

State of Minnesota
Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board
Legislative and Rules Committee Meeting Agenda
January 03, 2024, 12:00 PM
335 Randolph Avenue, Suite 220, St. Paul, Minnesota

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- 1. Call to order and introductions – 12:00 PM**
- 2. Review and approve agenda**
- 3. Strategy session to discuss potential workplan and potential deliverables**
 - 3.1. Close out discussion on ground ambulance vehicle standard potential rule (4690.1500)
 - 3.1.1. Advance to Board for potential referral to next stage of rulemaking process
 - 3.2. Close out discussion on medication variance regulation [glucagon] (4690.8300)
 - 3.2.1. Advance to Medical Director Standing Advisory Committee
 - 3.3. Continue conversation related to technical and editorial bill related to 144E (Clean up bill)
 - 3.3.1. Review staff markup of clean up bill (Comments will be made available as soon as possible but no later than day before scheduled meeting)
- 4. Determine next meeting date**
- 5. Adjourn – 1:00 PM**

Next Committee Meeting
TBD

4690.1505 GROUND AMBULANCES

Subpart 1. General requirements. All ground ambulances must:

- A. Comply with lighting and siren requirements in Minnesota Statutes, sections 169.17; 169.64, subdivision 4, paragraph (b); and 169.68 paragraph (d);
- B. be marked to represent the name of the service as shown in the current license issued by the board, in letters not less than three inches in height and in a position and color to allow identification of the service from the sides and rear of the vehicle; and
- C. be equipped with a device that allows for two-way communication between an ambulance, public safety answering points, and receiving hospitals. Mobile telephone services are not acceptable for meeting this requirement.

Subp. 2. Ground ambulances purchased after July 1, 2026. A new ground ambulance contracted for purchase or manufacture after July 1, 2026, and intended to be used for providing ambulance service, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 144E.001, subdivision 3, must comply, at a minimum, with the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services Ground Vehicle Standard (CAAS-GVS) in effect on the date the ground ambulance is placed under contract for purchase or manufacture.

Subp. 3. Exceptions. Notwithstanding any other law, a new ground ambulance contracted for purchase or manufacture after July 1, 2026, and intended to be used for providing ambulance service, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 144E.001, subdivision 3, is exempt from the following CAAS-GVS v3.0 sections, or equivalent sections of a subsequent version of the CAAS-GVS:

- A. C.10.7 as it pertains to original equipment manufacturer's bumper;
- B. C.11.6. as it pertains to drip rails;
- C. C.12.7 as it pertains to IV holders; and
- D. C.15.3 as it pertains to the centerline requirement
- E. As it relates only to securement devices, vehicles not authorized to exceed speed limitations as outlined in Minnesota Statutes, section 169.17 shall be exempt from compliance with the CAAS-GVS standard, but instead shall comply with the General Services Administration in Federal Specification KKK-A-1822 A for Emergency Medical Care Surface Vehicles.

Subp. 4. Alternative Standard. A new ground ambulance contracted for purchase or manufacture after July 1, 2026, and intended to be used for providing

ambulance service, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 144E.001, subdivision 3, may as an alternative to the requirements in subpart 2 and 3 comply with the standards of NFPA 1917 Standard for Automotive Ambulances or successor equivalents issued by the National Fire Protection Association, in effect on the date the ground ambulance is placed under contract for purchase or manufacture.

Subp. 5. **Crash Reports Required.** Any licensee providing ambulance service, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 144E.001, subdivision 3, must report to the Board within 96 hours, any crash involving a licensed ambulance in a manner prescribed by the Board. A report is required if any of the following factors are present as a result of the crash:

- A. Death of any vehicle occupant or pedestrian
- B. Serious injury of any vehicle occupant or pedestrian that involves them seeking care in a hospital at the time of the crash
- C. Total property damage of the accident exceeds \$10,000 (169.09 Subd 5 repealed)

8840.5925 VEHICLE EQUIPMENT

[For text of subps 1 to 4, see M.R.]

Subp. 5. Securement devices. Vehicles that carry occupied stretchers or litters must comply with requirements for securement devices in Minnesota Statutes, section 144E.103, and the federal ambulance standards as they apply to stretcher or litter securement devices referenced in part ~~4690.1500~~ 4690.1505, subpart 2. Vehicles that carry wheelchairs must comply with the requirements for securement devices in ~~parts 7450.0100 to 7450.0800~~ chapter 7450.

[For text of subp 6, see M.R.]

REPEALER. Minnesota Rules, part 4690.1500, subparts 1, 2, and 4, are repealed.

4690.8300 Specific Variances

Subp. 7. **Variance for certain drugs.** The board shall grant a variance to a basic ambulance service licensee to carry and to administer beta agonist by metered dosed inhalation or nebulization, or both, premeasured subcutaneous epinephrine, sublingual nitroglycerin, or premeasured ~~intramuscular or subcutaneous~~ glucagon only if the licensee shows that: