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- 1) Heading of the Part: Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Center Code
- 2) Code Citation: 77 Ill. Adm. Code 515
- 3) Section Number: 515.750 Adopted Action:
Amend
- 4) Statutory Authority: Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act [210 ILCS 50]
- 5) Effective Date of Rulemaking: January 25, 2012
- 6) Does this rulemaking contain an automatic repeal date? No
- 7) Does this rulemaking contain incorporations by reference? No
- 8) A copy of the adopted amendment, including any material incorporated by reference, is on file in the agency's principal office and is available for public inspection.
- 9) Notice of Proposed Amendments Published in Illinois Register: August 19, 2011; 35 Ill. Reg. 14071
- 10) Has JCAR issued a Statement of Objection to this rulemaking? No
- 11) Differences between proposal and final version: Various typographical, grammatical, and form changes were made in response to the comments from JCAR.
- 12) Have all the changes agreed upon by the agency and JCAR been made as indicated in the agreements issued by JCAR? No agreements were necessary.
- 13) Will this rulemaking replace any emergency rulemaking currently in effect? No
- 14) Are there any amendments pending on this Part? Yes

<u>Section Number:</u>	<u>Proposed Action:</u>	<u>Ill. Reg. Citation:</u>
515.620	Amend	35 Ill. Reg. 18565; November 14, 2011
- 15) Summary and Purpose of Rulemaking The Section of the rules governing certification of Trauma Nurse Specialists is being amended to ensure consistency with current standards of care and health care practices. The amendment has taken out specifics of the Trauma

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Nurse Specialist Course and has made reference to The State of Illinois Trauma Nurse Specialist Program, which is the Department approved course outline. The amendment changes the continuing education requirements from 80 to 64.

- 16) Information and questions regarding this adopted amendment shall be directed to:

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AUTHORITY: Implementing and authorized by the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act [210 ILCS 50].

SOURCE: Emergency Rule adopted at 19 Ill. Reg. 13084, effective September 1, 1995 for a maximum of 150 days; emergency expired January 28, 1996; adopted at 20 Ill. Reg. 3203, effective February 9, 1996; emergency amendment at 21 Ill. Reg. 2437, effective January 31, 1997, for a maximum of 150 days; amended at 21 Ill. Reg. 5170, effective April 15, 1997; amended at 22 Ill. Reg. 11835, effective June 25, 1998; amended at 22 Ill. Reg. 16543, effective September 8, 1998; amended at 24 Ill. Reg. 8585, effective June 10, 2000; amended at 24 Ill. Reg. 9006, effective June 15, 2000; amended at 24 Ill. Reg. 19218, effective December 15, 2000; amended at 25 Ill. Reg. 16386, effective December 20, 2001; amended at 26 Ill. Reg. 18367, effective December 20, 2002; amended at 27 Ill. Reg. 1277, effective January 10, 2003; amended at 27 Ill. Reg. 6352, effective April 15, 2003; amended at 27 Ill. Reg. 7302, effective April 25, 2003; amended at 27 Ill. Reg. 13507, effective July 25, 2003; emergency amendment at 29 Ill. Reg. 12640, effective July 29, 2005, for a maximum of 150 days; emergency expired December 25, 2005; amended at 30 Ill. Reg. 8658, effective April 21, 2006; amended at 32 Ill. Reg. 16255, effective September 18, 2008; amended at 35 Ill. Reg. 6195, effective March 22, 2011; amended at 35 Ill. Reg. 15278, effective August 30, 2011; amended at 35 Ill. Reg. 16697, effective

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September 29, 2011; amended at 35 Ill. Reg. 18331, effective October 21, 2011; amended at 35 Ill. Reg. 20609, effective December 9, 2011; amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 880, effective January 6, 2012; amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 2296, effective January 25, 2012.

