

## Office of Emergency Medical Services Virginia Department of Health

Special Event Staffing – Out-of-state emergency medical services providers; exceptions.

### I. Purpose

This policy exists to provide a consistent standard for Virginia licensed EMS agencies to request out-of-state Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers to staff widely attended public events held in Virginia.

### II. Scope

§ 32.1-111.9:1. Out-of-state emergency medical services providers; exceptions.

A. Notwithstanding the provisions of this article or any other law or regulation to the contrary, an emergency medical services provider who holds a valid license or certification in a state that borders the Commonwealth may provide emergency medical services in the Commonwealth if (i) such services are provided at a widely attended event open to the public; (ii) due to the expected number of attendees, the anticipated need for emergency medical services at the event is beyond the capacity of local emergency medical services providers; (iii) the organizers of the event notify the Commissioner at least 10 business days prior to the event that out-of-state emergency medical services providers will be onsite at the event; and (iv) the out-of-state medical services providers provide to the Commissioner relevant licensure or certification information and any other information deemed necessary by the Commissioner.

B. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to supersede or affect the provisions of Chapter 18 (§ 32.1-371) or any other interstate agreement regarding emergency medical services providers. Any out-of-state emergency medical services provider who holds a license or certification in a state that has entered into an interstate compact of which the Commonwealth is a member or any other interstate agreement with the Commonwealth regarding emergency medical services providers shall be governed by the provisions of such compact or agreement.

### III. Definitions

**Beyond capacity** – means anticipated attendance exceeds ratio of 1,000 attendees per 1.5 EMS providers. Requestor must demonstrate the necessity to utilize out-of-state EMS providers versus Virginia certified EMS providers.

**Interstate compact (for the purpose of this policy)** – means REPLICA *Code of Virginia* §32.1-371; a formal pathway for the licensed/certified individual to provide pre-hospital care across state lines under authorized circumstances.

**Onsite** – means privilege to practice under this request is limited to the physical location of the approved event, to include transportation from physical location of event to closest; most appropriate hospital; via a Virginia permitted ambulance only. *(No out-of-state transport vehicles/ambulances will be authorized as part of this request.)*

**Out of State EMS provider** – means a person who holds a valid EMS license or certification issued by a state EMS authority from a state that borders Virginia.

**REPLICA** – means Recognition of EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact.

**Scope of Practice** – defined parameters of various duties or services that may be provided by an individual with specified credentials. Whether regulated by rule, statute, or court decision, it tends to represent the limits of services an individual may perform.

**State EMS Authority** – means the board, office or other agency with the legislative mandate to certify or license EMS personnel.

**Widely attended event** – means an anticipated attendance of greater than 5,000 or exceeds the **Beyond capacity** ratio, as defined above.

### IV. Requirements

- A. Requests for special event staffing must be submitted via the portal of the requesting Virginia EMS agency not less than 45 days prior to the event.
1. Login to EMS agency portal;
  2. Under my agency tab, select agency profile;
  3. Bottom right of screen, click (+) under “Exceptions”;
  4. Select exception type – special event;
  5. Complete all required fields and upload supporting documents;
  6. Reason field must include name, date(s), and hours of event operation, anticipated attendance, physical location, summary of activities, and justification for the need to utilize out-of-state EMS providers.

- B. Required supporting documents must include:
1. Proposed roster of all event EMS providers;
  2. Copy of EMS certification(s) for all out-of-state roster entries;
  3. Copy of finger-print based FBI/NCIC criminal history background check run within 60 days prior to application;
  4. Copy of valid driver's license for out-of-state EMS providers;
  5. Copy of authorization to practice for proposed out-of-state EMS providers signed by the requesting EMS agency's Operational Medical Director (OMD) and Chief Officer.
- C. Scope of practice limitations:
1. Paramedic scope requires current National Registry Paramedic certification;
    - a. Out-of-state paramedic certification is authorized to practice at the Advanced EMT scope
  2. Intermediate scope requires current Intermediate 99 certification;
    - a. Intermediate 85 certification is authorized to practice at the Advanced EMT scope
  3. Advanced EMT scope requires current National Registry AEMT certification;
    - a. Out-of-state Advanced EMT certification is authorized to practice at the EMT scope
  4. Any other EMS certification is authorized to practice at the EMT scope only (*not to include EMR*).

## V. Conditions

This policy will remain in effect until revised or terminated by the Virginia Office of EMS.

## VI. Effective Date: July 1, 2018