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STATE OF KANSAS BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES NOTICE OF HEARING ON AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION

A public hearing will be conducted at 9 a.m. Tuesday, December 2, 2014 in Room 560 of the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson, Topeka, Kansas 66612 to consider the adoption of an amended administrative regulation.

This 60-day notice of the public hearing shall constitute a public comment period for the purpose of receiving written public comments on the proposed amendments to the regulation. All interested parties may submit written comments prior to the hearing to the Board of Emergency Medical Services, Room 1031, Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson, Topeka, Kansas 66612 or by email to <u>Curt.Shreckengaust@ems.ks.gov</u>. All interested parties will be given a reasonable opportunity to present their views orally on the adoption of the proposed amendments to the regulation during the hearing. In order to give all parties an opportunity to present their views, it may be necessary to request that each participant limit any oral presentations to five minutes.

Any individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing and may request the proposed regulation and economic impact statement in an accessible format. Requests for accommodation should be made at least five working days in advance of the hearing by contacting Ann Stevenson at 785-296-7296. Handicapped parking is located in front of and to the north of the Landon State Office Building.

This regulation is being proposed for adoption on a permanent basis. A summary of the proposed regulation follows:

RECEIVED SEP 2 4 2014 SECRETARY OF STATE K.A.R. 109-15-1, Reinstating attendant certificate after expiration, is an existing regulation that further defines the process for recognizing reinstatement of an expired Kansas attendant certificate without completing another initial course of instruction or completing an examination by defining sufficient education requirements.

There is no anticipated economic impact to any governmental agency or unit or to the general public in the adoption of this revised regulation. There is minimal anticipated economic impact to some of the persons subject to the revised regulation resulting from not being required to obtain additional education at cost to the person requesting reinstatement.

Copies of the complete regulation and the complete economic impact statement may be obtained from the Board of Emergency Medical Services at the contact information above or can be accessed at <u>www.ksbems.org</u>.

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109-15-1. Reinstating attendant certificate after expiration. (a) The certificate of a person who applies for attendant certification within <u>31 calendar days</u> after the person's certificate has expired may be reinstated by the board if the person meets the following requirements:

(1) Submits a completed application to the board on forms provided by the executive director;

(2) pays the applicable fee specified in K.A.R. 109-7-1;

(3) provides documentation <u>validation</u> of board-approved-continuing <u>completed</u> education, transition training courses, or a combination of continuing education and transition training courses obtained during the biennial period immediately preceding the expiration of certification requirements; and

(4) for MICT and paramedic, has met the continuing education requirements for the certification level held during the previous certification period;

(5) -for first responder and EMT, has completed the transition training program approved by the board for emergency medical responder or EMT certification, whichever is applicable and has met the continuing education requirements for the certification level held during the previous certification period;

(6) for EMT-I and EMT-I/D, meets one of the following requirements:

(A) Before January 1, 2014, has met the continuing education requirements for the certification level held during the previous certification period; or

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(B) after December 31, 2013, has completed the transition training program approved by the board for AEMT certification; and

(7) for EMT-D, has completed an EMT-I initial course of instruction and the transition training program approved by the board for AEMT and has met the continuing education requirements for the certification level held during the previous certification period if the applicant is either currently certified or licensed in another jurisdiction or has been certified or licensed in another jurisdiction, provides information adequate for the board to determine the applicant's current status of certification or licensure for the level of certification being sought and confirm that the applicant is in good standing with that jurisdiction.

(b) The certificate of a person who applies for reinstatement of attendant certification more than 31 days but less than two years after the person's certificate has expired may be reinstated by the board if the applicant meets the following requirements:

(1) Submits a completed application to the board on forms provided by the executive director;

(2) pays the applicable fee specified in K.A.R. 109-7-1; and

(3) (A) For each MICT or paramedic, has completed at least 120 hours of documented and board-approved continuing education;

(B) before January 1, 2015, meets one of the following requirements:

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(i) For each first responder, completes at least 16 clock-hours of continuing education and the transition course approved by the board to transition to EMR;

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(ii) for each EMT, completes at least 28 clock hours of continuing education and the transition course approved by the board to transition to the new EMT scope of practice;

(iii) for each EMT-I, completes at least 36 clock-hours of continuing education and the transition course approved by the board to transition to AEMT;

(iv) for each EMT-D, completes at least 36 clock-hours of continuing education and the transition course approved by the board to transition to the AEMT and an initial EMT-I course of instruction;

(v) for each EMT-I who is also certified as an EMT-D, completes at least 44 clock-hours of continuing education and the transition course approved by the board to transition to the AEMT;

