

SENATE BILL NO. 1382

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR WASHINGTON.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 190.098, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to community paramedics.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 190.098, RSMo, is repealed and one new
2 section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 190.098,
3 to read as follows:

190.098. 1. In order for a person to be eligible for
2 certification by the department as a community paramedic, an
3 individual shall:

- 4 (1) Be currently **[certified]** **licensed** as a paramedic;
- 5 (2) Successfully complete or have successfully
6 completed a community paramedic certification program from a
7 college, university, or educational institution that has
8 been approved by the department or accredited by a national
9 accreditation organization approved by the department; and
- 10 (3) Complete an application form approved by the
11 department.

12 2. **[A community paramedic shall practice in accordance**
13 **with protocols and supervisory standards established by the**
14 **medical director. A community paramedic shall provide**
15 **services of a health care plan if the plan has been**
16 **developed by the patient's physician or by an advanced**
17 **practice registered nurse through a collaborative practice**
18 **arrangement with a physician or a physician assistant**

EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

19 through a collaborative practice arrangement with a
20 physician and there is no duplication of services to the
21 patient from another provider.

22 3. Any ambulance service shall enter into a written
23 contract to provide community paramedic services in another
24 ambulance service area, as that term is defined in section
25 190.100. The contract that is agreed upon may be for an
26 indefinite period of time, as long as it includes at least a
27 sixty-day cancellation notice by either ambulance service.]

28 **As used in this section, the term "community paramedic
29 services" shall mean services provided by any entity that
30 employs licensed paramedics who are certified by the
31 department as community paramedics for services that are:**

32 (1) Provided in a nonemergent setting that is
33 independent of an emergency telephone service, 911 system,
34 or emergency summons;

35 (2) Consistent with the training and education
36 requirements described in subdivision (2) of subsection 1 of
37 this section, the scope of skill and practice for community
38 paramedics, and the supervisory standard approved by the
39 entity's medical director; and

40 (3) Reflected and documented in the entity's medical
41 director-approved patient care plans or protocols in
42 accordance with the provisions of section 190.142.

43 3. (1) Any ambulance service that seeks to provide
44 community paramedic services outside of the ambulance
45 service's service area:

46 (a) Shall have a memorandum of understanding (MOU)
47 regarding the provision of such services with the ambulance
48 service in that service area if that ambulance service is
49 already providing community paramedic services; or

50 (b) Shall not be required to have an MOU with the
51 ambulance service in that service area if that ambulance
52 service is not already providing community paramedic
53 services, provided that the ambulance service seeking to
54 provide such services shall provide notification to the
55 other ambulance service of the community paramedic services
56 to be provided.

57 (2) Any emergency medical response agency (EMRA) that
58 seeks to provide community paramedic services within its
59 designated response service area may do so if the ground
60 ambulance service area within which the EMRA operates does
61 not already provide such services. If the ground ambulance
62 service does provide community paramedic services, then the
63 ground ambulance service may enter into an MOU with the EMRA
64 in order to coordinate programs and avoid service
65 duplication. If the EMRA provides community paramedic
66 services in the ground ambulance service's service area
67 prior to the provision of such services by the ground
68 ambulance service, then the EMRA and the ground ambulance
69 service shall enter into an MOU for the coordination of
70 services.

71 (3) Any community paramedic program shall notify the
72 appropriate local ambulance service when providing services
73 within the service area of an ambulance service.

74 (4) The department shall promulgate rules and
75 regulations for the purpose of recognizing which community
76 paramedic services entities have met the standards necessary
77 to provide community paramedic services, including, but not
78 limited to, physician medical oversight, training, patient
79 record retention, formal relationships with primary care
80 services as needed, and quality improvement policies.
81 Community paramedic services entities shall be certified by

82 **the department, allowing such entities to provide community**
83 **paramedic services for a period of five years.**

84 4. A community paramedic is subject to the provisions
85 of sections 190.001 to 190.245 and rules promulgated under
86 sections 190.001 to 190.245.

87 5. No person shall hold himself or herself out as a
88 community paramedic or provide the services of a community
89 paramedic unless such person is certified by the department.

90 6. The medical director shall approve the
91 implementation of the community paramedic program.

92 7. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is
93 defined in section 536.010, that is created under the
94 authority delegated in this section shall become effective
95 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the
96 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section
97 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and
98 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly
99 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective
100 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently
101 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
102 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28,
103 2013, shall be invalid and void.

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