

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems
5 Act is amended by changing Sections 3.5, 3.35, and 3.65 as
6 follows:

7 (210 ILCS 50/3.5)

8 Sec. 3.5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

9 "Clinical observation" means the ongoing observation of a
10 patient's medical or mental health condition by a licensed
11 health care professional utilizing a medical skill set while
12 continuing assessment and care.

13 "Department" means the Illinois Department of Public
14 Health.

15 "Director" means the Director of the Illinois Department
16 of Public Health.

17 "Emergency" means a medical condition of recent onset and
18 severity that would lead a prudent layperson, possessing an
19 average knowledge of medicine and health, to believe that
20 urgent or unscheduled medical care is required.

21 "Emergency Medical Services personnel" or "EMS personnel"
22 means persons licensed as an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)
23 (First Responder), Emergency Medical Dispatcher (EMD),

1 Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Emergency Medical
2 Technician-Intermediate (EMT-I), Advanced Emergency Medical
3 Technician (A-EMT), Paramedic (EMT-P), Emergency
4 Communications Registered Nurse (ECRN), Pre-Hospital
5 Registered Nurse (PHRN), Pre-Hospital Advanced Practice
6 Registered Nurse (PHAPRN), or Pre-Hospital Physician Assistant
7 (PHPA).

8 "Exclusive representative" has the same meaning as defined
9 in Section 3 of the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act.

10 "Health care facility" means a hospital, nursing home,
11 physician's office or other fixed location at which medical
12 and health care services are performed. It does not include
13 "pre-hospital emergency care settings" which utilize EMS
14 personnel to render pre-hospital emergency care prior to the
15 arrival of a transport vehicle, as defined in this Act.

16 "Hospital" has the meaning ascribed to that term in the
17 Hospital Licensing Act.

18 "Labor organization" has the same meaning as defined in
19 Section 3 of the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act.

20 "Medical monitoring" means the performance of medical
21 tests and physical exams to evaluate an individual's ongoing
22 exposure to a factor that could negatively impact that
23 person's health. "Medical monitoring" includes close
24 surveillance or supervision of patients liable to suffer
25 deterioration in physical or mental health and checks of
26 various parameters such as pulse rate, temperature,

1 respiration rate, the condition of the pupils, the level of
2 consciousness and awareness, the degree of appreciation of
3 pain, and blood gas concentrations such as oxygen and carbon
4 dioxide.

5 "Silver spanner program" means a program in which a member
6 under a fire department's or fire protection district's
7 collective bargaining agreement works on or at the EMS System
8 under another fire department's or fire protection district's
9 collective bargaining agreement and (i) the other fire
10 department or fire protection district is not the member's
11 full-time employer and (ii) any EMS services not included
12 under the original fire department's or fire protection
13 district's collective bargaining agreement are included in the
14 other fire department's or fire protection district's
15 collective bargaining agreement.

16 "Trauma" means any significant injury which involves
17 single or multiple organ systems.

18 (Source: P.A. 103-521, eff. 1-1-24.)

19 (210 ILCS 50/3.35)

20 Sec. 3.35. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Resource
21 Hospital; Functions. The Resource Hospital of an EMS System
22 shall:

23 (a) Prepare a Program Plan in accordance with the
24 provisions of this Act and minimum standards and criteria
25 established in rules adopted by the Department pursuant to

1 this Act, and submit such Program Plan to the Department
2 for approval.

3 (b) Appoint an EMS Medical Director, who will
4 continually monitor and supervise the System and who will
5 have the responsibility and authority for total management
6 of the System as delegated by the EMS Resource Hospital.

7 The Program Plan shall require the EMS Medical
8 Director to appoint an alternate EMS Medical Director and
9 establish a written protocol addressing the functions to
10 be carried out in his or her absence.

11 (c) Appoint an EMS System Coordinator and EMS
12 Administrative Director in consultation with the EMS
13 Medical Director and in accordance with rules adopted by
14 the Department pursuant to this Act.

15 (d) Identify potential EMS System participants and
16 obtain commitments from them for the provision of
17 services.

18 (e) Educate or coordinate the education of EMS
19 personnel and all other license holders in accordance with
20 the requirements of this Act, rules adopted by the
21 Department pursuant to this Act, and the EMS System
22 Program Plan. An EMS System may coordinate education
23 outside of the region of which it is located with valid
24 justification and Department approval. The didactic
25 portion of education may be conducted through an online
26 platform with EMS System and Department approval. An

1 education plan within a Resource Hospital may include
2 classes performed outside of the region in which the
3 Resource Hospital is located. When considering whether to
4 approve or deny an education plan for classes performed
5 outside of the region in which a Resource Hospital is
6 located, the Department shall give deference to the EMS
7 Medical Director's education plan request and shall not
8 unreasonably withhold approval.

9 (f) Notify the Department of EMS personnel who have
10 successfully completed the requirements as provided by law
11 for initial licensure, license renewal, and license
12 reinstatement by the Department.

13 (g) Educate or coordinate the education of Emergency
14 Medical Dispatcher candidates, in accordance with the
15 requirements of this Act, rules adopted by the Department
16 pursuant to this Act, and the EMS System Program Plan.