(C) for each emergency medical responder, completes at least 32 clock hours of continuing education;

(D) for each EMT who has completed the transition, completes at least 56 clockhours of continuing education; and

(E) for each AEMT, completes at least 72 clock-hours of continuing education For the purposes of this regulation, the date of expiration for the certificate shall be one of the following:

(1) The expiration date of the person's Kansas attendant certificate;

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(2) 31 calendar days after the expiration date of the person's certificate or license, if the person is currently certified or licensed in another jurisdiction; or

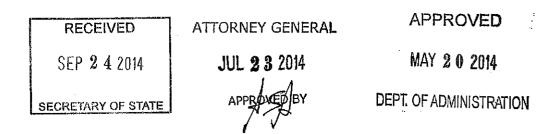
(3) the most recent expiration date of the person's certificate or license in another jurisdiction, if the person is not currently certified or licensed in another jurisdiction but previously held a certificate or license in that jurisdiction.

(c) Only board-approved and documented continuing education obtained during the biennial period immediately preceding the expiration of certification and continuing education or transition training courses obtained during the biennial period immediately after expiration of certification shall be accepted for the requirements of subsection (b) Completion of education requirements shall be validated by submission of the following:

(1) Documentation of continuing education for the three years before the date of application in sufficient quantity to meet or exceed the following:

(A) For applications submitted within 31 calendar days from the date of expiration, the number of clock-hours specified for renewal of a certificate in K.A.R. 109-5-1a for EMR, K.A.R. 109-5-1b for EMT, K.A.R. 109-5-1c for AEMT, or K.A.R. 109-5-1d for paramedic;

(B) for applications submitted more than 31 calendar days but less than two years from the date of expiration, two times the number of clock-hours specified for renewal of a certificate in K.A.R. 109-5-1a for EMR, K.A.R. 109-5-1b for EMT, K.A.R. 109-5-1c for AEMT, or K.A.R. 109-5-1d for paramedic;



(C) for applications submitted two or more years but less than four years from the date of expiration, three times the number of clock-hours specified for renewal of a certificate in K.A.R. 109-5-1a for EMR, K.A.R. 109-5-1b for EMT, K.A.R. 109-5-1c for AEMT, or K.A.R. 109-5-1d for paramedic;

(D) for applications submitted four or more years but less than six years from the date of expiration, four times the number of clock-hours specified for renewal of a certificate in K.A.R. 109-5-1a for EMR, K.A.R. 109-5-1b for EMT, K.A.R. 109-5-1c for AEMT, or K.A.R. 109-5-1d for paramedic;

(E) for applications submitted six or more years but less than eight years from the date of expiration, five times the number of clock-hours specified for renewal of a certificate in K.A.R. 109-5-1a for EMR, K.A.R. 109-5-1b for EMT, K.A.R. 109-5-1c for AEMT, or K.A.R. 109-5-1d for paramedic; and

(F) for applications submitted eight or more years from the date of expiration, six times the number of clock-hours specified for renewal of a certificate in K.A.R. 109-5-1a for EMR, K.A.R. 109-5-1b for EMT, K.A.R. 109-5-1c for AEMT, or K.A.R. 109-5-1d for paramedic;

(2) for applications submitted two or more years from the date of expiration, validation of cognitive and psychomotor competency by the following:

(A) Successful completion of a cognitive assessment for the level of certification being sought, within three attempts;

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(B) successful completion of a psychomotor assessment for the level of certification being sought, within three attempts; and

(3) for applications submitted two or more years from the date of expiration, documentation of successful completion of a cardiopulmonary resuscitation course for healthcare providers.

(d) Each person who applies for reinstatement of first responder, EMT, EMT-I, EMT-D, or EMT-I/D certification two or more years after the person's certificate expires date of expiration shall take an entire initial course of instruction for EMR, the new EMT scope of practice, or AEMT if the person is unable to provide validation of cognitive or psychomotor competency by one of the following, whichever occurs first:

(1) The person has exhausted the allowed attempts.

(2) One year has passed from the date of application.