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TRAUMA NURSE SPECIALIST

Section 515.750 Trauma Nurse Specialist

- a) Trauma Nurse Specialist (TNS) Training Sites
 - 1) Trauma Nurse Specialist courses shall be conducted only at hospitals that have been designated by the Department as TNS Training Sites.
 - 2) The Department shall designate TNS Training Sites based upon Regional needs ~~for course availability~~, the ~~trauma~~ educational ~~and clinical~~ capabilities of interested hospitals to provide advanced trauma education to nurses, ~~prior Department approval of a hospital as a TNS Training Site~~, and participation in an EMS System.
 - 3) The Trauma Nurse Specialist Program Plan (see Section 515.760) shall serve as a standard TNS program plan. The Department will approve program plans based on compliance with Section 515.760. Any hospital seeking designation as a TNS Training Site must submit a Trauma Nurse Specialist Program Plan on a form provided by the Department.
 - 4) The Chief Executive Officer of the hospital designated as a TNS Training Site shall appoint, and endorse in writing to the Department, a Trauma Nurse Specialist Course Coordinator (TNSCC) to plan, coordinate, implement and evaluate the TNS course and TNS program activities, who meets the following requirements:
 - A) Is a Registered Professional Nurse with an unencumbered license in the State in which he or she practices~~licensed under the Nursing and Advanced Practice Nursing Act~~;
 - B) Is employed by the TNS Training Site;

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- C) Has at least three years of experience as a Registered Professional Nurse in an emergency department or critical care setting in a trauma center;
 - D) Holds a ~~certificate~~Certificate of TNS course ~~completion~~Completion issued by the Department ~~or its equivalent~~ as provided in this Section; and
 - E) Has a minimum of 50 hours of teaching experience in emergency/critical care nursing courses.
- b) The TNSCC shall admit to the TNS course only those individuals who have met the following requirements:
- 1) Are currently licensed as a Registered Professional Nurse in the state in which they are practicing, as verified by the submission of a photocopy of the official ~~licensed document~~ showing the license number and expiration date; and
 - 2) Have at least 1500 hours of clinical care experience in an emergency department or critical care unit (preferred)one year of experience as a Registered Professional Nurse, with successful completion of a unit orientation.
- c) The TNS course shall reflect evidence-based content as created by the TNSCC and approved by the Department as being in compliance with the Trauma Nurse Specialist Program (see Section 515.760), ~~include at least 80 hours of didactic sessions. The course content shall include but not be limited to the following topics:~~
- ~~1) EMS/Trauma System concepts;~~
 - ~~2) Stabilization and transportation of the critically ill or injured;~~
 - ~~3) Assessment and management of the traumatized patient;~~
 - ~~4) Maxillofacial trauma;~~

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- 5) ~~Ocular trauma,~~
- 6) ~~Neurological, respiratory and cardiac anatomy, physiology and assessment,~~
- 7) ~~Head trauma,~~
- 8) ~~Spinal trauma,~~
- 9) ~~Cardiopulmonary trauma,~~
- 10) ~~Adjuncts for airway control and ventilation,~~
- 11) ~~Acid base balance and Arterial Blood Gases (ABGs),~~
- 12) ~~Abdominal trauma,~~
- 13) ~~Genitourinary trauma,~~
- 14) ~~Trauma in pregnancy,~~
- 15) ~~Musculoskeletal/vascular/surface trauma,~~
- 16) ~~Thermal trauma,~~
- 17) ~~Fluid and electrolytes,~~
- 18) ~~Pathogenesis of shock syndrome,~~
- 19) ~~Pediatric trauma,~~
- 20) ~~Family violence,~~
- 21) ~~Organ procurement,~~
- 22) ~~Legal issues,~~
- 23) ~~Kinematics,~~

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- 24) ~~Hypothermia,~~
 - 25) ~~Trauma in the elderly, and~~
 - 26) ~~Complications of trauma.~~
- d) ~~The TNS course shall include eight hours of supervised observational experience from among the following areas:~~
- 1) ~~Pre-hospital;~~
 - 2) ~~Critical care; or~~
 - 3) ~~Emergency Department.~~
- d)e) Testing
- 1) ~~A written pre-test consisting of a minimum of 100 multiple choice questions developed by the TNSCC and approved by the Department shall be administered on the first day of class. The TNSCC shall develop the questions based upon the topic outlines and objectives of the curriculum.~~
 - 1)2) A standardized practical examination shall be administered ~~at the conclusion of the didactic sessions and clinical experience.~~ The practical examination shall include ~~an~~ consist of a simulated trauma patient assessment station at which the student will evaluate and stabilize a simulated critically injured trauma patient.
 - A) The student shall have a maximum of 10~~ten~~ minutes to evaluate and stabilize the patient.
 - B) The TNSCC shall develop the passing criteria, which shall be included in the program plan developed in accordance with Section 515.760. ~~The student shall be rated on Primary Patient Assessment, Secondary Patient Assessment, Management, Stabilization, and Supervision and Leadership, in accordance with the Trauma Nurse Specialist Course Practical Examination Grading Form developed and provided by the Department along with the TNSCC.~~

