

KENTUCKY COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM
Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services
(Amendment)

202 KAR 7:201. Emergency medical responders~~[First responders]~~.

RELATES TO: KRS 311A.010, 311A.025, 311A.030, 311A.060, 311A.095, ~~[311A.140,]~~
311A.140, 311A.145, 311A.160

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 311A.020, 311A.025, ~~[311A.140,]~~ 311A.160

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 311A.020 requires the board to promulgate administrative regulations relating to emergency medical ~~[first]~~ responders. KRS 311A.025 and KRS 311A.160 require the board to establish standards relating to emergency medical~~[first]~~ responders. This administrative regulation establishes the standards relating to emergency medical responders.

Section 1. Emergency Medical Responder ~~[First Responder]~~ Student Eligibility. (1) Individuals shall be eligible to enroll as a student in an Emergency Medical Responder ~~[first responder]~~ training program if the applicant:

(a) Is at least fifteen (15) years of age; and

(b) 1. Is currently enrolled in grades 9-12 with a minimum GPA of 2.0; or

2. Holds a high school diploma, high school equivalency diploma ~~[or GED]~~, or home school diploma.

(2) The student applicant shall:

(a) ~~[Understand, read, speak, and write the English language with a comprehension and performance level equal to at least the ninth grade of education, otherwise known as Level 4, verified by testing as necessary;~~

~~(b) Not currently be subject to disciplinary action pursuant to KRS Chapter 311A that would prevent certification; [and]~~

(b) Pass a criminal background check through the Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) meeting the requirements of KRS 311A.050; and

(c) Meet all additional requirements established by the EMS Training and Educational Institution (TEI) [EMS-TEI].

Section 2. Certification Requirements. (1) Individuals desiring initial certification as an Emergency Medical Responder ~~[first responder]~~ shall:

(a) ~~[Meet all of the requirements of Section 1 of this administrative regulation;~~

~~(b) Be at least sixteen (16) years of age;[~~

~~(c) Be currently enrolled as a student in grades 9-12 with a minimum GPA of 2.0 or hold a high school diploma or GED;~~

~~(d) (b) Successfully complete a board approved training program that [which] conforms to the United States Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, National Emergency Medical Services Educational Standards-Instructional Guidelines for the Emergency Medical Responder, except that the education curriculum shall not be satisfied by the completion of refresher or transition courses alone; [1995 National Standard Curriculum, NREMT-FR as the curriculum for education, which shall not be satisfied by the completion of refresher or transition courses alone;]~~

(c) Meet all educational standards established in 202 KAR 7:601;

(d) [(e)] Obtain certification [NREMT's registration] as a[n] NREMT-Emergency Medical Responder [NREMT-FR];

(e) [(f)] Submit a completed application for EMR Initial in KEMSIS [and signed "First Re-

sponder Initial Certification Application"];

~~(f) [(g) Present written evidence of completion of current HIV/AIDS training required by KRS 311A.110;~~

~~(h)] Pay the fee required for certification pursuant to [by] 202 KAR 7:030; [and~~

~~(i) Present written evidence of completion of current training in CPR that:~~

~~1. Shall be taught by an individual who holds instructor certification at an appropriate level from:~~

~~a. The American Red Cross;~~

~~b. The AHA;~~

~~c. The National Safety Council;~~

~~d. The ASHI; or~~

~~e. Another board approved organization; [and~~

~~2. Shall provide instruction and testing in:~~

~~a. One (1) rescuer CPR;~~

~~b. Two (2) rescuer CPR;~~

~~c. Techniques of changing from one (1) to two (2) rescuers during the performance of CPR;~~

~~d. Techniques of changing rescuers during the performance of two (2) rescuer CPR;~~

~~e. Techniques for relief of obstruction of the airway;~~

~~f. CPR of infants and small children;~~

~~g. Barrier-to-mouth, barrier-to-nose, or barrier-to-stoma resuscitation for adults, small children, and infants;~~

~~h. Use of oral and nasal airways;~~

~~i. Use of bag-valve-mask or other ventilation device;~~

~~j. Use of supplemental oxygen; and~~

~~k. Use and operation of an AED.~~

~~(2) An applicant for certification as a first responder shall successfully complete all NREMT testing and become Kentucky certified within two (2) years after the completion date of the first responder course.]~~

