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SOCALR BULLETIN

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2019-04	Commercial Ambulance Service Staffing Requirements Regulatory Change	12/23/2019	
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The Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS) requested that the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review (AELR) approve emergency status for a proposed regulatory change to allow Emergency Medical Responders (EMRs) to serve as the driver on ALS, neonatal, and specialty care transport ambulances. The AELR has approved this request effective January 1, 2020. This means licensed Maryland commercial ambulance services may use EMRs to serve as drivers on any licensed commercial ambulance beginning January 1.

As of January 1 the regulation will read:

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.02 Operational Requirements for Commercial Ambulance Services.

A. Staffing. A commercial ambulance service shall:

- (1) Staff each ambulance with a minimum of two EMS providers;
- (2) Require that EMS providers:
 - (a) Have a valid identification card issued by MIEMSS showing the provider is licensed or certified by the EMS Board in their possession while on duty; and
 - (b) Upon request of SOCALR, provide their certification or license for inspection;
- (3) Assure that each BLS licensed ground ambulance is staffed with:
 - (a) A driver who is certified as emergency medical responder or higher and possesses and, while on duty, carries a valid motor vehicle license; and
 - (b) An individual in addition to the driver who is an emergency medical technician or higher, who is responsible for the patient until the patient is:
 - (i) Discharged in accordance with written physician orders; or
 - (ii) Delivered to a medical facility, nursing home, residence, or other home care system appropriate for the patient's condition;
- (4) Assure that each ALS licensed ground ambulance is staffed with:
 - (a) A driver who is certified as an emergency medical responder or higher and possesses and, while on duty, carries a valid motor vehicle license; and
 - (b) An individual in addition to the driver who is a licensed CRT or higher, who is responsible for the patient until the patient is:
 - (i) Discharged in accordance with written physician orders; or
 - (ii) Delivered to a medical facility, nursing home, residence, or other home care system appropriate for the patient's condition;

Emergency status means that this change will be in effect from January 1, 2020 until June 26, 2020, or when the proposed change is adopted as final, whichever comes sooner. MIEMSS will advise you when the regulation becomes final or the emergency status expires.