17 (h) Establish or approve protocols for prearrival
18 medical instructions to callers by System Emergency
19 Medical Dispatchers who provide such instructions.

20 (i) Educate or coordinate the education of
21 Pre-Hospital Registered Nurse, Pre-Hospital Advanced
22 Practice Registered Nurse, Pre-Hospital Physician
23 Assistant, and ECRN candidates, in accordance with the
24 requirements of this Act, rules adopted by the Department
25 pursuant to this Act, and the EMS System Program Plan.

26 (j) Approve Pre-Hospital Registered Nurse,

1 Pre-Hospital Advanced Practice Registered Nurse,
2 Pre-Hospital Physician Assistant, and ECRN candidates to
3 practice within the System, and reapprove Pre-Hospital
4 Registered Nurses, Pre-Hospital Advanced Practice
5 Registered Nurses, Pre-Hospital Physician Assistants, and
6 ECRNs every 4 years in accordance with the requirements of
7 the Department and the System Program Plan.

8 (k) Establish protocols for the use of Pre-Hospital
9 Registered Nurses, Pre-Hospital Advanced Practice
10 Registered Nurses, and Pre-Hospital Physician Assistants
11 within the System.

12 (l) Establish protocols for utilizing ECRNs and
13 physicians licensed to practice medicine in all of its
14 branches to monitor telecommunications from, and give
15 voice orders to, EMS personnel, under the authority of the
16 EMS Medical Director.

17 (m) Monitor emergency and non-emergency medical
18 transports within the System, in accordance with rules
19 adopted by the Department pursuant to this Act.

20 (n) Utilize levels of personnel required by the
21 Department to provide emergency care to the sick and
22 injured at the scene of an emergency, during transport to
23 a hospital or during inter-hospital transport and within
24 the hospital emergency department until the responsibility
25 for the care of the patient is assumed by the medical
26 personnel of a hospital emergency department or other

1 facility within the hospital to which the patient is first
2 delivered by System personnel.

3 (o) Utilize levels of personnel required by the
4 Department to provide non-emergency medical services
5 during transport to a health care facility and within the
6 health care facility until the responsibility for the care
7 of the patient is assumed by the medical personnel of the
8 health care facility to which the patient is delivered by
9 System personnel.

10 (p) Establish and implement a program for System
11 participant information and education, in accordance with
12 rules adopted by the Department pursuant to this Act.

13 (q) Establish and implement a program for public
14 information and education, in accordance with rules
15 adopted by the Department pursuant to this Act.

16 (r) Operate in compliance with the EMS Region Plan.

17 (Source: P.A. 100-1082, eff. 8-24-19.)

18 (210 ILCS 50/3.65)

19 Sec. 3.65. EMS Lead Instructor.

20 (a) "EMS Lead Instructor" means a person who has
21 successfully completed a course of education as approved by
22 the Department, and who is currently approved by the
23 Department to coordinate or teach education, training and
24 continuing education courses, in accordance with standards
25 prescribed by this Act and rules adopted by the Department

1 pursuant to this Act.

2 (b) The Department shall have the authority and
3 responsibility to:

4 (1) Prescribe education requirements for EMS Lead
5 Instructor candidates through rules adopted pursuant to
6 this Act.

7 (2) Prescribe testing requirements for EMS Lead
8 Instructor candidates through rules adopted pursuant to
9 this Act.

10 (3) Charge each candidate for EMS Lead Instructor a
11 fee to be submitted with an application for an
12 examination, an application for licensure, and an
13 application for relicensure.

14 (4) Approve individuals as EMS Lead Instructors who
15 have met the Department's education and testing
16 requirements.

17 (5) Require that all education, training and
18 continuing education courses for EMT, EMT-I, A-EMT,
19 Paramedic, PHRN, PHPA, PHAPRN, ECRN, EMR, and Emergency
20 Medical Dispatcher be coordinated by at least one approved
21 EMS Lead Instructor. A program which includes education,
22 training or continuing education for more than one type of
23 personnel may use one EMS Lead Instructor to coordinate
24 the program, and a single EMS Lead Instructor may
25 simultaneously coordinate more than one program or course.
26 An EMS Lead Instructor may oversee a paramedic with at

1 least 3 years of experience to teach EMT classes, with a
2 licensed teacher, in high schools. High school students
3 electing to not take the National Registry of Emergency
4 Medical Technicians (NREMT) Certification exam shall not
5 be accounted for in calculating the course pass rate by
6 the EMS System or Department.

7 (6) Provide standards and procedures for awarding EMS
8 Lead Instructor approval to persons previously approved by
9 the Department to coordinate such courses, based on
10 qualifications prescribed by the Department through rules
11 adopted pursuant to this Act.

12 (7) Suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue or renew the
13 approval of an EMS Lead Instructor, after an opportunity
14 for a hearing, when findings show one or more of the
15 following:

16 (A) The EMS Lead Instructor has failed to conduct
17 a course in accordance with the curriculum prescribed
18 by this Act and rules adopted by the Department
19 pursuant to this Act; or

20 (B) The EMS Lead Instructor has failed to comply
21 with protocols prescribed by the Department through
22 rules adopted pursuant to this Act.

23 (Source: P.A. 100-1082, eff. 8-24-19.)