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NOTICE OF ADOPTED AMENDMENTS

- 1) Heading of the Part: Emergency Medical Services, Trauma Center, Primary Stroke Center and Emergent Stroke Ready Hospital Code
- 2) Code Citation: 77 Ill. Adm. Code 515
- 3)

<u>Section Numbers:</u>	<u>Adopted Action:</u>
515.150	Amend
515.165	New
515.170	Amend
515.190	Renumbered/Amended
515.430	Repeal
515.460	Amend
515.590	Amend
515.620	Renumbered
515.630	Amend
515.800	Amend
- 4) Statutory Authority: Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act [210 ILCS 50]
- 5) Effective Date of Rulemaking:
- 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 amendments, 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: December 27, 2013; 37 Ill. Reg. 20601
- 10) Has JCAR issued a Statement of Objection to these rules? No
- 11) Difference(s) between proposal and final version: No changes were made
- 12) Have all the changes agreed upon by the agency and JCAR been made as indicated in the agreements issued by JCAR? No changes were requested.
- 13) Will this rulemaking replace an emergency rule currently in effect? No

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- 14) Are there any amendments pending on this Part? Yes

<u>Section Numbers:</u>	<u>Proposed Action:</u>	<u>Illinois Register Citation:</u>
515.100	Amend	38 Ill. Reg. 7490; April 4, 2014
515.125	Amend	38 Ill. Reg. 7490; April 4, 2014
515.500	Amend	38 Ill. Reg. 7490; April 4, 2014
515.510	Amend	38 Ill. Reg. 7490; April 4, 2014
515.520	Amend	38 Ill. Reg. 7490; April 4, 2014
515.700	Amend	38 Ill. Reg. 7490; April 4, 2014
515.900	Amend	38 Ill. Reg. 7490; April 4, 2014
515.910	Amend	38 Ill. Reg. 7490; April 4, 2014
515.920	Amend	38 Ill. Reg. 7490; April 4, 2014
515.930	Amend	38 Ill. Reg. 7490; April 4, 2014
515.935	Amend	38 Ill. Reg. 7490; April 4, 2014
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515.945	Amend	38 Ill. Reg. 7490; April 4, 2014
515.950	Amend	38 Ill. Reg. 7490; April 4, 2014
515.955	Amend	38 Ill. Reg. 7490; April 4, 2014
515.960	Amend	38 Ill. Reg. 7490; April 4, 2014
515.963	New	38 Ill. Reg. 7490; April 4, 2014

- 15) Summary and Purpose of Rulemaking: Section 515.150 is being amended to define the length of a waiver approved by the Department. In addition, this Section clarifies the information needed to explain why the applicant is requesting a waiver from the Department. Updates were also made to the U.S General Services Administration's Specifications for Ambulances.

Section 515.165 is being added to implement PA 96-1469, which expanded the requirements for suspension, revocation and denial of licensure to all licensees, not just EMTs. Public Act 96-1469 also allows the Director, after providing notice and hearing, to deny, suspend or revoke a license or refuse to relicense any EMT-B, EMT or EMT-P if he or she has been convicted (or entered a plea of guilty or nolo-contendere) by a court of a Class X, Class 1 or Class 2 felony in this State or any out-of-state equivalent offense.

Section 515.170 is being amended to implement Public Act 96-1469, which requires employers to verify that the employee possesses a license to perform the service required by the employer.

Section 515.620 is being renumbered as Section 515.190 to include felony conviction requirements under the General Subpart of the rules, since these requirements are for all licenses issued by the Division of EMS and Highway Safety.

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Section 515.430 is being repealed. Suspension, revocation and denial of EMS licensure will be covered in Section 515.165.

Section 515.460 implements portions of PA 98-0053 and PA 97-0509 that allow the Department to waive fees for an EMT who is a member of the Illinois National Guard, an Illinois State Trooper or exclusively serves as a volunteer for units of local government with a population of less than 5,000 or as a volunteer for a not-for-profit organization that serves a service area with a population base of less than 5,000. First Responders who exclusively serve in those volunteer positions may also apply for fee waivers. The waiver must be applied for and approved by the Department prior to examination, certification or renewal. No fees will be refunded.