~~(g) Undergo a background check pursuant to KRS 311A.050 and 311A.100, which shall be:~~

~~1. National in scope for an applicant not currently certified at any level in Kentucky;~~

~~2. Statewide in scope for an applicant with current certification in Kentucky;~~

~~3. Less than six (6) months old when the applicant submits to the board all requirements for certification;~~

~~4. Provided by a vendor that has been contracted through the board; and~~

~~5. Submitted to the board by the company that conducts the background check; and~~

~~(h) Be a citizen of the United States, a permanent resident of the United States, or otherwise lawfully present in the United States, as evidenced by submission to the board of:~~

~~1. A Social Security card;~~

~~2. Birth certificate;~~

~~3. A United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (U.S.C.IS) Permanent Resident Card (form I-551/Green Card); or~~

~~4. Other legal authorization to live and work in the United States.~~

Section 3. Renewal of Certification [Recertification] and Continuing Education Requirements. (1) An Emergency Medical Responder [first responder] shall be eligible for certification renewal [recertification] if:

(a) The applicant submits a [signed and] completed ["Universal] EMR Certification Renewal Application [for] in KEMSIS [Recertification/Relicensure];

(b) [The applicant maintains written evidence of current completion of training in CPR meet-

~~ing the requirements as outlined in Section 2 of this administrative regulation;]~~The applicant maintains written evidence of:

1. HIV/AIDS training required by KRS 311A.120;
2. Pediatric Abusive Head Trauma training required by KRS 311A.120; and
3. Awareness of Sexual Violence Training required by KRS 311A.120;]

~~(c) The applicant maintains written evidence of completion of current HIV/AIDS training required by KRS 311A.110;]~~

~~(c) [(d)]~~ The applicant pays the fee pursuant to ~~[established in]~~ 202 KAR 7:030; and

~~(d) [(e)]~~ The applicant maintains evidence of ~~[either]:~~

1. Current certification by the NREMT as an Emergency Medical Responder, except that if this option is used, the board may request, though a continuing education audit, proof of continuing education to verify compliance with the requirements of this section ~~[Current registration by the NREMT as an NREMT-FR]; or~~

2. Successful completion of the NREMT Emergency Medical Responder National Continued Competency Program- for Continuing Education, which shall be validated by entities authorized to conduct continuing education pursuant to 202 KAR 7:601. ~~[Successful completion of continuing education that:~~

~~a. Includes seventeen (17) contact hours of continuing education, of which:~~

~~(i) One (1) shall be in disaster management or mass casualty incidents; and~~

~~(ii) Two (2) may be in HIV/AIDS; and~~

~~b. Shall be validated by:~~

~~(i) The instructor, medical director, training officer, course coordinator, or provider of the continuing education offering; or~~

~~(ii) A medical director, service director, or training officer of the first responder's ambulance service, first response agency, fire department, or rescue squad.]~~

~~(2) An application for certification renewal [recertification] shall be denied if:~~

~~(a) Prior to the certification expiration date, the [first responder] applicant has not met the applicable requirements of [Section 3 of] this section [administrative regulation]; or~~

~~(b) The applicant has been subjected to disciplinary action that prevents certification renewal [recertification] at the time of application.~~

~~(3) A certified Emergency Medical Responder [first responder], in good standing, who is a member of a National Guard or a military reserve unit [who is] called to active duty by presidential order pursuant to 10 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 673b, shall be renewed according to KRS 12.355 upon submission of the Military Extension Application [may be given a one (1) year extension following release from active duty to meet the applicable requirements for recertification listed in this Administrative Regulation. The first responder shall submit a written request for this extension within sixty (60) days of release from active duty].~~

~~(4) The board [KBEMS] office may audit an Emergency Medical Responder's [a first responder's] continuing education and continuing education records. The Emergency Medical Responder shall submit the documentation requested within ten (10) business days of receipt of the board's request.~~

~~(5) The Emergency Medical Responder [first responder] shall maintain documentation of all continuing education for three (3) [four (4)] years from the date of completion.~~

~~(6) If documentation of continuing education hours consistent with this administrative regulation are not received using the board-approved submission process within ten (10) business days of receipt of the board's request, the Emergency Medical Responder certification for the individual shall be summarily revoked and the individual shall reapply for certification through Reinstatement, if eligible.~~

~~(7) The ten (10) business days for submission shall not apply to investigations pursuant to~~

KRS Chapter 311A.

