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Notice of Readoption

Mobility Assistance Vehicle and Basic Life Support Ambulance Services

Readoption: N.J.A.C. 8:40

Authority: N.J.S.A. 26:H-1 et seq., and 30:4D-6.4 and 6.6.

Authorized By: Cathleen D. Bennett, Commissioner, Department of Health.

Effective Date: November 1, 2016.

New Expiration Date: November 1, 2023.

Take notice that pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, the rules at N.J.A.C. 8:40 were scheduled to expire on December 4, 2016. The rules establish standards in New Jersey for all forms of mobility assistance vehicle and basic life support ambulance services. In order to maintain the current rules in effect, the Department of Health has determined that the rules should be readopted without amendment.

The rules continue to establish uniform Statewide licensure and operations standards for the delivery of mobility assistance vehicle (MAV) and pre-hospital and interfacility basic life support (BLS) ambulance services. Subchapter 1 continues to

state the authority, scope, and purpose, defined terms, and formal waiver procedures for the benefit of MAV and BLS providers.

Subchapter 2 continues to provide rules for license applications, including general licensing information, licensure exceptions, licensure and administrative fees, and general vehicle inspection and provider audit information.

Subchapter 3 continues to provide general administrative, crewmember, and vehicle requirements. This includes requirements for the provider's standard operating procedures, business location(s), insurance coverage, advertising restrictions, patient care reports, reportable events, maintenance of records, biomedical equipment testing and maintenance, personnel files, vehicle out-of-service logs, and other administrative standards.

Subchapter 4 continues to provide crewmember requirements and equipment and vehicle standards. This includes minimum crewmember configuration, safety and competencies, vehicle registration, safety sanitation, construction, heat and air conditioner standards, pneumatic testing of respiratory devices and equipment, physical behavioral restraints, and accommodations for service dogs.

Subchapter 5 continues to provide for the requirements of mobility assistance vehicle services. This includes scope and purpose, patient restrictions, crewmember requirements and duties, oxygen administration, patient transport devices, ramps and lifts, patient compartment requirements, vehicle markings, and two-way communications.

Subchapter 6 continues to provide for the requirements of basic life support ambulance services. This includes scope and practice, patient restrictions,

crewmember requirements and duties, basic supplies and equipment, as well as those additional requirements for emergency response, respiratory care equipment, oxygen administration, patient transport devices, ramps and lifts, patient compartment requirements and dimensions, vehicle markings and compliance with Federal construction specifications, two-way communications, and disaster planning.

Subchapter 7 continues to provide for the requirements of scope of practice and enforcement actions. This includes scope of practice for Emergency Medical Technician-Basics, enforcement actions, hearings, and actions against unlicensed entities.

The rules remain necessary, proper, reasonable, efficient, understandable, and responsive for the purposes for which they were originally promulgated. Therefore, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c, N.J.A.C. 8:40 is readopted and shall continue in effect for a seven-year period.