

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
STATE BOARD OF HEALTH**

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Changes to NAC 450B.450/600

NAC 450B.450 Provision of care, supplies and equipment by hospital or service; staffing of ambulance or air ambulance. (NRS 450B.120, 450B.130, 450B.230)

1. Any hospital or service which meets the minimum requirements established by the board in [NAC 450B.461](#) to [450B.481](#), inclusive, may use licensed attendants who are paramedics to provide emergency care to the sick and injured:

(a) At the scene of an emergency and during transport to a hospital;

(b) During transfer of a patient from a hospital to another medical facility or other location; and

(c) While in an emergency department of a hospital until responsibility for care is assumed by the regular staff of the hospital.

2. Any service using paramedics must provide the supplies and equipment pursuant to a written protocol prepared for that purpose.

3. When an ambulance providing emergency care is in operation, it must be staffed by:

(a) At the advanced care level, two licensed attendants, one of whom must be certified as a paramedic;

(b) At the intermediate care level, two licensed attendants, one of whom must be certified as an advanced emergency medical technician;

(c) At the basic care level, two licensed attendants, one of whom must be certified as an emergency medical technician; or

(d) At the advanced, intermediate or basic care level:

(1) An emergency medical services registered nurse, physician or physician assistant certified pursuant to subsections 8 and 9 of [NRS 450B.160](#) and a licensed attendant who is certified as an emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician, or paramedic, ; or

(2) A registered nurse and two licensed attendants, if each of the attendants is certified as an emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician, or paramedic.

4. When an air ambulance is in operation, it must be staffed by at least one emergency medical services registered nurse.

5. When an air ambulance is in operation to provide care at the scene of an emergency, it must be staffed by at least one emergency medical services registered nurse and one paramedic.

(6) Notwithstanding subsections (3)–(5), an air ambulance may be staffed with two emergency medical services registered nurses, if:

(a) The unit is dispatched solely as an air ambulance; and

(b) Both providers hold active Emergency Medical Service Registered Nurse licenses in Nevada; and

(c) The service has documented Medical Director approval for the dual EMS RN staffing model and includes it in their operational protocols; and

(d) The service notifies the Division in writing within 5 business days of initiating this staffing configuration.

[Bd. of Health, Life Support Reg. §§ 4.1-4.1.2, eff. 1-1-76; A 2-28-80; § 4.1.4, eff. 1-1-76; A 6-6-76; 2-28-80]—(NAC A 10-14-82; 8-22-86; 11-12-87; 8-1-91; R182-01, 3-5-2002; R024-14, 10-24-2014; R068-16, 1-27-2017)

NAC 450B.600 Air ambulance: Equipment and operation of aircraft; staff. (NRS 450B.120, 450B.130, 450B.200)

1. An aircraft used by a service which has received a permit issued by the Division to operate a service using an air ambulance must be equipped to provide advanced life support and must be operated by a pilot certified by the Federal Aviation Administration.

1. 2. An air ambulance used to transport a patient must be staffed with an emergency medical services registered nurse or a physician and ~~[have the capability of being staffed with two air attendants.]~~ *may be additionally staffed with a second emergency medical services registered nurse in lieu of an air attendant, when operating under the dual-RN staffing model authorized in NAC 450B.450(6).*

3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, an air ambulance used to transfer a patient must be staffed with at least one air attendant and must have the capability of being staffed with two air attendants. An air ambulance used to transfer a patient must be staffed with at least two air attendants, one of which is an emergency medical services registered nurse or a physician, if it is determined by the physician requesting the transfer that the presence of two air attendants is in the best interest of the care of the patient.

4. An air attendant or emergency medical services registered nurse staffing an air ambulance must be examined biennially by a licensed physician and found to be free from physical defects or disease which might impair the ability to attend a patient in an air ambulance. The operator of the air ambulance shall maintain documentation of such examinations.

[Bd. of Health, Ambulance Reg. § 11.013, eff. 12-3-73; A and renumbered as § 14.4, 2-28-80]—(NAC A 10-14-82; 8-22-86; 8-1-91; 5-18-92; R045-97, 10-30-97; R024-14, 10-24-2014)