Section 515.590 is being amended to implement a portion of Public Act 98-0053 that decreases continuing education hours for the EMT-P, EMT-I, Advance EMT and EMT-B. The amendment also allows continuing education (CE) hours to consist of EMS System-approved in-services, Department-recognized college health care courses and online CE courses.

Section 515.630 is being amended to implement a portion of Public Act 98-0053 to allow the Department to recognize military emergency medical training, emergency medical curriculum completed, and clinical experience for an honorably discharged member of the United States armed forces when he or she applies for any level of Emergency Medical Technician.

Section 515.800 is being amended to implement Public Act 98-0452, which provides for renewal of licensed vehicles operated by Vehicle Service Providers to be every four - years (instead of annual renewals). The Act also provides for annual inspection and for a vehicle service provider fee to continue to be charged yearly.

- 16) Information and questions regarding these adopted amendments shall be directed to:

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

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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 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; amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 3208, effective February 15, 2012; amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 11196, effective July 3, 2012; amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 17490, effective December 3, 2012; amended at 37 Ill. Reg. 5714, effective April 15, 2013; amended at 37 Ill. Reg. 7128, effective May 13, 2013; amended at 37 Ill. Reg. 10683, effective June 25, 2013; amended at 37 Ill. Reg. 18883, effective November 12, 2013; amended at 37 Ill. Reg. 19610, effective November 20, 2013; amended at 38 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____.

SUBPART A: GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 515.150 Waiver Provisions

- a) *The Department may grant a waiver to any provision of the Act or this Part for a specified period of time determined appropriate by the Department. The Department may grant a waiver when it can be demonstrated that there will be no reduction in standards of medical care as determined by the EMS Medical Director or the Department. (Section 3.185 of the Act) Waivers shall be valid only for the length of time determined by the Department (see subsection (f)). For either a single or multiple waiver request, the burden of proof as to the factual basis supporting any waiver shall be on the applicant.*
- b) *Any entity may apply in writing to the Department for a waiver to specific*

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requirements or standards for which it considers compliance to be a hardship.
(Section 3.185 of the Act) The application shall contain the following information:

- 1) The applicant's name, address, and license number (if applicable);
 - 2) The Section of the Act or this Part for which the waiver is being sought;
 - 3) An explanation of why the applicant considers compliance with the Section to be a unique hardship, including:
 - A) A description of how the applicant has attempted to comply with the Section;
 - B) The reasons for non-compliance; and
 - C) A detailed plan for achieving compliance. The detailed plan shall include specific timetables.
 - 4) The period of time for which the waiver is being sought;
 - 5) An explanation of how the waiver will not reduce the quality of medical care established by the Act and this Part; and
 - 6) If the applicant is a System Participant, the applicant's EMS MDEMS Medical Director shall state in writing whether he/she recommends or opposes the application for waiver, the reason for thesuch recommendation or opposition, and how the waiver will or will not reduce the quality of medical care established by the Act and this Part. The applicant shall submit the EMS MD's EMSMD's statements along with the application for waiver. ~~If the EMSMD does not provide written statements within 30 days of the applicant's request, the application may be submitted to the Department and the EMSMD will be determined to be in support of the waiver.~~
- c) An EMS MD Medical Director may apply to the Department for a waiver on behalf of a System Participant by submitting an application that contains all of the information required by subsection (b) ~~of this Section~~, along with a statement signed by the System Participant requesting or authorizing the EMS MDEMSMD to make thesuch application.