Section 4. Reinstatement of Certification. (1) An Emergency Medical Responder whose certification has lapsed may reinstate his or her certificate by submitting to the board:

(a) A completed EMR Reinstatement Certification Application in KEMSIS;

(b) Evidence of previous certification as an Emergency Medical Responder in the Commonwealth of Kentucky;

(c) Proof of current training in:

1. Pediatric Abusive Head Trauma as required by KRS 311A.120;

2. Awareness of Sexual Violence Training required by KRS 311A.120;

(d) Evidence of successful completion of the NREMT Emergency Medical Responder National Continued Competency Program for Continuing Education within twelve (12) months preceding his or her application for reinstatement of Emergency Medical Responder; and

(e) Evidence of current skills by completing and submitting validation of those skills on the Kentucky Emergency Medical Responder Skills Verification Report prior to beginning work for a licensed agency in Kentucky. The verification report shall be completed by entities authorized to conduct continuing education pursuant to 202 KAR 7:601.

(2) The applicant shall pay the fee required for reinstatement pursuant to 202 KAR 7:030.

(3) The applicant shall undergo a national background check provided by a vendor that has been contracted through the board. The applicant shall not directly submit a background check to meet the requirements of this section. The background check shall be submitted to the board by the company that conducts the background check.

(4) Background checks that are older than six (6) months shall not be considered current, and the applicant shall undergo another national background check prior to approval of reinstatement of certification.

(5) The applicant for reinstatement of certification shall bear the burden of proof of previous certification in Kentucky if the previous certification is in issue or dispute.

(6) An applicant who is ineligible for certification pursuant to KRS 311A.050 through 311A.090 shall be ineligible for reinstatement.

Section 5. Emergency Medical [First] Responder Reciprocity. (1) An individual who is [A person] certified in [another] a contiguous state to the Commonwealth of Kentucky or [territory of the United States or member of the United States military who is registered] by the NREMT as a ~~[an]~~ NREMT-Emergency Medical Responder~~[NREMT-FR]~~ or any member of the United States Armed Forces, or veteran who has transitioned within the past six (6) years from the United States Armed Forces, and has been registered by the National Registry as a NREMT-Emergency Medical Responder or EMT shall be eligible for [direct] reciprocity for [initial] Kentucky certification as an Emergency Medical Responder [a first responder] if the applicant submits [individual]:

(a) A completed EMR Reciprocity Application in KEMSIS [Is at least sixteen (16) years of age]; and

(b) Proof of the applicant's [Holds current] unrestricted certification [registration] as a NREMT-Emergency Medical Responder or Emergency Medical Responder certification in a contiguous state to the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and [NREMT-FR]; and

(c)1. Is currently enrolled in grades 9-12 with a minimum GPA of 2.0; or

2. Holds a high school diploma or GED.

(2) The individual shall:

(a) Understand, read, speak, and write the English language with a comprehension and performance level equal to at least the ninth grade of education, otherwise known as Level 4, veri-

fied by testing as necessary;

~~(b) Have successfully completed a training program, which utilized the United States Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1995 National Standard Curriculum, Emergency Medical Technician First Responder as the curriculum for education if any individual initially certified after January 1, 1986. An earlier edition of the National Standard Curriculum which has been supplemented by the completion of the First Responder Transition Course shall be considered to meet this requirement, which shall not be satisfied by the completion of refresher or transition courses alone;~~

~~(c) Submit a completed and signed "First Responder Initial Certification Application";~~

~~(d) Present written evidence of completion of current HIV/AIDS training required by KRS 311A.110;~~

~~(e) Present written evidence of completion of current training in CPR that meets the requirements of Section 2(1)(i) of this administrative regulation;~~

~~(f) Pay the fee required by 202 KAR 7:030;~~

~~(g) Not have been convicted of, entered a guilty plea or Alford plea to a felony offense, or have completed a diversion program for a felony offense; and~~

~~(h) Not have been subjected to discipline that would prevent reciprocity at the time of application.]~~

(c) Proof of current training in:

1. HIV/AIDS training required by KRS 311A.120;

2. Pediatric Abusive Head Trauma as required by KRS 311A.120;

3. Awareness of Sexual Violence Training required by KRS 311A.120

(2) An applicant shall pay the fee required for reciprocity pursuant to 202 KAR 7:030.

