

## CHAPTER 94

**ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION OF THE NEW JERSEY COMMISSION ON SPINAL CORD RESEARCH, THE NEW JERSEY SPINAL CORD RESEARCH FUND, AND THE NEW JERSEY SPINAL CORD INJURY REGISTRY**

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## SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

**8:94-1.1 Purpose**

(a) The purpose of this chapter is to promote scientific research projects that focus on the treatment and cure of spinal cord injuries through grants made by the New Jersey Commission on Spinal Cord Research, established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:9E-3 (Commission), from the New Jersey Spinal Cord Research Fund.

(b) This chapter is intended to assist the Commission in funding scientific and medical research and other related activities that may lead to advances in the treatment and cure of spinal cord injuries by:

1. Encouraging and supporting meritorious spinal cord injury research in New Jersey;
2. Encouraging and supporting collaborations among New Jersey researchers and out-of-State researchers engaged in spinal cord injury research;
3. Fostering discoveries that will benefit New Jersey by reducing the cost of medical services for persons with spinal cord injuries;
4. Supporting the continued development and enhancement of New Jersey's public and private biomedical sector;
5. Establishing New Jersey as a leader in the field of spinal cord repair; and
6. Recruiting recognized leaders and promising new investigators to New Jersey to engage in spinal cord injury research.

(c) A further purpose of this chapter is the establishment and maintenance of a central registry of persons who sustain acute traumatic spinal cord injuries in New Jersey, which will serve as a resource for statistical, epidemiological and medical research.

**8:94-1.2 Scope**

This chapter provides for the administration and operation of the Commission; sets forth procedures for application, review and award of grants made from the New Jersey Spinal Cord Research Fund established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:9E-

4; and sets forth procedures for the creation and operation of the New Jersey Spinal Cord Injury Registry established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:9E-8. This chapter applies to the Commission, its administrative staff, grant applicants and recipients pursuant N.J.S.A. 52:9E-1 et seq., and health care facilities required to report cases of spinal cord injuries pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:9E-8.

### 8:94-1.3 Definitions

The following words and terms, as used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

“Act” means the Spinal Cord Research Act, N.J.S.A. 52:93E-1 et seq.

“Approved research project” shall mean as defined at N.J.S.A. 52:9E-2a.

“ASIA” means the American Spinal Injury Association, which has endorsed the neurological impairment scale published in the International Standards for Neurological and Functional Classification of Spinal Cord Injury.

“Assault and homicide circumstances” means the variables (if available) that were precipitating factors of the spinal cord injury. These factors are defined by the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) version 2 coding manual, incorporated herein by reference, as amended and supplemented. To obtain a copy of the manual, contact the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Mailstop K65, 4770 Buford Highway NE, Atlanta, GA 30341-3724.

“BLS/ALS dispatch” means the emergency medical services provided by trained and certified personnel, and includes Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Life Support (ALS) services, as defined in N.J.A.C. 8:43G-12.13.

“Center for Health Statistics” or “CHS” means the Center for Health Statistics of the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services.

“Commission” shall mean as defined at N.J.S.A. 52:9E-2a.

“Department” or “DHSS” means the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services.

“Electronic submission of data” means the transfer of data from a computer used by a reporting health care facility, or provider to a computer specified by the Commission through the use of a modem, magnetic tape, magnetic disk, or the internet.

“Fiscal year” means the 12-month period beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30 of each year.

“Grant” means an award of funds by the Commission following a competitive grant submission and review process.

“Health care facility” or “facility” means a facility licensed by the Department of Health and Senior Services pursuant to P.L. 1971, c. 136 (N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq.), and any amendments thereto.

“Health care provider” or “provider” means a physician, podiatrist, dentist and/or chiropractor licensed pursuant to the provisions of Title 45 of the Revised Statutes.

“Hospital” means an institution, whether operated for profit or not, whether maintained, supervised or controlled by an agency of the government of the State or any county or municipality or not, which maintains and operates facilities for the diagnosis, treatment or care of two or more non-related individuals suffering from illness, injury or deformity and where emergency, out-patient, surgical, obstetrical, convalescent or other medical and nursing care is rendered for periods exceeding 24 hours, as defined in N.J.A.C. 8:43G-1.2.

“ICD-9 CM” refers to the International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification, incorporated herein by reference, as amended and supplemented. To obtain a copy of the ICD-9-CM contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, 3311 Toledo Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782.

“Institutional support services” shall mean as defined at N.J.S.A. 52:9E-2a.

“New Jersey Spinal Cord Research Fund” or “Fund” means the fund established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:9E-9. “Funds” as used in this chapter shall mean monies belonging to or drawn from the Fund.

“Qualifying research institution” shall mean as defined at N.J.S.A. 52:9E-2a.

“Registry Manager” means the entity or instrumentality designated to manage all aspects of the Spinal Cord Injury Registry by the New Jersey Commission on Spinal Cord Research and the Center for Health Statistics.

“Spinal cord injury” means an acute traumatic lesion of the neural elements in the spinal canal, resulting in temporary or permanent sensory deficit, motor deficit, or bowel/bladder dysfunction.

“Spinal Cord Injury Registry” or “Registry” means the central registry of persons who have sustained spinal cord injuries other than through disease, whether or not the injury results in a permanent disability, as established and maintained pursuant to the Act.