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- d) The Department ~~will~~~~shall~~ grant the requested waiver if it finds the following:
- 1) The waiver will not reduce the quality of medical care established by the Act and this Part;
 - 2) Full compliance with the ~~statutory or regulatory requirement~~~~regulation~~ at issue is or would be a unique hardship on the applicant;
 - 3) For an EMT seeking a waiver to extend a relicensure date in order to complete relicensure requirements:
 - A) The EMT has previously received no more than one extension since his or her last relicensure; and
 - B) The EMT has not established a pattern of seeking extensions (e.g., waivers sought based on the same type of hardship in two or more previous license periods);
 - 4) For an applicant other than an EMT:
 - A) The applicant has previously received no more than one waiver of the same ~~statutory or regulatory requirement~~~~regulation~~ during the current license or designation ~~period~~~~year~~;
 - B) The applicant has not established a pattern of seeking waivers of the same ~~statutory or regulatory requirement~~~~regulation~~ during previous license or designation ~~period~~~~years~~; and
 - C) The Department finds that the hardship preventing compliance with the particular ~~statutory or regulatory requirement~~~~regulation~~ is unique and not of an ongoing nature;
 - 5) For a hospital requesting a waiver to participate in a System other than that in which the hospital is geographically located:
 - A) Documentation that transfer patterns support the request; and
 - B) Historic patterns of patient referrals support the request.

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- e) When granting a waiver, the Department ~~will~~shall specify the ~~statutory or regulatory requirement~~regulation or portion thereof that is being waived, any alternate requirement that the waiver applicant shall meet, and any procedures or timetable that the waiver applicant shall follow to achieve compliance with the waived ~~requirement~~regulation.
- f) The Department ~~will~~shall determine the length of any waiver that it grants, based on the nature and extent of the hardship and ~~will consider~~ the medical needs of the community or areas in which the waiver applicant functions.
- g) The Department ~~will~~shall grant a waiver of Section 515.830(a)(1)~~-of this Part~~ for a vehicle that changes ownership ~~after April 1, 1997,~~ if the vehicle meets the requirements of the U.S. General Services Administration's "Specifications for Ambulance" ~~(KKK-A-1822D)~~(KKK-A-1822C).

(Source: Amended at 38 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)

Section 515.165 Suspension, Revocation and Denial of Licensure

In accordance with Section 515.160, the Director, after providing notice and an opportunity for an administrative hearing to the applicant or licensee, shall suspend, revoke or refuse to issue or renew the license of any licensee where the preponderance of the evidence shows one or more of the following:

- a) The licensee has not met continuing education or relicensure requirements as prescribed by the Department in this Part (Section 3.50(d)(8)(A) of the Act);
- b) The licensee has failed to maintain proficiency in the level of skills for which he or she is licensed (Section 3.50(b)(8)(B) of the Act);
- c) The licensee, during the provision of medical services, engaged in dishonorable, unethical or unprofessional conduct of a character likely to deceive, defraud or harm the public (Section 3.50(d)(8)(C) of the Act) (e.g., use of alcohol or illegal drugs while on duty, verbal or physical abuse of a patient, or misrepresentation of licensure status);
- d) The licensee has failed to maintain or has violated standards of performance and conduct as prescribed by the Department in this Part or his or her EMS System's Program Plan (Section 3.50(d)(8)(D) of the Act);

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- e) The licensee is physically impaired to the extent that he or she cannot physically perform the skills and functions for which he or she is licensed, as verified by a physician, unless the person is on inactive status pursuant to this Part (Section 3.50(d)(8)(E) of the Act);
- f) The licensee is mentally impaired to the extent that he or she cannot exercise the appropriate judgment, skill and safety for performing the functions for which he or she is licensed, as verified by a physician, unless the person is on inactive status pursuant to this Part (Section 3.50(d)(8)(F) of the Act);
- g) The licensee has violated the Act or this Part (Section 3.50(d)(8)(G) of the Act);
- h) The licensee has been convicted (or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere) by a court of competent jurisdiction of a Class X, Class 1, or Class 2 felony in this State or an out-of-state equivalent offense (Section 3.50(d)(8)(H) of the Act);
- i) The licensee has demonstrated medical misconduct or incompetence, or a pattern of continued or repeated medical misconduct or incompetence, in the provision of emergency care; or
- j) The licensee's license has been revoked, denied or suspended by the Department.