(3) An applicant for Emergency Medical Responder reciprocity shall undergo a national background check provided by a vendor that has been contracted through the board.

(a) An applicant shall not directly submit a background check to meet the requirements of this section. The background check shall be submitted to the board by the company that conducts the background check; and

(b) Background checks that are older than six (6) months shall not be considered current, and the applicant shall undergo another national background check prior to approval of certification through reciprocity.

(4) An applicant shall not have been convicted of offenses described in KRS 311A.050.

(5) An applicant shall not have been subjected to discipline that would prevent reciprocity at the time of application.

(6) An Emergency Medical Responder certified pursuant to Section 2 of this administrative regulation shall not perform any procedures or skill on which the Emergency Medical Responder has not been trained. An Emergency Medical Responder who performs a skill for which the Emergency Medical Responder does not have documented training shall have exceeded the scope of practice and shall be in violation of KRS 311A.050.

(7) An Emergency Medical Responder certified pursuant to this section shall complete the Kentucky supplemental Emergency Medical Responder curricula for the procedures listed in 202 KAR 7:701 prior to beginning work for a licensed agency in Kentucky.

(a) Kentucky supplemental Emergency Medical Responder curricula consistent with 202 KAR 7:701 shall be provided during employee orientation, or by entities authorized to conduct continuing education pursuant to 202 KAR 7:601.

(b) Verification of competency on the supplemental curricula procedures in 202 KAR 7:701 shall be maintained by the Emergency Medical Responder for a minimum of three (3) years. Failure to submit the EMR Supplemental Curriculum Training Verification Report upon request shall result in revocation of the Emergency Medical Responder certification.

(c) If an Emergency Medical Responder certified pursuant to this section fails to supply verification of competency as required by subsection (7) of this section, the Emergency Medical Responder shall be ineligible to apply for and receive Emergency Medical Responder reciprocity certification until the applicant has submitted the EMR Supplemental Curriculum Training Verification Report as required by 202 KAR 7:701, and shall reapply for Reciprocity through the process listed in this section.

Section 6. Scope of Practice. An Emergency Medical Responder shall provide emergency medical services consistent with the skills and procedures in the National EMS Scope of Practice Model and 202 KAR 7:701.

Section 7. Expiration of Certification. (1) Certification periods and expiration dates shall be pursuant to KRS 311A.095.

(2) If an Emergency Medical Responder's certification lapses or expires, the Emergency Medical Responder shall cease provision of emergency medical services.

(3) An Emergency Medical Responder who has allowed his or her certification to lapse or expire shall reinstate certification pursuant to Section 6 of this administrative regulation.

Section 8. Surrender of Certification. (1) An Emergency Medical Responder surrendering certification shall:

(a) Submit a completed Application for EMR Surrender of Certification in KEMSIS; and

(b) Pay the fee pursuant to 202 KAR 7:030.

(2) The applicant shall notify the board's licensed service director(s) with whom the applicant is affiliated immediately upon surrendering his or her certification.

Section 9. Reporting Requirements. (1) An Emergency Medical Responder shall maintain current demographic information in KEMSIS including:

(a) Legal name;

1. Any changes to an Emergency Medical Responder's legal name shall be submitted using the Name Change application in KEMSIS; and

2. One of the following documents as verification of name change:

a. Social Security Card;

b. Driver's license; or

c. Passport;

(b) Mailing address;

(c) Email address; and

(d) Phone number.

(2) An Emergency Medical Responder who does not comply with this section shall be subject to disciplinary action pursuant to KRS Chapter 311A.

