

Emergency Rules

**Title 19—DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND SENIOR SERVICES
Division 30—Division of Regulation and Licensure
Chapter 40—Comprehensive Emergency Medical
Services Systems Regulations**

EMERGENCY AMENDMENT

19 CSR 30-40.309 Application and Licensure Requirements Standards for the Licensure and Relicensure of Ground Ambulance Services. The department is amending subsection (2)(A).

PURPOSE: This amendment adds the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services Ground Vehicle Standard for Ambulances v.1.0 edition and the National Fire Protection Association 1917 Standard for Automotive Ambulances 2016 edition as acceptable standards/specifications for vehicles specifically designed, manufactured, and equipped for use as an ambulance.

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: The secretary of state has determined that the publication of the entire text of the material which is incorporated by reference as a portion of this rule would be unduly cumbersome or expensive. This material as incorporated by reference in this rule shall be maintained by the agency at its headquarters and shall be made available to the public for inspection and copying at no more than the actual cost of reproduction. This note applies only to the reference material. The entire text of the rule is printed here.

EMERGENCY STATEMENT: Currently, the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) requires all ambulances to be designed, manufactured, and equipped to the United States Department of Transportation KKK-A-1822 standards/specifications. As of October 31, 2016, the United States General Services Administration ceased to support the United States Department of Transportation KKK-A-1822 standards/specifications meaning that the KKK-A-1822 standards/specifications for the ambulances will no longer be updated by the United States Department of Transportation and new ambulances cannot be designed, manufactured, and equipped to the United States Department of Transportation KKK-A-1822 standards/specifications. Therefore, the DHSS is adding the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services Ground Vehicle Standard for Ambulances v.1.0 edition and the National Fire Protection Association 1917 Standard for Automotive Ambulances 2016 edition as acceptable standards/specifications for new vehicles specifically designed, manufactured, and equipped for use as an ambulance. This will allow ground ambulance services licensed with the DHSS to be able to buy new ambulances which meet these new standards/specifications since new ambulances can no longer be designed, manufactured, and equipped to the United States Department of Transportation KKK-A-1822 standards/specifications. There are currently two hundred eighteen (218) ground ambulance services licensed by DHSS. There are approximately one thousand eighty (1080) ambulances located in these two hundred eighteen (218) ground ambulance services. On average, ambulances need to be replaced by ambulance services every five (5) years. This emergency amendment is necessary in order for ground ambulance services licensed by DHSS to be able to buy new ambulances that meet the DHSS's approval. The emergency amendment is also necessary to ensure that new ambulances meet appropriate standards/specifications to protect the safety of both the patient and the staff riding in these ambulances. As a result, the DHSS finds an immediate danger to the public health, safety, and/or welfare and a compelling governmental interest, which requires this emergency action. The scope of this emergency amendment is limited to the circumstances creating the emergency and complies with the protections extended in the Missouri and the United States

Constitutions. The DHSS believes this emergency amendment is fair to all interested persons and parties under the circumstances. This emergency amendment was filed March 16, 2017, becomes effective March 26, 2017, and expires January 3, 2018.

(2) Each vehicle operated as an ambulance shall meet the following vehicle design, specification, operation, and maintenance standards:

(A) Vehicle Design and Specification Standards. In providing the transportation of patients, ambulance services shall utilize only vehicles specifically designed, manufactured, and equipped for use as an ambulance and which meet current (at date of vehicle manufacture) standards/specifications set forth by the U.S. Department of Transportation KKK-A-1822 [specifications with exceptions of the following:], the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services Ground Vehicle Standard for Ambulances v.1.0 edition or the National Fire Protection Association 1917 Standard for Automotive Ambulances 2016 Edition. The Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services Ground Vehicle Standard for Ambulances v.1.0 edition is incorporated by reference in this rule as published in 2016 and is available at the Ground Vehicle Standard, 1926 Waukegan Road Suite 300, Glenview IL 60025-1770. This rule does not incorporate any subsequent amendments or additions. The National Fire Protection Association 1917 Standard for Automotive Ambulances 2016 Edition is incorporated by reference in this rule as published in 2016 and is available at the National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169-7471. This rule does not incorporate any subsequent amendments or additions. Exceptions to these standards/specifications may include the following:

1. Image elements (such as paint) may be altered to the agency's preference;
2. Variation of warning lights is allowed for: type and color of lens, strobe lights in lieu of halogen lights, additional warning lights beyond the U.S. Department of Transportation KKK-A-1822, National Fire Protection Association 1917 Standard for Automotive Ambulances 2016 edition or the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services Ground Vehicle Standard for Ambulances v.1.0 edition specifications;
3. Power supply and equipment in the patient compartment may be altered to the agency's preference; and
4. Other variations may be allowed by the Bureau of EMS;

AUTHORITY: [sections 190.103, 190.107, 190.176, 190.190, RSMO 2000, 109.105, 190.109, 190.120, 190.160, 190.165, 190.175, 190.185, RSMo Supp. 2002] sections 190.109, 190.176, 190.185, and 190.190, RSMo 2016. Emergency rule filed Aug. 28, 1998, effective Sept. 7, 1998, expired March 5, 1999. Original rule filed Sept. 1, 1998, effective Feb. 28, 1999. Emergency amendment filed March 31, 2003, effective April 14, 2003, expired Oct. 11, 2003. Amended: Filed March 31, 2003, effective Sept. 30, 2003. Emergency amendment filed March 16, 2017, effective March 26, 2017, expires Jan. 3, 2018. An emergency amendment and a proposed amendment covering this same material will be published in the May 1, 2017, issue of the Missouri Register.