

An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 3132

By: Kendrix of the House

and

Weaver of the Senate

An Act relating to public health; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1-2504, which relates to emergency medical personnel; providing exception; allowing municipalities, public ambulance service districts, and emergency medical service districts to enter agreements with first responder agencies for certain purposes; requiring agreements to include certain provisions; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Public health

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1-2504, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-2504. A. Any hospital or health care facility operating within the state may utilize emergency medical technician, intermediate emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic, community paramedic or critical care paramedic personnel for the delivery of emergency medical patient care within the hospital or health care facility. ~~All~~ Except as authorized in Section 2 of this act, all licensed ambulance services shall use emergency medical technician, intermediate emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic personnel for on-scene patient care and stabilization and the delivery of prehospital and en route emergency medical care.

B. Any hospital or health care facility operating within the state may utilize community paramedic personnel for the delivery of community paramedic services for patients who come to the hospital or health care facility who reside in this state.

C. While participating in an emergency medical technician, intermediate emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician, community paramedic or paramedic training course approved by the State Department of Health, the student shall be allowed to perform in the hospital, clinic or prehospital setting, while under the direct supervision of a physician, registered nurse, or licensed emergency medical personnel who are licensed at a level equal to or above the level of training of the student, or other allied health preceptor, any of the skills determined to be appropriate for the training level of the student by the Department.

D. The student shall be allowed to perform any of the skills determined to be appropriate by the Department for the training level of the student while performing community paramedic services under the direct supervision of a physician, registered nurse or emergency medical personnel who are licensed at a level equal to or above the level of training of the student, or other allied health preceptor.

E. A registered nurse or licensed practical nurse may be used in the back of an ambulance during an interhospital transfer to supplement the skills of licensed emergency medical personnel. A registered nurse or licensed practical nurse functioning in this fashion must be following written orders of a physician or be in direct radio or telephone contact with a physician.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-2516.1 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The governing body of any municipality, public ambulance service district organized pursuant to Sections 1201 through 1221 of Title 19 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or emergency medical service district organized pursuant to Section 9C of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution may elect to enter into agreements with local first responder agencies, whether governmental or nonprofit, for the purpose of acquiring assistance with emergency medical response.

B. All agreements entered into pursuant to subsection A of this section shall, at a minimum:

1. Determine the required training necessary in order for first responders to participate under the agreement;

2. Establish a system for identifying which first responders are eligible to participate under the agreement;

3. Establish a process for verifying the training credentials of participating first responders;

4. Establish the level of emergency medical care to be provided by the participating first responders;

5. Determine which party to the agreement shall provide compensation, if any, and insurance coverage for participating first responders;

6. Establish a process for ensuring that participating first responders are familiar and compliant with applicable operating procedures and standards of care; and

7. Establish the procedures by which participating first responders shall be notified that their assistance is required.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

Passed the House of Representatives the 15th day of March, 2022.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 20th day of April, 2022.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

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