Section 10. ~~[Section 5.]~~ Exemptions from Emergency Medical ~~[First]~~ Responder Administrative Regulations. ~~[The Kentucky]~~ Certification requirements for an Emergency Medical Responder ~~[first responder]~~ shall not apply to:

(1) United States military personnel or state National Guard or employees of the United States government while providing services on a United States government-owned or operated facility, while engaged in the performance of their official duties under federal law, or while providing assistance in mass casualty or disaster type situation; or

(2) An Emergency Medical Responder ~~[A first responder]~~ certified in another state or territory of the United States who:

- (a) Comes into Kentucky to transport a patient from another state into Kentucky; or
- (b) Is transporting a patient through the state of Kentucky to an out-of-Kentucky location.[]

~~Section 6. Reinstatement of Certification. (1) A first responder whose certification has lapsed for a period not exceeding five (5) years, may reinstate their certificate by submitting to the board:~~

- ~~(a) A completed and signed "First Responder Certification Reinstatement Application";~~
- ~~(b) Written evidence of current completion of training in CPR meeting the requirements as outlined in Section 2(1)(i) of this administrative regulation;~~
- ~~(c) Written evidence of completion of current HIV/AIDS training required by KRS 311A.110;~~
- ~~(d) Payment of the fee established in 202 KAR 7:030;~~
- ~~(e) Evidence of previous certification as a first responder in Kentucky;~~
- ~~(f) Evidence of successful completion of continuing education within twelve (12) months preceding their application for reinstatement that includes seventeen (17) contact hours of continuing education, of which:
 1. One (1) shall be in disaster management or mass casualty incidents; and
 2. Two (2) may be in HIV/AIDS; and~~
- ~~(g) Evidence of successful completion of the National Standard Curriculum for EMT-First Responder Refresher Course within twelve (12) months preceding their application for reinstatement or continuing education hours that meet the requirements of the curriculum.~~

~~(2) A first responder, whose certification has lapsed for a period that exceeds five (5) years, may reinstate their certificate by complying with Sections 1 and 2 of this administrative regulation.~~

~~(3) An application for reinstatement of certification shall not be considered if:~~

- ~~(a) The applicant is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to KRS Chapter 311A;~~
- ~~(b) The applicant is an individual who has been convicted of, entered a guilty plea or Alford plea to a felony offense, or has completed a diversion program for a felony offense; or~~
- ~~(c) The applicant has been subjected to discipline that would prevent reinstatement at the time of application.[]~~

Section 11 [7]. Public Notice of Negative Action. The board office shall cause to be published on the board website the name of an Emergency Medical Responder who:

(1) Is fined;

(2) Is placed on probationary status;

(3) Is placed on restricted status;

(4) Is suspended; or

(5) Has had his or her certification revoked. [The KBEMS office shall cause to be published, in the KBEMS News or similar publication of the board, or otherwise disseminate the name of a first responder that is fined, is placed on probationary status, is placed on a restricted status, is suspended, or has had their certification revoked.

~~Section 8. Temporary Certificate. (1) KBEMS staff may issue a temporary certificate to an individual who:~~

~~(a) Submits a completed "Application for Temporary Certificate";~~

~~(b) Is at least sixteen (16) years of age;~~

~~(c) Understands, reads, speaks, and writes the English language with a comprehension and performance level equal to at least the 9th grade of education, otherwise known as Level 4, verified by testing as necessary;~~

~~(d) Provides proof of being currently certified or licensed in another state or territory of the~~

~~United States or is currently registered by the NREMT;~~

~~(e) Presents written evidence of completion of current HIV/AIDS training required by KRS 311A.110;~~

~~(f) Presents written evidence of completion of current training in CPR that meets the requirements of Section 2 of this administrative regulation;~~

~~(g) Pays the fee required by 202 KAR 7:030;~~

~~(h) Provides the board with a copy of a statewide criminal background check from their state of residence;~~

~~(i) Is not an individual who has been convicted of, entered a guilty plea or Alford plea to a felony offense, or has completed a diversion program for a felony offense; and~~

~~(j) Has not been disciplined by or has action pending against or had a certificate or license in the field of health care denied, limited, suspended, or probated by a certifying or licensing entity in Kentucky or other state or territory under the jurisdiction of the United States.~~

~~(2) A temporary certificate may be issued for a period which shall not exceed six (6) months and shall not be reissued or renewed.]~~

Section 12 [9]. Incorporation by Reference. (1) The following material is incorporated by reference:

(a) "National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards-Emergency Medical Responder Instructional Guidelines", The United States Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT HS 811 077B, January 2009 ["First Responder Initial Certification Application" (June 2003)];

(b) "EMR Initial Certification Application" in KEMSIS, July 2019 ["Universal Application for Recertification/Relicensure" (June 2003)];

(c) "EMR Certification Renewal Application" in KEMSIS, July 2019; ["First Responder Certification Reinstatement Application" (June 2003); and]

(d) "EMR Reciprocity Certification Application" in KEMSIS, July 2019; [The United States Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Administration, 1995 National Standard Curriculum, Emergency Medical Technician-First Responder.]

