

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

**LCB File No. R064-26**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§ 1 and 2, NRS 450B.120 and 450B.130.

A REGULATION relating to emergency medical services; revising staffing requirements for air ambulances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

Existing law requires the district board of health or the State Board of Health, as applicable, to promulgate such regulations as it determines are necessary to administer the provisions of existing law relating to emergency medical services. (NRS 450B.120) Existing law requires an air ambulance used to provide medical transportation services for which a permit is required to be staffed with, at a minimum: (1) one primary attendant who is an emergency medical services registered nurse with at least 3 years of critical care nursing experience and who has completed certain coursework; and (2) one secondary attendant who meets the same requirements as the primary attendant or who is a certified paramedic with at least 3 years of experience and who has completed certain coursework. (NRS 450B.225)

Existing regulations require an air ambulance which is in operation to provide care at the scene of an emergency to be staffed by at least one emergency medical services registered nurse and one paramedic. (NAC 450B.450) **Section 1** of this regulation alternatively authorizes an air ambulance which is in operation to provide care at the scene of an emergency to instead be staffed with two emergency medical services registered nurses if certain requirements are met.

Existing regulations require an air ambulance which is used to transport a patient to be staffed with an emergency medical services registered nurse or a physician and have the capability of being staffed with two air attendants. (NAC 450B.600) **Section 2** of this regulation alternatively authorizes an air ambulance which is used to transport a patient to instead be staffed with two emergency medical services registered nurses if certain requirements are met. **Section 2** also provides the requirements for an air ambulance to operate using the alternative staffing configuration authorized by **sections 1 and 2**, including that: (1) the unit is dispatched solely as an air ambulance; (2) the staffing configuration has been approved in writing by the medical director of the service and is included in the protocols of the service; and (3) the service notifies the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Human Services within 5 business days after first operating with the staffing configuration.

**Section 1.** NAC 450B.450 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.450 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~~ :

*(a) One* emergency medical services registered nurse and one paramedic ~~+~~ ; *or*

*(b) Two emergency medical services registered nurses, if the requirements of subsection 5 of NAC 450B.600 are met.*

**Sec. 2.** NAC 450B.600 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.600 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.

2. An air ambulance used to transport a patient must be staffed with ~~an~~ :

*(a) An* emergency medical services registered nurse or a physician and have the capability of being staffed with two air attendants ~~+~~ ; *or*

*(b) Two emergency medical services registered nurses, if the requirements of subsection 5 are met.*

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.

*5. An air ambulance may operate using the staffing configuration described in paragraph (b) of subsection 2 and paragraph (b) of subsection 5 of NAC 450B.450 if:*

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

*(b) Such a staffing configuration has been approved in writing by the medical director of the service and is included in the protocols of the service; and*

*(c) The service notifies the Division in writing within 5 business days after first operating with the staffing configuration.*