(e) The certificate of a person who applies for reinstatement of attendant certification two-or more years after the person's certificate expires may be reinstated by the board if the applicant meets the following requirements:

(1) Applies to the board on board-approved forms;

(2) pays the applicable fee specified in K.A.R. 109-7-1; and

(3) has completed continuing education applicable to the attendant level previously held according to the following time frames:

(A) For applications submitted two or more years but less than four years after certificate expiration, the following amounts of continuing education:

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(i) For each emergency-medical responder, at least 64-clock-hours;

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(ii) for each EMT who has completed the new scope of practice transition, at least 112 clock hours;

(iii) for each AEMT, at least 144 clock-hours; and

(iv) for each MICT or paramedic, at least 240 clock-hours;

(B) for applications submitted four or more years but less than six years after certificate expiration, the following amounts of continuing education:

(i) For each emergency medical responder, at least 128-clock-hours;

(ii) for each EMT who has completed the new scope of practice transition, at

least 224-clock-hours;

(iii) for each AEMT, at least 288 clock hours; and

(iv) for each MICT or paramedic, at least 480 clock-hours;

(C) for applications submitted six or more years but less than eight years after certificate expiration, the following amounts of continuing education:

(i) For each emergency medical responder, at least 256 clock-hours;

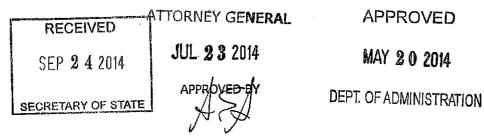
(ii) for each EMT who has completed the new scope of practice transition, at

least 448-clock-hours;

(iii) for each AEMT, at least 576 clock-hours; and

(iv) for each MICT or paramedic, at least 960 clock hours; and

(D) for applications submitted eight or more years after certificate expiration, the following amounts of continuing education:



(i) For each emergency medical responder, at least 512 clock-hours;

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(ii) for each EMT who has completed the new scope of practice transition, at least 896 clock hours;

(iii) for each AEMT, at least 1,152 clock-hours; and

(iv) for each MICT or paramedic, at least 1,920 clock hours;

(4) has completed continuing education applicable to the attendant level sought during the two years immediately preceding or immediately following application for reinstatement;

(5) provides documentation of successful completion of a United States department of transportation refresher training course that includes both cognitive and psychomotor examinations approved by the executive director at the level for which the individual is requesting reinstatement; and

(6) provides documentation of successful completion of a cardiopulmonary resuscitation course for healthcare providers. (Authorized by K.S.A. 2011 <u>2013</u> Supp. 65-6111; implementing K.S.A. 2011 <u>2013</u> Supp. 65-6129; effective May 15, 2009; amended Sept. 2, 2011; amended March 15, 2013; amended P-_____.)

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ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT K.A.R. 109-15-1

I. Summary of Proposed Regulation, Including Its Purpose.

K.A.R. 109-15-1 is the regulation that defines the process for recognizing reinstatement of an expired Kansas EMS attendant certificate. The purpose of this regulation is to detail the process an individual can follow in order to reinstate their expired certificate without completing an initial course of instruction or passing a certification examination by further specifying what constitutes sufficient education requirements.

II. Reason or Reasons the Proposed Regulation Is Required, Including Whether or Not the Regulation Is Mandated by Federal Law.

K.S.A. 65-6129 (f) provides this process as a means to reinstate an expired certificate. This regulation further defines that process and details out the criteria used in defining what education requirements must be completed. The current version of this regulation was written under the assumption that an individual that left the state of Kansas no longer held certification in any other jurisdiction. This revision allows for recognition of maintenance of certification in another jurisdiction to assist in the determination of meeting educational requirements. This regulation is not mandated by federal law.

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III. Anticipated Economic Impact upon the Kansas Board of

Emergency Medical Services.

There will be no economic impact to the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services associated with this regulatory revision.

IV. Anticipated Financial Impact upon Other Governmental

Agencies and upon Private Business or Individuals.

There will be no economic impact on other governmental agencies or private business. There may be a minimal economic impact to individuals associated with this regulatory revision in that the majority of individuals utilizing this proposed regulation will not be required to pay for obtaining additional education that they would be required to pay for under the existing regulation.

V. Anticipated Economic Impact upon Consumers of the Services Subject to the Regulation or Its Enforcement.

There may be a minimal economic impact on Emergency Medical Services attendants, agencies or other Emergency Medical Services related entities associated with this regulatory revision. This minimal economic impact may be a slight loss in income from completing education at an accredited post-secondary school for incoming paramedics and a slight increase in educational requirements and costs at the local service level. A majority of candidates that utilize this regulation would not require additional education under the proposed revised regulation. We anticipate less than 5 individuals per year (of the approximate 50 applicants) would not

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meet the proposed requirements and would need to complete education of

similar hour quantity as listed in the current requirements.

VI. Less Costly or Intrusive Methods That Were Considered, but

Rejected, and the Reason for Rejection.

This proposed regulation incorporates the less costly method.

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