

Proposed Regulatory Change Description

There is a critical need to increase the number of drivers available to staff commercial ambulances. Current regulations require that the driver be certified at the level of an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) or higher in order to be the driver for an Advanced Life Support (ALS), neonatal, or Specialty Care (SCT) transport. This requirement limits the number of available commercial ambulance drivers which, in turn, limits the availability of commercial ambulances to transport patients. The proposed amendment would lower the minimum certification level of the driver to that of Emergency Medical Responder (EMR). The EMS Board is requesting that the regulation be adopted on an emergency basis.