

KENTUCKY COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services

(Emergency Waivers and Modifications)

202 KAR 7:560. Ground vehicle staff.

Section 1. Staffing Requirements. (1) Each Class I agency BLS ambulance shall at minimum, be staffed by:

(a) A driver certified in CPR and who has had an emergency vehicle operator course;
and

(b) An attendant certified as an emergency medical technician (EMT).

(2) Each Class I agency ALS ambulance shall at minimum be staffed by:

(a) A driver certified in CPR and who has had an emergency vehicle operator course;
and

(b) An attendant certified as an Advanced EMT or licensed as a paramedic.

(c) A registered nurse from a referring facility may serve as the primary attendant during interfacility transfers.

(d) A registered nurse or paramedic employed by a Class VII air ambulance agency may supplement or replace the attendants on a Class I ambulance.

(3) Each Class I agency operating an ALS ambulance providing a BLS level of care shall at minimum be staffed by:

(a) A driver certified in CPR and who has had an emergency vehicle operator course;
and

(b) An attendant certified as an emergency medical technician (EMT).

(4) Each Class II agency shall at minimum be staffed by:

(a) A driver certified in CPR and who has had an emergency vehicle operator course;
and

(b) An attendant certified as an emergency medical technician (EMT).

(5) A Class III Adult Critical Care ambulance agency shall at minimum be staffed by:

(a) A driver certified in CPR and who has had an emergency vehicle operator course;
and

(b) An attendant licensed as a paramedic; and

(c) One (1) licensed:

1. Registered nurse;
2. Advanced practice registered nurse;
3. Respiratory therapist;
4. Physician assistant;
5. Physician; or
6. Additional paramedic.
7. A registered nurse or paramedic employed by a Class VII air ambulance agency may supplement or replace the attendants on a Class III ACC ambulance.

(6) (a) Each Class III Pediatric Specialty Care Ambulance Agency shall at minimum be staffed by:

1. A driver certified in CPR and who has had an emergency vehicle operator course;
and

2. A primary attendant licensed as a registered nurse; and

3. One (1) additional attendant licensed as a:

- a. Registered nurse;
- b. Advanced practice registered nurse;
- c. Respiratory therapist;
- d. Physician assistant;
- e. Physician; or
- f. Paramedic.
- g. A registered nurse or paramedic employed by a Class VII air ambulance agency

may supplement or replace the attendants on a Class III PSC ambulance

(b) Any attendant hired after January 1, 2020 shall acquire and maintain within one (1) year of hire, a specialty certification in Pediatric Critical Care or Neonatal Critical Care acquired through successful completion of a validated examination administered by an independent entity not associated with a specific course or program of education.

(7)(a) Each Class III Neonatal Specialty Care Ambulance Agency shall at minimum be staffed by:

1. A driver certified in CPR and who has had an emergency vehicle operator course;
- and
2. A primary attendant licensed as a registered nurse; and
3. One (1) additional attendant licensed as:
- a. An advanced practice registered nurse;
 - b. A respiratory therapist;
 - c. A physician assistant;
 - d. A physician;
 - e. A registered nurse; or
 - f. Paramedic.

(b) Any attendant hired after January 1, 2020 shall acquire and maintain within one (1) year of hire, a specialty certification in Pediatric Critical Care or Neonatal Critical Care acquired through successful completion of a validated examination administered by an independent entity not associated with a specific course or program of education.

(8) Each Class IV agency operating a BLS ambulance shall at minimum be staffed by:

- (a) A driver certified in CPR and who has had an emergency vehicle operator course;
- and
- (b) An attendant certified as an emergency medical technician (EMT).

(9) Each Class IV service operating an ALS ambulance shall at minimum be staffed by:

- (a) A driver certified in CPR and who has had an emergency vehicle operator course;
- and
- (b) An attendant certified as an Advanced EMT or licensed as a paramedic.

(10) Each Class VI BLS medical first response agency shall at minimum be staffed by a certified:

- (a) Emergency medical responder (EMR); or
- (b) Emergency medical technician (EMT).

(11) Each Class VI ALS medical first response agency shall at minimum be minimally staffed by:

- (a) A certified Advanced EMT; or
 - (b) A licensed paramedic.
- (12) Each Class VIII BLS agency shall be minimally staffed by a certified:
- (a) Emergency medical responder (EMR); or
 - (b) Emergency medical technician (EMT).
- (13) Each Class VIII ALS agency shall be minimally staffed by:
- (a) A certified Advanced EMT; or
 - (b) A licensed paramedic.
- (14) At all times, the attendant shall monitor the patient and remain with the patient in the patient compartment.

(15) This administrative regulation shall not prevent an agency from utilizing staff other than those required by this administrative regulation in:

- (a) Disasters;
- (b) Mass casualty incidents; or
- (c) Extraordinary scene conditions that would impair the safety of the patient or personnel operating at the scene.

(16) A certified emergency medical responder may be employed by a Class I, II, or III agency as a driver.

- (17) Alternative staff shall not operate a licensed vehicle unless the:
- (a) Agency administrator so directs; and
 - (b) Vehicle is out of service and not subject to an emergency response.

Section 2. Motor Vehicle Operator Requirements. (1) Each person operating a vehicle shall:

- (a) Be at least eighteen (18) years of age; and
- (b) Hold a valid driver's license in any state or territory of the United States

Section 3. Exemptions from Administrative Regulations. (1) The following situations shall be exempt from the provisions of this administrative regulation:

- (a) First aid or transportation provided in accordance with KRS 216B.020(2)(f);

- (b) A vehicle serving as an ambulance during a disaster or major catastrophe; or
- (c) A vehicle operated by the U.S. government;
- (d) An alternate transport vehicle utilized by certified EMS personnel during a declared state of emergency;
- (e) An alternate response vehicle for Community Paramedicine or low-acuity triage response;
- (f) An alternate vehicle utilized to facilitate the use of telemedicine
- (g) Single provider Community Paramedicine or low-acuity triage visits, telemedicine facilitation, and pandemic testing and vaccination.

(2) The following out-of-state agencies shall be exempt from the provisions of this administrative regulation:

(a) A vehicle licensed by another state that is transporting a patient from out of state to a Kentucky medical facility or other location in Kentucky;

(b) A vehicle licensed by another state that is transporting a patient from out of state through Kentucky to another location out-of-state;

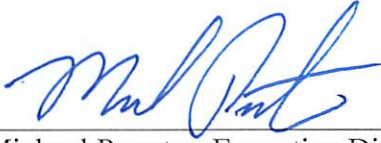
(c) A vehicle licensed in an adjoining state that responds to a transport request from a Kentucky licensed provider or healthcare facility.

(d) A vehicle licensed by another state that is providing nonemergency transportation from a Kentucky health care facility for a patient who is not a Kentucky resident back to their state of residence.

Section 4. Public Notice of Negative Action. The board office shall cause to be published, on the KBEMS Web site or similar publication of the board, or otherwise disseminate, the name of any licensed agency that is fined, placed on probationary status, placed on restricted status, suspended, or had a license revoked. (44 Ky.R. 1745, 2042, 2204; eff. 5-4-2018; 45 Ky.R.

3489, 46 Ky.R. 428; eff. 8-19-2019.)

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