

CHAPTER 40
MOBILITY ASSISTANCE VEHICLE AND BASIC
LIFE SUPPORT AMBULANCE SERVICES

Authority

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Chapter Historical Note

Chapter 40, formerly Interim Rules for Abortion Facilities Receiving Temporary Licensure, was adopted as Emergency Rule R.1974 d.215, effective August 5, 1974. See: 6 N.J.R. 345(c).

Chapter 40, Manual Standards for Licensure of Invalid Coach and Ambulance Services, was repealed by R.1983 d.202, effective June 6, 1983, because of superseding regulation of abortion procedure at N.J.A.C. 8:43A-8.1. See: 15 N.J.R. 308(a), 15 N.J.R. 922(a).

Chapter 40, Manual of Standards for Licensure of Invalid Coach and Ambulance Services, was adopted as R.1985 d.192, effective April 15, 1985. See: 16 N.J.R. 3127(a), 17 N.J.R. 919(a). Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 40 expired on April 15, 1990 and was adopted as new rules by R.1990 d.239, effective May 7, 1990, to expire on May 7, 1991. See: 22 N.J.R. 595(a), 22 N.J.R. 1364(a). Subsequent to expiration, the Executive Order No. 66(1978) expiration date for Chapter 40 was extended by gubernatorial waiver to January 31, 1992. See: 23 N.J.R. 2245(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 40, Manual of Standards for Licensure of Invalid Coach and Ambulance Services, was readopted as R.1992 d.16, effective December 6, 1991. See: 23 N.J.R. 2566(a), 24 N.J.R. 119(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 40, Manual of Standards for Licensure of Invalid Coach and Ambulance Services, was readopted as R.1997 d.4, effective December 6, 1996. See: 28 N.J.R. 4198(a), 29 N.J.R. 128(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 40, Manual of Standards for Licensure of Mobility Assistance Vehicle and Ambulance Services, was readopted as R.1998 d.107, effective January 23, 1998. See: 29 N.J.R. 4416(a), 30 N.J.R. 648(a). Chapter 40, Manual of Standards for Licensure of Mobility Assistance Vehicle and Ambulance Services, expired on January 23, 2003.

Chapter 40, Mobility Assistance Vehicle and Basic Life Support Ambulance Services, was adopted as R.2004 d.217, effective June 7, 2004. See: Source and Effective Date.

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SUBCHAPTER 1. AUTHORITY, SCOPE AND DEFINITIONS

8:40-1.1 Authority

These rules are promulgated pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq. and 30:4D-6.4 and 6.6, which authorize the Commissioner to adopt rules pertaining to the operation of services providing, or seeking to provide, mobility assistance or basic life support care.

8:40-1.2 Scope and purpose

(a) These rules shall apply to any person, public or private institution, agency, entity, corporation, general hospital and/or business concern that operates, or seeks to operate, a non-volunteer mobility assistance vehicle or basic life support ambulance 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.

(b) N.J.A.C. 8:40-1 through 5 and 7 shall apply to MAV services.

(c) N.J.A.C. 8:40-1 through 4, 6 and 7 shall apply to basic life support ambulance services.

8:40-1.3 Definitions

The following words and terms, as utilized in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context in which they are utilized clearly indicates otherwise.

“Advanced life support” or “ALS” means an advanced level of pre-hospital, inter-facility or emergency medical care that includes basic life support functions, cardiac monitoring, cardiac defibrillation, telemetered electrocardiography, administration of anti-arrhythmic agents, intravenous (IV) therapy, administration of specific medications, drugs and solutions, utilization of adjunctive ventilation devices, trauma care and other techniques and procedures authorized in writing by the Commissioner.

“Advanced practice nurse” means a person who is validly licensed by the New Jersey Board of Nursing in accordance with the standards set forth at N.J.S.A. 45:11-45 et seq.

“Advertising” means any information directly or indirectly issued, distributed, hand-delivered or implied through any medium and utilized for the purpose of promoting the service of a provider.

“AHA CPR Guidelines” means the “Guidelines 2000 for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care” as published by the American Heart Association, National Center, 7272 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX 75231-4596, incorporated herein by reference, as amended and supplemented. A copy of the guidelines is on file and available for inspection at the Office of Emergency Medical Services.

“Air medical unit” or “AMU” means a specially equipped helicopter that is validly licensed by the Department and operated in accordance with the standards set forth at N.J.A.C. 8:41.

“Airplane” means, as defined at 14 C.F.R. 1.1, an engine-driven fixed-wing aircraft heavier than air, which is supported in flight by the dynamic reaction of the air against its wings.

“ALS inter-facility transfer” means the transportation of a patient in need of advanced life support care from one health care facility to another via a specialty care transport unit or an air medical unit. Mobile intensive care units shall not be utilized to perform ALS inter-facility transfers.

“AMD Standard” means the standards and amendments thereto published by the Ambulance Manufacturers Division of the Truck Body and Equipment Association, as reported by the Federal Specification for the Star-of-Life Ambulance, KKK-A-1822E, Edition E, June 1, 2002. Copies of the standards may be obtained from the General Services Administration, Centralized Mailing List Service (7CAFL), P.O. Box 6477, Fort Worth, Texas, 76115.

“Automated external defibrillator” or “AED” means a device that can be attached to a patient in cardiopulmonary arrest, analyze an electrocardiogram for the presence of potentially lethal dysrhythmias (specifically, ventricular fibrillation and fast ventricular tachycardia), deliver an electrical defibrillation to the patient in accordance with the requirements of standard treatment protocols, and produce an event summary that documents significant events in the utilization of the device, specifically events prior to and after an electrical defibrillation.

“Available” means ready for immediate utilization (pertaining to equipment, vehicles and personnel) or immediately accessible (pertaining to records).

“Basic life support” or “BLS” means a basic level of pre-hospital care that includes patient stabilization, airway clearance and maintenance, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) (to the level of the Professional Rescuer or Health Care Provider as issued by either the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, the National Safety Council or other entity determined by the Department to