(Source: Added at 38 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)

Section 515.170 Employer Responsibility

- a) No employer shall permit any employee to perform any services for which a license, certificate, or other authorization is required under the Act, unless the employer first makes a good faith attempt to verify that the employee possesses all necessary and valid licenses, certificates, and authorizations required under the Act. (Section 3.160(a-5) of the Act)~~No employer shall employ or permit any employee to perform any services for which a license, certificate or other authorization is required by the Act or this Part unless and until the person so employed possesses all licenses, certificates or authorizations that are so required. (Section 3.160(a) of the Act) The employer shall examine a valid, original license for compliance with this subsection (a).~~
- b) Any person or entity that employs or supervises a person's activities as a First Responder or Emergency Medical Dispatcher shall cooperate with the Department's efforts to monitor and enforce compliance by those individuals with

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the requirements of the Act or this Part. (Section 3.160(b) of the Act)

(Source: Amended at 38 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)

| **Section 515.~~190620~~ Felony Convictions**

- a) Applicants and licensees convicted of an Illinois *Class X, Class 1 or Class 2 felony or an out-of-state equivalent offense* shall be subject to adverse licensure actions under Section 3.50(d)(8) of the Act. In determining whether an applicant or licensee has been convicted of *an out-of-state equivalent offense* under Section 3.50(d)(8)(H) of the Act, the Department shall look to the essential elements of the out-of-state offense to determine whether that conviction is substantially equivalent to an Illinois Class X, Class 1 or Class 2 felony. The fact that the out-of-state offense may be named or classified differently by another state, territory or country shall not be considered in determining whether the out-of-state offense is equivalent. The controlling factor shall be whether the essential elements of the out-of-state offense are substantially equivalent to the essential elements of an Illinois Class X, Class 1 or Class 2 felony (Section 3.50(d) of the Act).
- b) All applicants for any license, permit or certification under the Act shall fully disclose any and all felony convictions in writing to the Department at the time of initial application or renewal. Failure to disclose all felony convictions on an application submitted to the Department shall be grounds for license denial or revocation (see Section 515.430).
- c) All licensees and certificate and permit holders under the Act shall report all new felony convictions to the Department within seven days after conviction. Convictions shall be reported by means of a letter to the Department.
- d) For applicants with a *Class X, Class 1 or Class 2 felony or an out-of-state equivalent offense* (Section 3.50(d) of the Act), the Department shall have the authority to require that the applicant sign an authorization permitting the Department to obtain a criminal history report from the Illinois State Police or other law enforcement agency at the applicant's cost. The failure or refusal of any felony applicant to provide the authorization and fee required by the applicable law enforcement agency shall be grounds for denial of licensure, including renewal.
- e) In deciding whether to issue any license to a person with a felony conviction under Section 3.50(d) of the Act, the Department shall consider the degree to

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which the applicant's criminal history suggests that the applicant may present a risk to patients. Factors to be considered shall include, but not be limited to:

- 1) The length of time since the conviction and the severity of the penalty imposed;
 - 2) Whether the conviction involved theft, deception or infliction of intentional, unjustified harm to others;
 - 3) Whether there are repeat or multiple convictions or whether the convictions suggest a particular pattern of overall disregard for the safety or property of others;
 - 4) Whether the conviction suggests a propensity that may pose a threat to the public in stressful situations commonly confronted by EMS providers and First Responders;
 - 5) The degree to which the applicant provided full, complete and accurate information upon written request of the Department; and
 - 6) Other unusual facts and circumstances that strongly suggest that the applicant should not be granted a license.
- f) The Department may request and the applicant shall provide all additional information relevant to the applicant's history and the factors listed in subsection (e). The Department shall deny any application when the applicant fails or refuses to provide additional relevant information requested by the Department, including, but not limited to, providing the written authorization and fee for a police criminal background check.

