

# SENATE BILL NO. 964

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Section A. Section 190.098, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 190.098, to read as follows:

- 190.098. 1. **As used in this section, the term "community paramedic services" means services that are:**
- (1) Provided by any entity that:**
    - (a) Employs licensed paramedics who are certified as community paramedics by the department; and**
    - (b) Has received an endorsement by the department as a community paramedic service entity;**
  - (2) Provided in a nonemergent setting, independent of a 911 system or emergency summons;**
  - (3) Consistent with the training and education, as well as within the scope of skill and practice, of the personnel and with the supervisory standard approved by the medical director; and**
  - (4) Reflected and documented in the entity's patient care plans or protocols approved by the medical director in accordance with section 190.142.**

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

17           2. In order for a person to be eligible for  
18 certification by the department as a community paramedic, an  
19 individual shall:

20           (1) Be currently [~~certified~~] **licensed** as a paramedic;

21           (2) Successfully complete or have successfully  
22 completed a community paramedic certification program from a  
23 college, university, or educational institution that has  
24 been approved by the department or accredited by a national  
25 accreditation organization approved by the department; and

26           (3) Complete an application form approved by the  
27 department.

28           [2.] **3.** A community paramedic shall practice in  
29 accordance with protocols and supervisory standards  
30 established by the medical director[. A community paramedic  
31 shall provide services of a health care plan if the plan has  
32 been developed by the patient's physician or by an advanced  
33 practice registered nurse through a collaborative practice  
34 arrangement with a physician or a physician assistant  
35 through a collaborative practice arrangement with a  
36 physician and there is no duplication of services to the  
37 patient from another provider] **in collaboration with the**  
38 **ambulance service administrator. Patient care plans that**  
39 **are developed by the patient's physician, advanced practice**  
40 **nurse practitioner, or physician assistant shall be**  
41 **implemented through a collaboration with the medical**  
42 **director and agency.**

43           [3.] **4. (1)** Any ambulance service [shall enter into a  
44 written contract to provide community paramedic services in  
45 another ambulance service area, as that term is defined in  
46 section 190.100. The contract that is agreed upon may be  
47 for an indefinite period of time, as long as it includes at  
48 least a sixty-day cancellation notice by either ambulance

49 service] that seeks to provide community paramedic services  
50 outside of its ambulance service area, as described in  
51 section 190.105 and administered by the department, and in  
52 the service area of another ambulance service that currently  
53 provides community paramedic services shall be required to  
54 have a memorandum of understanding with that ambulance  
55 service regarding the provision of such community paramedic  
56 services. An ambulance service that provides community  
57 paramedic services may provide community paramedic services  
58 without a memorandum of understanding in the ambulance  
59 service area of an ambulance service that is not providing  
60 community paramedic services, but the ambulance service  
61 providing community paramedic services shall provide  
62 notification to the ambulance service with emergency service  
63 responsibilities in the service area of the general  
64 community paramedic activities being performed.

65 (2) An ambulance service that provides community  
66 paramedic services and that has executed formal contracts or  
67 agreements with health care institutions, hospitals, health  
68 clinics, or insurance companies for the provision of  
69 community paramedic services shall be permitted to honor  
70 those agreements.

71 (3) For sustained services provided outside the county  
72 of the ambulance services' primary 911 response territory  
73 where another licensed ambulance service also offers  
74 community paramedic services, the community paramedic  
75 program shall coordinate with the local ambulance service.

76 (4) Any emergency medical response agency seeking to  
77 provide community paramedic services within its designated  
78 response service area may do so if the ground ambulance  
79 service covering the area within which the emergency medical  
80 response agency is located does not provide community

81 paramedic services. If such ground ambulance service does  
82 provide community paramedic services, the ground ambulance  
83 service may establish, at its sole discretion, a memorandum  
84 of understanding with the emergency medical response agency  
85 planning to offer community paramedic services in order to  
86 coordinate programs and avoid service duplication. If an  
87 emergency medical response agency is providing community  
88 paramedic services in a service area before the ground  
89 ambulance service in that service area begins offering  
90 community paramedic services, the emergency medical response  
91 agency and the ground ambulance service shall establish a  
92 memorandum of understanding for the coordination of services.

93 (5) A community paramedic program shall notify the  
94 appropriate local ambulance service when providing services  
95 within the service area of an ambulance service.

96 (6) The department shall establish regulations for the  
97 purpose of recognizing community paramedic service entities  
98 that have met the standards necessary to provide community  
99 paramedic services, including physician medical oversight,  
100 training, patient record keeping, formal relationships with  
101 primary care services where necessary, and quality  
102 improvement policies. The department shall issue an  
103 endorsement to any community paramedic service entity that  
104 meets such standards that allow the entity to provide  
105 community paramedic services for a period of five years.

106 [4.] 5. A community paramedic is subject to the  
107 provisions of sections 190.001 to 190.245 and rules  
108 promulgated under sections 190.001 to 190.245.

109 [5.] 6. No person shall hold himself or herself out as  
110 a community paramedic or provide the services of a community  
111 paramedic unless such person is certified by the department.

112 [6.] 7. The medical director shall approve the  
113 implementation of the community paramedic program.

114 [7.] 8. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is  
115 defined in section 536.010, that is created under the  
116 authority delegated in this section shall become effective  
117 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the  
118 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section  
119 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and  
120 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly  
121 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective  
122 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently  
123 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking  
124 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28,  
125 2013, shall be invalid and void.

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