(e) "EMR Reinstatement Certification Application" in KEMSIS, July 2019;

(f) "National EMS Scope of Practice Model", National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT HS 810 657, February 2007;

(g) "National EMS Scope of Practice Model", National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT HS 812 666, February 2019;

(h) "EMR Skills Verification Report", July 2019;

(i) "EMR Supplemental Curriculum Training Verification Report", July 2019;

(j) "EMR Certification Surrender Application" in KEMSIS, July 2019;

(k) "National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians National Continued Competency Program EMR", October 2016;

(l) "American Heart Association Guidelines for CPR and Emergency Cardiovascular Care", November 2018;

(m) "National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians Emergency Medical Responder Psychomotor Examination Users Guide", September 2016;

(n) "Name Change Application" in KEMSIS, July 2019;

(o) "Military Extension Application" in KEMSIS, July 2019; and

(p) "United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (U.S.C.IS) Permanent Resident Card (form I-551/Green Card)", July 2019.

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PHILIP DIETZ, Chairman

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PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall be held on June 28, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time at the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services, 2464 Fortune Drive, Suite 195, Lexington, Kentucky 40509. Individuals interested in being heard at this hearing shall notify this agency in writing by five (5) workdays prior to the hearing of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing is received by that date, the hearing may be canceled. This hearing is open to the public. Any person who wishes to be heard will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed administrative regulation. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made. If you do not wish to be heard at the public hearing, you may submit written comments on the proposed administrative regulation. Written comments shall be accepted through June 30, 2021. Send written notification of intent to be heard at the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to the contact person.

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REGULATORY IMPACT ANALYSIS AND TIERING STATEMENT

Contact Person: Chuck O'Neal

(1) Provide a brief summary of:

(a) What this administrative regulation does: KRS 311A.020 requires the board to promulgate administrative regulations relating to first responders. KRS 311A.025 and KRS 311A.160 require the board to establish standards relating to emergency medical responders. This administrative regulation establishes standards relating to emergency medical responders.

(b) The necessity of this administrative regulation: KRS 311A.020 requires the board to promulgate administrative regulations relating to first responders. KRS 311A.025 and KRS 311A.160 require the board to establish standards relating to emergency medical responders. This administrative regulation establishes standards relating to emergency medical responders. The amendment provides terminology updates such as the categorization change from "First Responder" to "Emergency Medical Responder." Additionally, these amendments are necessary to allow Kentucky Emergency Medical Responders the opportunity to become certified and maintain certification to protect the citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Educational and certification processes are streamlined, and unnecessary or repetitive language across other administrative regulations have been removed.

(c) How this administrative regulation conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes: This administrative regulation conforms to the content of KRS 311A.020, KRS 311A.025 and KRS 311A.160 by establishing standards relating to emergency medical responders.

(d) How this administrative regulation currently assists or will assist in the effective administration of the statutes: KRS 311A.020 requires the board to promulgate administrative regulations relating to first responders. KRS 311A.025 and KRS 311A.160 require the board to establish standards relating to emergency medical responders. This administrative regulation will effectively establish the standards relating to emergency medical responders. This administra-

tive regulation will assist Emergency Medical Responders in becoming certified utilizing more simplistic guidelines and processes and provides additional guidance on educational requirements, and will allow the board to provide more effective customer service to applicants for certification.

(2) If this is an amendment to an existing administrative regulation, provide a brief summary of:

(a) How the amendment will change this existing administrative regulation: This amendment streamlines certification application processes for Emergency Medical Responders and provides additional guidance on application processes and responsibilities of the Emergency Medical Responder. Additionally, unnecessary and dated requirements and terminology have been removed.