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- C) A student ~~who receives a failing grade on the practical examination~~ shall be given three attempts to successfully complete~~one opportunity to repeat~~ the practical examination. ~~A failing grade is defined as failure to attain at least 80 percent overall and/or failure to pass all lifesaving techniques asterisked on the Clinical Examination Grading Form.~~
- 2)3) A student who has successfully completed course requirements per procedure and paid all fees~~the didactic sessions and clinical experience~~ shall be eligible to take the final written examination. ~~The TNSCC shall develop the~~This final examination and shall provide the examination to the Department. The TNSCC shall develop passing criteria, which shall be included in the Program Plan developed in accordance with Section 515.760.~~shall consist of 150 multiple-choice questions developed by the TNSCC using the objectives and topics of the TNS curriculum and approved by the Department. A score of 80 percent or above shall be a passing grade.~~
- A) A student shall be given three attempts to successfully complete~~one opportunity to retake~~ the final written examination ~~within ten days after the original examination date.~~
- B) The candidate shall successfully achieve a passing score on the State examination within 12 months after completing the training program.
- B) ~~The TNSCC shall extend the ten-day retake period on an individual basis for reasons of a death in the student's family, or illness or injury to the student or student's family.~~
- 3) Examination Application
- A) Candidates for the TNS examination shall apply to take the examination using the Department form. Information is available on the Department's website.
- B) A roster of examination candidates from each TNS training site is created by the TNSCC who approves the candidate's application and is submitted to the Department.

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- C) The candidate shall submit a fee for each written examination attempt (see Section 515.460).
- ~~4) Each TNS course site shall offer practical and final written examinations based upon Regional needs.~~
- ~~5) Any individual who has met the admission requirements provided in subsection (b) of this Section has the option of taking the TNS Practical Examination and final written examination without having completed the didactic sessions or clinical experience. The individual must file a request for this testing option with the TNS Training Site at least 30 days prior to the scheduled practical examinations.~~
- e) Failure to appear for the examination on the scheduled date, at the time and place specified, shall result in forfeiture of the examination fee.
- f) If a candidate does not achieve a passing grade on the written examination, the fee for the re-test is the same as for initial examination.
- g) All fees submitted for certification are non-refundable.
- h) Testing Option – Challenge
Any individual who has met the admission requirements provided in subsection (b) of this Section has the option of taking the TNS practical examination and final examination without having completed the didactic sessions (referred to as "challenging" the examination). The individual shall file a request to challenge the examination with the TNS Training Site at least 30 days prior to the scheduled practical examination. Candidates who elect to challenge the examination will have only one attempt to successfully complete the written and practical examinations to demonstrate proficiency.
- ~~i) Certification as a TNS~~
- 1) The Department will certify a student or candidate after the student or candidate has achieved a passing score on the final written and practical examinations and has paid any required fees (see Section 515.460). A student may apply to the Department for certification by submitting:

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- ~~A) Documentation provided by the TNSCC of receiving a passing score on the final written examination and the practical examination;~~
 - ~~B) A fee of \$25 in the form of a certified check or money order made payable to the Department (personal checks or cash will not be accepted); and~~
 - ~~C) A completed TNS Certification Application form.~~
- 2) Certification is effective for four years.
- 3) ~~After initial recertification, a TNS may apply for recertification by submitting the following at least 40 days but no more than 90 days prior to certification expiration:~~
- ~~A) TNS Certification/Recertification Application;~~
 - ~~B) Verification of successful completion of the examination; or~~
 - ~~C) Documentation of any 40 hours of continuing education every two years, which may include hours required for ECRN certification, and which must include any of the following:~~
 - ~~i) Trauma nursing seminars;~~
 - ~~ii) Emergency/perioperative critical care nursing seminars relating to trauma management;~~
 - ~~iii) Teaching of trauma or emergency nursing classes;~~
 - ~~iv) Basic Trauma Life Support (BTLS), Pre-hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS), Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) or Trauma Nurse Core Curriculum (TNCC);~~
 - ~~v) Other topics/offerings approved by the Department and the TNSCC;~~
- ~~D) The recertification candidate is responsible for his/her record~~