(Source: Section 515.190 renumbered from Section 515.620 at 38 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)

SUBPART C: EMS SYSTEMS

Section 515.430 Suspension, Revocation and Denial of Licensure of EMTs (Repealed)

~~In accordance with Section 515.160 of this Part, the Director, after providing notice and an opportunity for an administrative hearing to the applicant or licensee, shall deny, suspend or revoke a license or refuse to relicense any person as an EMT-B, EMT-I or EMT-P in any case in~~

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~~which he or she finds that there has been a substantial failure to comply with the provisions of the Act or this Part. Such findings must show one or more of the following:~~

- ~~a) The EMT has not met continuing education or relicensure requirements as prescribed by the Department in this Part (Section 3.50(d)(8)(A) of the Act);~~
- ~~b) The EMT has failed to maintain proficiency in the level of skills for which he or she is licensed (Section 3.50(b)(8)(B) of the Act);~~
- ~~c) The EMT, during the provision of medical services, engaged in dishonorable, unethical or unprofessional conduct of a character likely to deceive, defraud or harm the public (Section 3.50(d)(8)(C) of the Act) (e.g., use of alcohol or illegal drugs while on duty, verbal or physical abuse of a patient, or misrepresentation of licensure status);~~
- ~~d) The EMT has failed to maintain or has violated standards of performance and conduct as prescribed by the Department in this Part or his or her EMS System's Program Plan (Section 3.50(d)(8)(D) of the Act);~~
- ~~e) The EMT is physically impaired to the extent that he or she cannot physically perform the skills and functions for which he or she is licensed, as verified by a physician, unless the person is on inactive status pursuant to this Part (Section 3.50(d)(8)(E) of the Act);~~
- ~~f) The EMT is mentally impaired to the extent that he or she cannot exercise the appropriate judgment, skill and safety for performing the functions for which he or she is licensed, as verified by a physician, unless the person is an EMT-I or EMT-P on inactive status pursuant to this Part (Section 3.50(d)(8)(F) of the Act);~~
- ~~g) The EMT has violated the Act or this Part (Section 3.50(d)(8)(G) of the Act);~~
- ~~h) The EMT has demonstrated medical misconduct or incompetence, or a pattern of continued or repeated medical misconduct or incompetence in the provision of emergency care; or~~
- ~~i) The EMT's license has been revoked, denied or suspended by the Department.~~

(Source: Repealed at 38 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)

Section 515.460 Fees

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- a) The following fees shall be submitted to the Department at the time of application for examination, initial licensure ~~or certification~~, licensure ~~or certification~~ renewal, duplicate license, or reciprocity:

- 1) EMT-B licensure: \$45
- 2) EMT-B renewal: \$20
- 3) EMT-B examination: \$20
- 4) EMT-I licensure: \$45
- 5) EMT-I renewal: \$30
- 6) EMT-I examination: \$30
- 7) EMT-P licensure: \$60
- 8) EMT-P renewal: \$40
- 9) EMT-P examination: \$40
- 10) Trauma Nurse Specialist licensure: \$50
- 11) Trauma Nurse Specialist renewal: \$25
- 12) Trauma Nurse Specialist examination: \$25 (see Section 515.750(f))
- 13) Emergency Communications Registered Nurse licensure: \$55
- 14) Emergency Communications Registered Nurse renewal: \$20
- 15) Emergency Medical Dispatcher licensure: \$30
- 16) Emergency Medical Dispatcher renewal: \$20
- 17) Pre-Hospital RN licensure: \$30
- 18) Pre-Hospital RN renewal: \$20