(b) The necessity of the amendment to this administrative regulation: The amendment provides terminology updates such as the categorization change from "First Responder" to "Emergency Medical Responder." Additionally, these amendments are necessary to allow Kentucky Emergency Medical Responders the opportunity to become certified and maintain certification to protect the citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Educational and certification processes are streamlined, and unnecessary or repetitive language across other administrative regulations have been removed.

(c) How the amendment conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes: This administrative regulation conforms to the content of KRS 311A.020, KRS 311A.025 and KRS 311A.160 by establishing standards relating to emergency medical responders.

(d) How the amendment will assist in the effective administration of the statutes: KRS 311A.020 requires the board to promulgate administrative regulations relating to first responders. KRS 311A.025 and KRS 311A.160 require the board to establish standards relating to emergency medical responders. This administrative regulation establishes standards relating to emergency medical responders. This administrative regulation amendment streamlines processes for administrative body processing and removes barriers to certification for the Emergency Medical Responder. Streamlined processes allow the administrative body to more effectively and efficiently certify applicants.

(3) List the type and number of individuals, businesses, organizations, or state and local governments affected by this administrative regulation: The Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services, its members, and staff, emergency medical services providers, emergency medical responders, and local governments will be affected by this administrative regulation.

(4) Provide an analysis of how the entities identified in question (3) will be impacted by either the implementation of this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change, if it is an amendment, including:

(a) List the actions that each of the regulated entities identified in question (3) will have to take to comply with this administrative regulation or amendment: The Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services, its members, and staff, emergency medical services providers, emergency medical responders, and local governments shall implement and satisfy the standards and requirements of this administrative regulation.

(b) In complying with this administrative regulation or amendment, how much will it cost each of the entities identified in question (3): There will be no cost to any entity identified in question (3).

(c) As a result of compliance, what benefits will accrue to the entities identified in question (3): Applicants seeking certification as an Emergency Medical Responder will benefit from decreased certification requirements and processing time.

(5) Provide an estimate of how much it will cost the administrative body to implement this administrative regulation: There will be no cost to the administrative body to implement this

administrative regulation.

(a) Initially: There will be no cost to the administrative body to implement this administrative regulation.

(b) On a continuing basis: There will be no cost to the administrative body to implement this administrative regulation.

(6) What is the source of funding to be used for the implementation and enforcement of this administrative regulation: No funding source is necessary to implement and enforce this administrative regulation.

(7) Provide an assessment of whether an increase in fees or funding will be necessary to implement this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change if it is an amendment: No increase in fees or funding will be necessary.

(8) State whether or not this administrative regulation established any fees or directly or indirectly increased any fees: This regulation did not establish any fees.

(9) TIERING: Is tiering applied? Tiering is not applied to this administrative regulation because this amendment applies equally to all licensed agencies.

FISCAL NOTE ON STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

1. What units, parts, or divisions of state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) will be impacted by this administrative regulation? The Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services, its members, and staff, emergency medical services providers, emergency medical responders, and local governments will be affected by this administrative regulation.

2. Identify each state or federal regulation that requires or authorizes the action taken by the administrative regulation. KRS 311A.020 requires the board to promulgate administrative regulations relating to first responders. KRS 311A.025 and KRS 311A.160 require the board to establish standards relating to emergency medical responders. This administrative regulation establishes standards relating to emergency medical responders.

3. Estimate the effect of this administrative regulation on the expenditures and revenues of a state or local government agency (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for the first full year the administrative regulation is to be in effect.

(a) How much revenue will this administrative regulation generate for the state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for the first year? This administrative regulation will generate no revenue for the first year.

(b) How much revenue will this administrative regulation generate for the state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for subsequent years? This administrative regulation will generate no revenue for subsequent years.

(c) How much will it cost to administer this program for the first year? This administrative regulation will not impose any costs on state or local government.

(d) How much will it cost to administer this program for subsequent years? This administrative regulation will not impose any costs on state or local government.

Note: If specific dollar estimates cannot be determined, provide a brief narrative to explain the fiscal impact of the administrative regulation.

Revenues (+/-): This administrative regulation will not generate revenue.

Expenditures (+/-): This administrative regulation will not impose any costs.

Other Explanation: