

ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND
TRAUMA SYSTEMS

RULES AND REGULATIONS
FOR
STRETCHER AMBULANCES

Promulgated Under the Authority of Act 60 of 1999

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By the Arkansas State Board of Health

Arkansas Department of Health
Little Rock, Arkansas
(Dr. Fay Boozman, Director)

PROPOSED R&R REGARDING STRETCHER AMBULANCES

Section One- Definitions

1. Application and Fees-
An application for the issuance or renewal of a license and vehicle registration shall be made on forms provided by the Department and shall be accompanied by the payment of applicable fees as determined by State Law and the Department. Each license and vehicle registration shall be renewed annually.
2. Department - The Arkansas Department of Health
3. Eligible Users for Stretcher Ambulance Services-
Medically stable, non-emergent, individuals who need to be transported on a stretcher or wheeled gurney but do not need any monitoring equipment, medication, or assistance during transport.
(See non-eligible users)
4. Emergent Episode-
When the medical condition of a passenger suddenly changes which requires care to be rendered, the operator of the Stretcher Ambulance will immediately divert to the closest hospital and contact the local EMS service to request help then notify their own base of operations to advise them of the situation. Appropriate emergency care shall be initiated and continued until the EMS service has intercepted the transport or arrival at the hospital.
5. License-
Authorization issued by the Department, for the purpose of engaging in the non-emergent transport of ill or injured patients within the State of Arkansas.
6. Medical Facility-
Any hospital, medical clinic, physician's office, nursing home or other health care facility.
7. Medical Facility Transport Ambulance Service-
A medical facility regulated by the Arkansas Department of Health that owns and operates a stretcher ambulance vehicle.
8. Non-Eligible Users for Stretcher Ambulance Services-
Individuals with the following conditions are not eligible for transport by services authorized by this Act:
 - A. Requiring invasive procedures (I.V. therapy, drug administration, I.V. pumps, etc.).
 - B. Requiring mechanical monitoring procedures.
 - C. Requiring mechanical respiratory procedures.
 - D. Requiring oxygen therapy, excluding patient-owned equipment.

9. Reporting Requirements-
Any transport that results in termination at the Emergency Department of a hospital shall have an EMS Encounter Form completed for the transport.
10. Transport Request-
A request for assistance in providing non-emergent transport of individuals requiring transport on stretcher or gurney.
11. Stretcher-
Any apparatus that is used to transport individuals in the supine or Fowler's position. This includes all devices that can be transformed from wheelchair to stretcher.
12. Stretcher Ambulance Service-
A service authorized and licensed by the Department to provide non-emergency transport of passengers on a stretcher or gurney type of apparatus.
13. Stretcher Ambulance Vehicle-
A vehicle specifically designed, equipped, and licensed for use in transporting individuals on a stretcher or gurney type of apparatus.

SECTION TWO - Registration of Service and Vehicles

A. The following requirements must be met in order to obtain a **Stretcher Ambulance Service License**:

1. Medical equipment-

Each vehicle shall meet the following supply and equipment specifications as required by the Department:

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| 1 - BVM- Adult | 1 - Box of Latex gloves | 2 - Blankets |
| 1 - Portable Suction | 1 - OPA Set 0-4 | 2 - Sheets |
| 1 - Portable Oxygen | 24 - 4X4 Pads | 2 - Pillows w/pillowcases |
| 1 - Emesis basin | 6 - Roller gauze | |
| 1 - Scissors/shears | 2 - Adhesive Tape | |
| 2 - Isolation kits (gowns, gloves, face masks, surgical masks) | | |
| 1 - Elevating cot/Stretcher with appropriate mounting equipment | | |

2. Staffing-

Each vehicle used for the non-emergent transport of passengers will be staffed by a minimum of two individuals. One (1) shall be trained at a minimum in CPR (Healthcare Provider) only, and one (1) shall be an Arkansas Certified EMT, LPN, RN, MD or DO. The certified/licensed individual shall be attending the passenger during the transport.

3. Communications-

Each registered vehicle shall have the capability for communications with dispatch bases (offices) and receiving facilities, and the ability to contact emergency services as necessary.

4. Vehicle Specifications-

The vehicle will have sufficient room for two (2) attendants and appropriate equipment to properly secure the passengers and stretcher to prevent injury or aggravation of an existing medical condition, and to provide appropriate medical care.

In addition, there will be seatbelts for each passenger and a fire extinguisher. The vehicle shall not be equipped with emergency (red) lights or warning devices.

B. The following criteria must be met in order to obtain a **Medical Facility Transport Service** license:

1. Agree to use license solely for the purpose of transporting a patient from one location to another for medical tests or treatments and the patient is returned the same day.
2. Receive authorization from the patient's treating physician for the transport.
3. Keep the transport within a thirty (30) mile radius of the health facility.
4. The health facility owns and operates the transporting service.
5. The driver of the vehicle shall maintain a current Adult Cardio-pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Foreign Body Airway Obstruction (FBAO) card.
6. All appropriate licensure fees shall be paid as required by law.

Section Three- Violations

Instances of non-compliance with these rules and regulations shall be handled in accordance with current EMS Rules and Regulations (Section XIV) and the EMS Disciplinary Policy.

CERTIFICATION

This will certify that the foregoing Rules and Regulations for Stretcher Ambulances were adopted by the Arkansas Board of Health at a regular session of the Board held in Little Rock, Arkansas on the _____ day of _____, 2000.

Fay Boozman, M.D., Secretary
Arkansas Board of Health

The foregoing Rules and Regulations, copy having been filed in my office, are hereby approved on this _____ day of _____, 2000.

Mike Huckabee
Governor