

CHAPTER 41

ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT SERVICES; MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE PROGRAMS, SPECIALTY CARE TRANSPORT SERVICES AND AIR MEDICAL SERVICES

Authority

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Chapter 41, Advanced Life Support Services, Mobile Intensive Care Programs, Specialty Care Transport Services and Air Medical Services, expires on April 19, 2009.

Chapter Historical Note

Chapter 41, Mobile Intensive Care Programs, was adopted as R.1987 d.112, effective February 17, 1987. See: 18 N.J.R. 602(a), 19 N.J.R. 357(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 41, Mobile Intensive Care Programs, was readopted as R.1992 d.113, effective February 13, 1992. See: 23 N.J.R. 3734(a), 24 N.J.R. 938(a). Chapter 41 expired on February 13, 1993.

Chapter 41, Mobile Intensive Care Programs, was adopted as new rules by R.1993 d.202, effective June 21, 1993. See: 24 N.J.R. 3255(b), 25 N.J.R. 2721(b). Subchapter 11, Paramedic Clinical Training Objectives, was adopted as R.1994 d.35, effective January 18, 1994. See: 25 N.J.R. 2665(a), 26 N.J.R. 355(a). Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 41 expired on June 21, 1998.

Chapter 41, Mobile Intensive Care Programs, was adopted as new rules by R.1998 d.433, effective August 17, 1998. See: 30 N.J.R. 1549(a), 30 N.J.R. 3089(a). Chapter 41, Mobile Intensive Care Programs, expired on August 17, 2003.

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SUBCHAPTER 1. AUTHORITY, SCOPE AND DEFINITIONS

8:41-1.1 Authority

These rules are promulgated pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:2K-7 through 20 and 26:2K-35 through 38, which authorize the Commissioner to adopt rules pertaining to the operation of programs and services providing, or seeking to provide, advanced life support care.

8:41-1.2 Scope and purpose

(a) These rules shall apply to any person, public or private institution, agency, entity, corporation, acute care hospital and/or business concern that operates, or seeks to operate, a mobile intensive care program, specialty care transport service and/or air medical service within the State of New Jersey. These rules serve to define the operational requirements of these services, to provide for a uniform application of standards, and to specify the personnel, equipment, organization and other resources required to successfully operate such services.