

311A.010 Definitions for chapter.

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (1) "Advanced emergency medical technician" or "AEMT" means a person certified by the board under this chapter as an advanced emergency medical technician;
- (2) "Advanced practice paramedic" or "APP" means a paramedic licensed by the board under this chapter as a paramedic and certified by the board under this chapter in at least one (1) emergency medical services subspecialty, including community paramedic, critical care paramedic, wilderness paramedic, tactical paramedic, or flight paramedic;
- (3) "Ambulance" means a vehicle which has been inspected and approved by the board, including a helicopter or fixed-wing aircraft, except vehicles or aircraft operated by the United States government, that are specially designed, constructed, or have been modified or equipped with the intent of using the same, for the purpose of transporting any individual who is sick, injured, or otherwise incapacitated who may require immediate stabilization or continued medical response and intervention during transit or upon arrival at the patient's destination to safeguard the patient's life or physical well-being;
- (4) "Ambulance provider" or "ambulance service" means any individual or private or public organization, except the United States government, who is licensed by the board to provide medical services that may include transport at either basic life support level or advanced life support level and who may have a vehicle or vehicles, including ground vehicles, helicopters, or fixed-wing aircraft, to provide such transportation;
- (5) "Board" means the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services;
- (6) "Community paramedic" or "CP" means an advanced practice paramedic certified under this chapter as a CP;
- (7) "Emergency medical facility" means a hospital or any other institution licensed by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services that furnishes emergency medical services;
- (8) "Emergency medical responder" or "EMR" means a person certified under this chapter as an EMR or EMR instructor;
- (9) "Emergency medical services" or "EMS" means the services utilized in providing care for the perceived individual need for immediate medical care to protect against loss of life, or aggravation of physiological or psychological illness or injury;
- (10) "Emergency medical services educator" or "EMS educator" means a person who is certified and licensed by the board under this chapter as a Level I, II, or III EMS educator to provide emergency medical services education and training with the scope of practice established by the board through administrative regulations;
- (11) "Emergency Medical Services for Children Program" or "EMSC Program" means the program established under this chapter;
- (12) "Emergency medical services medical director" means a physician licensed in Kentucky and certified by the board under this chapter who is employed by, under contract to, or has volunteered to provide supervision for a paramedic or an

ambulance service, or both;

- (13) "Emergency medical services personnel" means:
 - (a) Persons trained to provide emergency medical services and certified or licensed by the board under this chapter as an AEMT, APP, EMR, EMR instructor, EMT, EMT instructor, paramedic, or paramedic instructor; and
 - (b) Authorized emergency medical services medical directors and mobile integrated healthcare program medical directors, whether on a paid or volunteer basis;
- (14) "Emergency medical services system" means a coordinated system of health-care delivery that responds to the needs of acutely sick and injured adults and children, and includes community education and prevention programs, mobile integrated healthcare programs, centralized access and emergency medical dispatch, communications networks, trained emergency medical services personnel, medical first response, ground and air ambulance services, trauma care systems, mass casualty management, medical direction, and quality control and system evaluation procedures;
- (15) "Emergency medical services training and education institute" means any organization licensed by the board under this chapter whose sole program of instruction is to provide an emergency medical services training program, other than a licensed ambulance service which provides training, or in-service training in-house for its own employees or volunteers;
- (16) "Emergency medical services training program" means a program of instruction providing training or education for initial certification, advanced certification, in-service training, or continuing education of emergency medical services personnel, whether through an emergency medical services training and education institute or otherwise;
- (17) "Emergency medical technician" or "EMT" means a person certified under this chapter as an EMT or EMT instructor;
- (18) "Executive director" means the executive director of the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services;
- (19) "Mobile integrated healthcare" or "MIH" means a program licensed by the board under this chapter to provide services including evaluation, advice, and medical care for the purpose of preventing or improving a particular medical condition outside of a hospital setting to eligible patients who do not require or request emergency medical transportation;
- (20) "Mobile integrated healthcare program medical director" or "MIH program medical director" means a physician licensed in Kentucky and certified by the board under this chapter who is employed by, under contract to, or has volunteered to provide supervision for a licensed MIH program;
- (21) "Paramedic" means a person who is involved in the delivery of medical services and is licensed under this chapter;
- (22) "Paramedic preceptor" means a licensed paramedic who supervises a paramedic student during the field portion of the student's training;
- (23) "Prehospital care" means the provision of emergency medical services, mobile

integrated healthcare, or transportation by trained and certified or licensed emergency medical services personnel at the scene or while transporting sick or injured persons to a hospital or other emergency medical facility; and

- (24) "Trauma" means a single or multisystem life-threatening or limb-threatening injury requiring immediate medical or surgical intervention or treatment to prevent death or permanent disability.

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