

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

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

AUTHORITY: § 1, NRS 450B.120, 450B.180, as amended by section 8 of Senate Bill No. 24, chapter 34, Statutes of Nevada 2025, at page 180, and NRS 450B.1905, as amended by section 9 of Senate Bill No. 24, chapter 34, Statutes of Nevada 2025, at page 181; § 2, NRS 450B.120, 450B.180, 450B.1905, 450B.191 and 450B.195; §§ 3 and 4, NRS 450B.120 and 450B.140.

A REGULATION relating to emergency medical services; revising certain requirements for the renewal of a certificate as an emergency medical responder, emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic; revising the qualifications for the issuance and renewal of an endorsement as a critical care paramedic in emergency medical services; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law requires the State Board of Health to promulgate such regulations as it determines are necessary to administer the provisions of chapter 450B of NRS, the provisions of which govern emergency medical services. (NRS 450B.120) Existing regulations set forth the requirements for the certification of emergency medical responders, emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians and paramedics by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Human Services. (NAC 450B.355-450B.380)

Existing regulations require a person who wishes to renew a certificate as an emergency medical responder, in addition to certain other requirements, to successfully complete certain courses or programs of continuing education. Existing regulations authorize an applicant to satisfy this requirement by completing a program of continuing education offered by a training center or approved by the Division. (NAC 450B.366) **Section 1** of this regulation increases the minimum attendance that such a program must require participants to complete for the program to be approved by the Division for this purpose from 12 to 16 hours.

Existing regulations require a person who wishes to renew a certificate as an emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic, in addition to certain other requirements, to successfully complete certain courses in continuing training with certain minimum requirements for the hours of attendance for the renewal of each certification. (NAC 450B.380) **Section 2** of this regulation increases such minimum attendance requirements for such courses in continuing training: (1) from 24 hours to 40 hours for the renewal of certification

as an emergency medical technician; (2) from 30 hours to 50 hours for the renewal of certification as an advanced emergency medical technician; and (3) from 40 hours to 60 hours for the renewal of certification as a paramedic.

Existing regulations authorize the holder of a certificate as a paramedic to apply for an endorsement as a critical care paramedic in emergency medical services if the paramedic provides proof that he or she has successfully completed a course in training equivalent to certain national standards set forth by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of the United States Department of Transportation for critical care paramedics. (NAC 450B.381) **Section 3** of this regulation revises the criteria to obtain an endorsement as a critical care paramedic in emergency medical services by instead requiring that an applicant for such an endorsement provide proof that he or she holds certain certifications issued by the International Board of Specialty Certification or an equivalent certification approved by the Administrator of the Division.

Existing regulations require the holder of an endorsement as a critical care paramedic in emergency medical services who seeks to renew his or her endorsement to verify that he or she has participated in at least 48 hours of certain emergency medical training equivalent to the standards set forth by NHTSA for critical care paramedics. (NAC 450B.382) **Section 4** of this regulation additionally authorizes the holder of a such an endorsement to renew his or her endorsement by demonstrating that he or she has renewed certain certifications issued by the International Board of Specialty Certification or approved by the Administrator of the Division. **Section 4** also revises the terminology used to refer to the national standards prepared by NHTSA for critical care paramedics.

Section 1. NAC 450B.366 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.366 1. A certificate as an emergency medical responder expires on the date of expiration appearing on the certificate and, after the initial period, expires biennially. The Division shall designate the date of expiration of each certificate.

2. Such a certificate may be renewed if:

(a) The Division determines that the holder of the certificate:

(1) Has, before the date of expiration, successfully completed:

(I) A course in continuing training which is equivalent to the national standard prepared by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration of the United States Department of Transportation as a refresher course for emergency medical responders and approved by the Division; or

(II) Any other program of continuing education offered by a training center or approved by the Division. Such a program may not be approved unless the requirement for attendance for that program is at least ~~12~~ 16 hours for renewal of certification; and

(2) Has submitted the fingerprints and written permission required by NRS 450B.800 within the 6 years immediately preceding the date of the expiration of his or her certificate and he or she has not been convicted of an offense listed in paragraph (g) of subsection 1 of NAC 450B.355 within the 2 years immediately preceding the date of expiration of his or her certificate.

(b) The holder submits, before the date the certificate expires, an application evidencing that he or she has met the requirements as set forth in paragraph (a).

Sec. 2. NAC 450B.380 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.380 1. A certificate as an emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic expires on the date of expiration appearing on the certificate and, after the initial period, expires biennially. The Division shall designate the date of expiration of each certificate.

2. To maintain certification, a certified emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic must, within the 12 months before expiration of his or her certificate, complete at least one verification of his or her skills conducted by:

- (a) The medical director of the service; or
- (b) A qualified instructor approved by the Division.

3. In verifying the skills of an emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic, the medical director or qualified instructor shall determine whether the

emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic retains his or her skills in:

(a) Each technique for which certification has been issued and any applicable local protocols;

and

(b) The administration of approved medications,

↪ and enter that determination on a form provided by the Division.

4. To renew his or her certificate, an emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic must:

(a) Meet the requirements for renewal of the certificate as an emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic, as appropriate;

(b) Successfully complete courses in continuing training which are equivalent to the national standard prepared by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration of the United States Department of Transportation as refresher courses for emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians or paramedics, as appropriate, are offered by a training center or approved by the Division and have, in total, a requirement of attendance of not less than:

(1) ~~Twenty-four~~ *Forty* hours for the renewal of certification as an emergency medical technician;

(2) ~~Thirty~~ *Fifty* hours for the renewal of certification as an advanced emergency medical technician; or

(3) ~~Forty~~ *Sixty* hours for the renewal of certification as a paramedic;

(c) Submit a statement indicating compliance with the provisions of NRS 450B.183;

(d) Maintain a certificate to provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation issued by the American Heart Association or an equivalent certificate approved by the Division;

(e) Have submitted the fingerprints and written permission required by NRS 450B.800 within the 6 years immediately preceding the date of expiration of his or her certificate and he or she must not have been convicted of an offense listed in paragraph (h) of subsection 1 of NAC 450B.360 within the 2 years immediately preceding the date of expiration of his or her certificate;

(f) If renewing a certificate as a paramedic, maintain:

(1) A certificate to provide Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support issued by the American Heart Association or an equivalent certificate approved by the Division;

(2) A certificate to provide Pediatric Advanced Life Support issued by the American Heart Association or an equivalent certificate approved by the Division; and

(3) A certificate to provide International Trauma Life Support or an equivalent certificate approved by the Division;

(g) Before the certificate expires, submit an application evidencing that he or she has met the requirements of this section; and

(h) Pay the appropriate fee prescribed in NAC 450B.700.

5. An emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic who successfully completes a course described in subparagraph (1), (2) or (3) of paragraph (f) of subsection 4 will receive credit for the course toward the continuing training required by paragraph (b) of subsection 4.

6. An emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic who successfully renews his or her certificate to provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation issued by the American Heart Association or an equivalent certificate approved by the Division will

receive 4 hours of credit toward the continuing training required by paragraph (b) of subsection 4.

Sec. 3. NAC 450B.381 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.381 1. To receive an endorsement as a critical care paramedic in emergency medical services, an applicant must provide proof ~~of the successful completion of a course in training equivalent to the national standard set forth by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration of the United States Department of Transportation for a critical care paramedic~~ *that the applicant holds a current Certified Critical Care Paramedic certification or Certified Flight Paramedic certification issued by the International Board of Specialty Certification* or an equivalent ~~standard~~ *certification* approved by the Administrator of the Division.

2. A person endorsed as a critical care paramedic in emergency medical services may only practice within that role pursuant to a service protocol approved by the medical director of the service and on file with the Division.

Sec. 4. NAC 450B.382 is hereby amended to read as follows:

450B.382 1. An endorsement as a critical care paramedic in emergency medical services expires on the date of expiration appearing on the certificate of the paramedic who receives the endorsement.

2. The endorsement ~~is renewable~~ *may be renewed* if the holder of the endorsement ~~verifies participation as a critical care paramedic for~~ *provides proof that, before the date of expiration of the endorsement, the holder has:*

(a) Completed at least 48 hours of emergency medical training *that is* beyond the scope of practice of a paramedic ~~equivalent to~~ *and consistent with* the national standard ~~set forth~~ *established* by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration of the United States

Department of Transportation *as a national standard* for ~~{a}~~ critical care ~~{paramedic}~~
paramedics, or an equivalent standard approved by the Administrator of the Division ~~{+}~~; *or*

*(b) Successfully renewed his or her Certified Critical Care Paramedic certification or
Certified Flight Paramedic certification, as applicable, in the manner prescribed by the
International Board of Specialty Certification, or an equivalent certification approved by the
Administrator of the Division.*