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- 19) Lead Instructor licensure: \$40
 - 20) Lead Instructor renewal: \$20
 - 21) First Responder licensure: \$55
 - 22) First Responder renewal: \$20
 - 23) Duplicate license: \$10
 - 24) Reciprocity: \$50
 - 25) Fees for reinstatement of a license ~~or certification~~ will be equal to the amount of the initial license ~~or certification~~ fee.
- b) *An EMT who is a member of the Illinois National Guard, an Illinois State Trooper, or exclusively serves as a volunteer for units of local government or a not-for-profit organization that serves a service area with a population base of less than 5,000 or as a volunteer for a not-for-profit organization that serves a service area with a population base of less than 5,000 in this State may submit an application to the Department for a waiver of ~~the~~ these fees for EMT examination, licensure and license renewal on a form prescribed by the Department. (Section 3.50(d)(9) of the Act) The fee waiver application shall be submitted to the Department and approved prior to examination, licensure or renewal. No fees will be refunded.*
- c) *A First Responder who exclusively serves as a volunteer for units of local government or a not-for-profit organization that serves a service area with a population base of less than 5,000 may submit an application to the Department for a waiver of these fees on a form prescribed by the Department. (Section 3.60(b)(7) of the Act)*
- d) Fees shall be paid by certified check or money order made payable to the Department. Personal checks or cash will not be accepted.
- e) If a candidate does not achieve a passing grade on the written examination, the fee for the retest is the same as for initial examination.
- f) All fees submitted for licensure examinations are not refundable.

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SUBPART D: EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS

Section 515.590 EMT License Renewals

a) To be relicensed as an EMT:

1) The licensee shall file an application for renewal with the Department on a form prescribed by the Department at least 30 days prior to the license expiration date.

A) If an EMS MD has recommended a licensee for relicensure,
~~the~~The submission of a transaction card (Form No. IL 482-0837)
by the EMS ~~MD~~Medical Director will satisfy the renewal
application requirement. ~~for a licensee who has been recommended
for relicensure by the EMS Medical Director.~~

B) A licensee who has not been recommended for relicensure by the
EMS ~~MD shall~~Medical Director ~~must~~ independently submit an
application for renewal to the Department ~~an application for~~
~~renewal~~. The EMS ~~MD~~Medical Director shall provide the licensee
with a copy of the appropriate form to be completed.

2) A written recommendation signed by the EMS ~~MD~~Medical Director must
be provided to the Department regarding completion of the following
minimum requirements:

A) Paramedics shall have 100 approved continuing education hours.
EMT-Is shall have 80 approved continuing education hours.
Advanced EMTs (AEMTs) shall have 80 approved continuing
education hours. EMT-Bs shall have 60 approved continuing
education hours.

~~B)A)~~ Continuing education hours shall consist of EMS System-approved
in-services, Department-recognized college health care courses,
online continuing education courses,~~One hundred twenty hours of~~
~~continuing education,~~ seminars and workshops, addressing both
adult and pediatric care. The System shall define in the Program

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Plan the number of continuing education hours to be accrued each year for relicensure. No more than 25 percent of those hours may be in the same subject.

~~C)B)~~ Any System continuing education requirements for an EMT approved to operate an automated defibrillator shall be included in the required ~~120~~ continuing education hours.

~~D)C)~~ The licensee shall have a~~A~~ current CPR for Healthcare Providers card that covers:

- i) Adult one-rescuer CPR,
- ii) Adult foreign body airway obstruction management,
- iii) Pediatric one-rescuer CPR,
- iv) Pediatric foreign body airway obstruction management,
- v) Adult two-rescuer CPR, and
- vi) AED.

~~E)D)~~ The licensee shall be functioning~~Functioning~~ within a State-approved EMS System providing the licensed level of life support services as verified by that System's EMS ~~MD~~Medical Director.

- b) ~~The content~~Composition of continuing education programs and qualifications of instructors shall be submitted to the Department for approval not less than 60 days prior to the scheduled event. Program approval will be granted provided ~~that the~~ program is conducted in accordance with guidelines of the Department of Transportation's National Standard Curriculum for EMTs and contains material relevant to that level of licensure. Qualifications of instructors shall be consistent with Section 515.700.
- c) EMT-Is and EMT-Ps shall complete a transition program for all sections of the National Standard Curriculum that are not currently in place in their System. This course may be completed as continuing education and shall be completed within the four-year licensing period.

