

**Rules and Regulations Committee**  
 Office of Emergency Medical Services, Glen Allen, VA  
 July 7, 2021 @ 3 PM

**Members Present:**

Jonathan Henschel (Chair, LFEMS)  
 Ed Rhodes – (Vice Chair, At-Large)  
 Greg Woods –Reg, Council Directors  
 Theresa Kingsly-Varble (small Rural)  
 Anthony Wilson – VAA  
 Dan Norville (VAGEMSA)

**Members Absent:**

Estee Waring (VPPF- Career)  
 Kim Craig (VAVRS)  
 Gary Critzer (At-Large)  
 David Hoback – VA Fire Chiefs

**Staff:**

Ron Passmore  
 Katie Hodges

**Others:**

Barry McDonald  
 Exec. Director, VA Assoc of RS  
 Daniel Linkins  
 Amanda Loreti

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
<b>Call to Order</b> <b>Introductions</b>	I. 3:15pm  a. Introductions - 3:20 pm New Members - No new Members b. Approval of draft agenda - Approved @ 3:30pm	Jonathan Henschel, Committee Chair
<b>Approval</b>	II. Minutes - Approval of April 7, 2021 minutes @ 3:35 pm with minor change(s)	

	<p>a. April 7, 2021 EMS Rules &amp; Regulations Committee Meeting</p>	
<p><b>Staff Report</b></p>	<p>III. Staff Report</p> <p>a. OEMS Update – Scott Winston, Assistant Office Director (unavailable for meeting)</p> <p>i. Regulation &amp; Compliance Division Update – Ron Passmore</p> <p>1. Division Staffing changes - ACE – New Contractors &amp; Educators</p> <p>a. Program Representative Retirement of Wayne Berry – June 1, 2021</p> <p>b. A Candidate has accepted a verbal offer for Wayne’s position</p> <p>c. As of July 1, 2021 virtual meeting options expired, all meetings are back to in person attendance only per Virginia Administrative Code.</p> <p>d. Return to traditional Scope of Practice - EMT’s can no longer administer vaccinations.</p> <p>e. Board of Pharmacy survey sent out to all agencies in Virginia. Received 100% response. &gt;500 need BOP Control Substance Registration (CSR) and &gt;70 may have incorrect BOP CSR’s. The BOP is creating a guidance document for OEMS to use to guide EMS Agencies on how to obtain and which CSR they need to obtain.</p> <p>b. Ongoing Regulatory activities</p> <p>i. Proposed Regulation project 5100 (Chapter 32) delayed for:</p> <p>1. Chapter 32 has been delayed due to the MediVac Committee reviewing and made additional edits. The plan is to have it available for the January 2022 Rules and Regulations Committee for a final vote, and present it at the February 2022 Advisory Board Meeting</p> <p>2. Review of MediVac suggested edit (Air Transport) as follows:  12VAC5-31-880:  2.c – Add {or Registered Nurse} behind ‘attendant shall be a ‘Paramedic’  4 - repeal all of this clause no longer specifying who the AIC must be on specific mission types.  12VAC5-31-885:  C.6 – extend current requirement of EMT certification within 6 months of hire for RN’s to 12 months from hire.</p>	

Motion made and a seconded to not approve these changes.  
Sections to remain as amended in 2017.

3. As of July 1, 2021, the Code of Virginia simple possession of marijuana code 18.2-250.1 has been changed to a civil offense and is no longer a criminal offense thereby is no longer a consideration when reviewing criminal histories for EMS.
4. Exemption Request review
  - Sections 1240 (BLS) & 1250 (ALS) minimum staffing requirements
  - Agency provides Supplemented and Neonatal transports as well as standard BLS & ALS ambulance transports over the past 40 years. However, they have routinely utilized the RN as the AIC of all transports regardless of acuity.
  - All ambulance transports are staffed with a team of 3 (RN, RT, and Paramedic)
  - Even though RN's & RT's are full time employees of the transport service they are not trained to operate the ambulance.
  - Discussion Points:
    - AIC should be treated the same as air medical crews
    - Need to train all staff to be able to competently utilize their equipment (ambulance)
    - Committee recommends denial of this request as it does not meet 12VAC5-31-140A.2 failed to demonstrate a genuine need for exemption.
  - Motion Carried – to recommend denial of this request

5. Exemption on Drug Box

- Exemption request for drug boxes on fire engines to not contain all required medications authorized for use by provider per 12VAC5-31-860.D.1.a and D.2.d
- Rationale is a lack of refrigerated space on Fire Engines
- Committee consideration is that this could cause a hindrance of care by provider staffing the fire engine and first on scene.
- Motion Carried – to recommend denial of this request

Background Checks Process Changes

- BETA Testing on OEMS portal will begin soon on the new Background Check Process
- All Results will go onto the provider's portal which will be displayed on all agency rosters they are affiliated with.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eligibility letters will no longer be sent to EMS Agencies</li> <li>• All members will need to be affiliated with the agency</li> <li>• Results will automatically populate to all Regulant's agency affiliations</li> <li>• Will include non-certified people</li> <li>• Currently there are multiple Superusers in some agencies. These will need to be narrowed down to One Superuser per agency.</li> </ul>	
<b>Unfinished Business</b>	IV. Unfinished Business - NONE	
<b>New Business</b>	V. New Business Symposium 2021 Dates have been set. The Symposium will be held in Norfolk November 3 – 7, 2021	
<b>Public Comment</b>	VI. Public Comment – NONE	
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	VII. Next Meeting 2021: <b>Q4</b> – October 6, 2021	
<b>Motion to adjourn</b>	<b>Time: 5:25pm</b>	