advanced emergency medical technician”* or *“AEMT”* means an individual who has successfully completed a course of study based on the U.S. Department of Transportation’s National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards (December 2021), has passed the Department or NREMT testing requirements for the AEMT, and is currently certified by the department as an AEMT.

*“CAPCE”* means the Commission on Accreditation for Prehospital Continuing Education, the accrediting body charged with the review and accreditation of EMS continuing education.

*“CEH”* means continuing education hour, which is based upon 50 minutes of training per hour. Fifty minutes equals one CEH, and 30 minutes equals one-half CEH.

*“Certification”* or *“certificate”* means a document issued by the department authorizing a person to practice as an emergency medical care provider in Iowa.

*“Certification period”* means the length of time an emergency medical care provider certificate is valid. The certification period is two years from initial issuance or from renewal unless otherwise specified on the certificate or unless sooner suspended or revoked.

*“Certification status”* means the status of an individual EMS certificate holder.

1. *“Active”* means the holder of the certification has the authority to function as an emergency medical care provider at the level certified in accordance with subrule 131.4(1).

2. *“Probation,”* which is an active certification, means the holder of the certification has the authority to function as an emergency medical care provider at the level certified in accordance with subrule 131.4(1) and under the conditions of probation.

3. *“Denied”* means the certificate is inactive and the holder of the certification has no authority to function as an emergency medical care provider.

4. *“Inactive”* means the certificate is inactive and the holder of the certification has no authority to function as an emergency medical care provider.

5. *“Revoked”* means the certification is inactive and the holder of the certification has no authority to function as an emergency medical care provider.

6. *“Surrendered”* means the certification is inactive and the holder of the certification has no authority to function as an emergency medical care provider.

7. *“Suspended”* means the certification is inactive and the holder of the certification has no authority to function as an emergency medical care provider.

*“Certified”* means being officially recognized as meeting department-approved testing and training standards and being issued a certificate by the department in accordance with Iowa Code chapters 272C and 147A to practice as an emergency medical care provider in the state of Iowa.

*“Compact”* means the emergency medical services personnel licensure interstate compact according to Iowa Code chapter 147D.

*“Complete criminal record”* includes the complaint and judgment of conviction for each offense of which the applicant has been convicted, regardless of whether the offense is classified as a felony or a misdemeanor, and regardless of the jurisdiction in which the offense occurred.

*“Conviction”* means a finding, plea, or verdict of guilt made or returned in a criminal proceeding, even if the adjudication of guilt is deferred, withheld, or not entered. *“Conviction”* includes Alford pleas and pleas of nolo contendere.

*“Core continuing education”* means education obtained during a certification period to renew certification. Core continuing education will have an assigned sponsor number from CAPCE, an authorized EMS training program, or the department.

*“Critical care paramedic”* or *“CCP”* means a currently certified paramedic who has successfully completed a critical care course of instruction approved by the department and has received endorsement from the department as a critical care paramedic.

*“Disqualifying offense”* means a conviction directly related to the duties and responsibilities of the profession. A conviction is directly related to the duties and responsibilities of the profession if either (1) the actions taken in furtherance of an offense are actions customarily performed within the scope of practice of a certified profession, or (2) the circumstances under which an offense was committed are circumstances customary to a certified profession.

*“Emergency medical care”* means any medical procedure authorized by Iowa Code chapter 147A and these rules.

*“Emergency medical care provider”* means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 147A.1.

*“Emergency medical care student”* means an individual registered with the department and enrolled in an EMS training program with an active EMS student registration.

*“Emergency medical responder”* or *“EMR”* means an individual who has successfully completed a course of study based on the U.S. Department of Transportation’s National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards (December 2021), has passed the department or NREMT testing requirements for the EMR, and is currently certified by the department as an EMR.

*“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.

*“Emergency medical technician”* or *“EMT”* means an individual who has successfully completed a course of study based on the U.S. Department of Transportation’s National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards (December 2021), has passed the department or NREMT testing requirements for the EMT, and is currently certified by the department as an EMT.

*“Emergency medical technician-defibrillation”* or *“EMT-D”* means an individual who has successfully completed an approved program and is currently certified by the department as an EMT-D.

*“EMS clinical guidelines”* or *“minimum EMS clinical guidelines”* means a minimum clinical standard approved by the department upon which a service program’s medical director will base service program protocols.

*“EMS instructor”* or *“EMS-I”* means an individual who has successfully completed an EMS instructor curriculum approved by the department and is currently endorsed by the department as an EMS-I.

*“Endorsement”* or *“endorsed”* means an approval granted by the department authorizing an individual to serve as an EMS-I or CCP.

*“Fees”* means those fees received pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 147A and 147D.

*“First responder”* or *“FR”* means an individual who has successfully completed an approved program and is currently certified by the department as an FR.

*“First responder-defibrillation”* or *“FR-D”* means an individual who has successfully completed an approved program and is currently certified by the department as an FR-D.

*“NREMT”* means the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians. The NREMT provides a valid, uniform process to assess the knowledge and skills required for competent practice by EMS professionals.

*“Paramedic”* or *“PM”* means an individual who has successfully completed a course of study based on the U.S. Department of Transportation’s National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards (December 2021), has passed the department or NREMT testing requirements for the paramedic, and is currently certified by the department as a paramedic.

*“Patient”* means an individual who is sick, injured, or otherwise incapacitated and has been evaluated or provided treatment by an emergency medical care provider.

*“Patient abandonment”* means a termination of the provider/patient relationship at a time when a continuous level of care is needed. Patient abandonment does not occur when a scene is unsecured, deteriorates or becomes too dangerous for the emergency medical care provider to safely function. Patient abandonment does not occur when patient care is transferred to another emergency medical care provider following assessment or triage.

*“Physician”* means an individual licensed under Iowa Code chapter 148.

*“Physician associate”* or *“PA”* means an individual licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 148C.

*“Protocols”* means written directions and orders approved by a service program’s medical director utilizing the EMS clinical guidelines.

*“Registered nurse”* or *“RN”* means an individual licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 152.

*“Service program”* or *“service”* means any transport service or nontransport service, inclusive of associated satellites and service program affiliates, that has received full or conditional authorization from the department.

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