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- d) If the EMS ~~MD~~Medical Director does not recommend relicensure, he/she shall submit all reasons for denial in writing to the EMT and the Department.
- e) The license of an EMT who has failed to file an application for renewal shall terminate on the day following the expiration date shown on the license.
- f) At any time prior to the expiration of the current license, an EMT-I or EMT-P may revert to the EMT-B status for the remainder of the license period. The EMT-I or EMT-P ~~shall~~must make this request in writing to the Department. To relicense at the EMT-B level, the individual must meet the EMT-B requirements for relicensure.
- g) An EMT-I or EMT-P who has reverted to EMT-B status may be subsequently relicensed as an EMT-I or EMT-P; upon the recommendation of an EMS ~~MD~~Medical Director who has verified that the individual's knowledge and clinical skills are at an active EMT-I or EMT-P level, and that the individual has completed any retraining, education or testing deemed necessary by the ~~EMS~~ MD~~EMS~~SMD for resuming EMT-I or EMT-P activities.
- h) Any EMT whose license has expired for a period of more than 60 days shall be required to reapply for licensure, complete the training program and pass the test, and pay the fees as required for initial licensure (see subsection (i) ~~below~~).
- i) The Department *shall require the licensee to certify on the renewal application form, under penalty of perjury, that he or she is not more than 30 days delinquent in complying with a child support order.* (Section 10-65(c) of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act ~~{5 ILCS 100/10-65(e)}~~)
- j) An EMT whose license has expired may, within 60 days after licensure expiration, submit all relicensure material as required in this Part and a fee of \$50 in the form of a certified check or money order (cash or personal check will not be accepted). If all material is in order and there is no disciplinary action pending against the EMT, the Department will relicense the EMT.
- k) At any time prior to the expiration of the current license, an EMT may revert to First Responder status for the remainder of the license period. The EMT ~~shall~~must make this request in writing to the Department. To re-register as a First Responder, the individual ~~shall~~must meet the requirements for First Responder registration.

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(Source: Amended at 38 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)

| **Section 515.620 Felony Convictions (Renumbered)**

(Source: Section 515.620 renumbered to Section 515.190 at 38 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)

Section 515.630 Evaluation and Recognition of Military Experience and Education

| a) *In prescribing licensure testing requirements for honorably discharged members of the armed forces of the United States under this Part, the Department shall ensure that a candidate's military emergency medical training, emergency medical curriculum completed, and clinical experience, as described in this Section, are recognized.*

| b)a) The Department will review applications for EMT licensure from honorably discharged members of the armed forces of the United States with military emergency medical training. (Section 3.50(d)(2.5) of the Act)

| c)b) The Department will provide application forms. Applications *shall be filed with the Department within one year after military discharge and shall contain the following:*

- 1) Documentation that the application is being filed *within one year after military discharge*;
- 2) *Proof of successful completion of military emergency medical training*;
- 3) *A detailed description of the emergency medical curriculum completed, including official documentation demonstrating basic coursework and curriculum; and*
- 4) *A detailed description and official documentation of the applicant's clinical experience.* (Section 3.50(d)(2.5) of the Act)

| d)e) The Department may request additional and clarifying information and supporting documentation, if necessary, to verify the information provided in subsection (c)b). (Section 3.50(d)(2.5) of the Act)

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- ~~e)~~ *The Department shall evaluate the application, including the applicant's training and experience, consistent with the standards set forth under Section 3.10(a), (b), (c) or (d) of the Act ~~and~~ the requirements of this Part to determine if the applicant qualifies for the licensure level applied for. (Section 3.50(d)(2.5) of the Act)*
- ~~f)~~ *If the application clearly demonstrates that the training and experience meet the standards of subsection (~~ed~~), the Department shall offer the applicant the opportunity to successfully complete a Department-approved EMT examination for which the applicant is qualified, in accordance with Section 515.530 of this Part. (Section 3.50(d)(2.5) of the Act)*
- ~~g)~~ *Upon the applicant's passage of an examination and having paid all required fees, as set forth in Sections 515.530 and 515.460 ~~of this Part~~, the Department shall issue a license, which shall be subject to all provisions of the Act and this Part that are otherwise applicable to the class of EMT license issued, as set forth in Section 515.590. (Section 3.50(d)(2.5) of the Act)*