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~~keeping and submission of continuing education documentation.~~~~1)g)~~ TNS Recertification

- 1) ~~A TNS may be recertified by either submitting approved trauma-specific continuing education or taking the current TNS final written examination as provided in this Section. Standardized renewal dates will be assigned per Region by the TNSCC.~~
- 2) ~~A TNS may apply for recertification by submitting the following to a TNSCC at least 40 days, but no more than 90 days, prior to certification expiration: The TNS final written examination will be used for initial recertification.~~
 - A) ~~Documentation of 64 hours of approved trauma-specific continuing education/activities for nursing or CME acquired over four years, using the TNS Continuing Education (CE) Summary Submission form. Continuing education approval will be granted provided that the application is complete and the content of the program educational activity is based on topics listed in the Trauma Nurse Specialist Program in place at the time the CE is acquired;~~
 - B) ~~Completed Child Support form supplied by the Department; and~~
 - C) ~~Recertification fee (see Section 515.460).~~
- 3) ~~The TNS final written examination is an alternative option for recertification. A total of three attempts are allowed for the recertification candidate to achieve a successful examination score prior to the lapse date. The process used in subsection (d)(3) of this Section is used for the application, assignment to an examination site, and fee submission.~~
- 4) ~~The recertification candidate is responsible for his/her record keeping and timely submission of continuing education documentation.~~
- 5) ~~The certification of a TNS who has failed to file an application for recertification or an application for an extension prior to the lapse date shall terminate on the day following the expiration date shown on the~~

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certificate.

- 3) ~~A TNS certification will be effective for four years.~~
- 4) ~~The certificate of a TNS who has failed to file an application for recertification shall terminate on the day following the expiration date shown on the certificate.~~
- h) ~~A Department issued certificate of completion for a Department sponsored trauma nurse specialist course completed prior to the adoption of this Section shall be recognized as equivalent to the Certificate of TNS Course Completion issued pursuant to this Part.~~
- k)† Inactive Status
 - 1) Prior to the expiration of the current certification, a TNS may request to be placed on inactive status. The request shall be in writing, on a form prescribed by the Department, and shall contain the following information:
 - A) Name of individual;₅
 - B) Date of certification;₅
 - C) Circumstances requiring inactive status;₅ and
 - D) A statement that recertification requirements have been met by the date of the application for inactive status. Continuing education hours shall be current at the prorated rate of 1.3 hours per month for the current certification period.
 - 2) The Department will review requests for inactive status. The Department ~~will~~ notify the individual TNS in writing of its decision based on subsection (k)†(1) of this Section.
 - 3) ~~To~~For the TNS to return to active status, the TNS shall apply~~application must be~~ in writing within 36 months after being placed on inactive status. The application shall include a current unencumbered RN license and a fee (see Section 515.460). ~~and include a statement that the TNS's knowledge and clinical skills are at the active TNS level, and that the TNS~~

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~~has completed any refresher training deemed necessary by the respective TNSCC.~~

- 4) Inactive status is valid for only 36 months. If status is not reactivated, the individual shall successfully complete the examination or retake the course (see subsection (h) of this Section).
- 5)4) During inactive status, the individual shall not function as a TNS.
- l)j) A TNS whose certification has expired may, within 60 days after certification expiration, submit all recertification material as required in this Section and a fee ~~(see Section 515.460) of \$50~~ in the form of an organization's payment, a certified check, or a money order (cash or personal check will not be accepted). If the recertification request ~~all~~ material meets the requirements of this Section ~~is in order~~ and there is no disciplinary action pending against the TNS, the Department will recertify the TNS.
- m)k) A TNS shall notify the Department within 30 days after any change in name or address. Notification may be in person, or by mail, phone, fax, or electronic mail.
- n) The Department shall have the authority and responsibility to suspend, revoke or deny renewal of the certification of a TNS, after an opportunity for hearing by the Department, if findings show that the TNS has failed to maintain proficiency in the level of skills for which the TNS is certified or has failed to comply with recertification requirements. (Section 3.75 of the Act) Hearings shall be conducted in accordance with Practice and Procedure in Administrative Hearings.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 2296, effective January 25, 2012)