(Source: Amended at 38 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)

SUBPART F: VEHICLE SERVICE PROVIDERS

Section 515.800 Vehicle Service Provider Licensure

- a) An application for a Vehicle Service Provider license shall be submitted on a form prescribed by the Department. The application shall include, but not be limited to, licensee name, address and telephone number; and, for each vehicle to be covered by the license, make, model, year, ~~vehicle~~ identification number (~~VIN~~), State vehicle license number and level of service (BLS, ILS or ALS).
- b) ~~Each~~The application shall be accompanied by a fee of \$25 for each vehicle included in the initial license application and due at the time of each annual inspection for up to 100 individual vehicles. A fee of \$2500 shall be submitted for initial applications and due at annual inspections for providers with 100 or more vehicles.
- c) An application for license renewal shall be submitted to the Department in accordance with subsections (a) and (b) at least 60 days but no more than 90 days prior to license expiration.

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- d) The Department shall issue a license valid for four years. The license will remain valid one year if, after annual inspection, all fee requirements are paid and, the Department finds that the vehicle service provider is in full compliance with the Act and this Part. If the Department finds that the vehicle service provider is not in full compliance, in addition to all other actions authorized by the Act and this Part, the Department may issue a license for a shorter interval.
- e) The Department shall have the right to make inspections and investigations as necessary to determine compliance with the Act and this Part. Pursuant to any inspection or investigation, a licensee shall allow the Department access to all records, equipment and vehicles relating to activities addressed by the Act and this Part.
- f) Each license is issued to the licensee for the vehicles identified in the application. The licensee shall notify the Department, in writing, within 10 days after any changes in the information on the application. Additional vehicles shall not be put in service until an application is submitted with the proper fee and an inspection is conducted. The licensee shall notify the Department, in accordance with subsection (g), to~~To~~ change a vehicle's level of service,~~notification shall be made in accordance with subsection (g).~~
- g) The Department will approve each~~Each~~ vehicle covered by an ambulance service provider license ~~shall be approved by the Department~~ to operate at a specific level of service (BLS, ILS or ALS). To change the level of service for a specific vehicle:
 - 1) The licensee shall submit a written request to the EMS MDMedical ~~Director~~.
 - 2) The EMS MDMedical Director shall submit a copy of that request to the Department, along with written verification that the licensee meets the equipment and staffing requirements of this Part and the EMS System Plan for the requested level of service.
 - 3) The Department will then amend the provider license and vehicle certificate to reflect the new level of service.
- h) *All Vehicle Service Providers shall function within an EMS System. (Section 3.85(b)(1) of the Act)*

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- i) *A Vehicle Service Provider utilizing ambulances shall have a primary affiliation with an EMS System within the EMS Region in which its Primary Service Area is located. This does not apply to Vehicle Service Providers ~~that~~^{which} exclusively utilize Limited Operation Vehicles. (Section 3.85(b)(2) of the Act)*
- j) *A Vehicle Service Provider is prohibited from advertising, identifying its vehicles, or disseminating information in a false or misleading manner concerning the Provider's type and level of vehicles, location, primary service area, response times, level of personnel, licensure status or System participation. (Section 3.85(b)(10) of the Act)*
- k) *A vehicle service provider, whether municipal, private, or hospital owned, is prohibited from advertising itself as a critical care transport provider unless it participates in a Department-approved EMS System critical care transport plan and provides critical care transport services at a Tier II or Tier III level of care. (Section 3.85(b)(10.5) of the Act)*

(Source: Amended at 38 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)