

Emergency Services Personnel Amendments

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Norman K Thurston

LONG TITLE**Committee Note:**

The Business and Labor Interim Committee recommended this bill.

Legislative Vote: 14 voting for 0 voting against 8 absent

General Description:

This bill allows licensed emergency medical service personnel to provide non-emergency medical services in certain circumstances.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms; and
- allows a licensed emergency medical service personnel to provide non-emergency medical services to individuals consistent with the personnel's medical expertise.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

53-2d-210, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **53-2d-210** is enacted to read:

53-2d-210 . Emergency medical service employees providing medical services in non-emergency settings.

(1) As used in this section:

- (a) "Direct supervision" means a medical director or other physician is present and available for face-to-face communication with an emergency medical service employee being supervised by the medical director or other physician at the time and place any non-emergency medical services authorized by the medical director or

- 32 other physician are being provided by the emergency medical service employee.
- 33 (b) "Emergency medical service employee" means a following individual licensed under
34 this chapter:
- 35 (i) a paramedic;
36 (ii) an advanced emergency medical services technician;
37 (iii) emergency medical services technician; or
38 (iv) an emergency medical responder.
- 39 (c) "General supervision" means a medical director or other physician is available for
40 consultation regarding any non-emergency medical services the medical director or
41 other physician has authorized an emergency medical service employee to perform,
42 regardless of whether the medical director or other physician is located on the same
43 premises as the emergency medical service employee being supervised.
- 44 (d) "Indirect supervision" means a medical director or other physician:
- 45 (i) is present at the location an emergency medical service employee that is
46 supervised by the medical director or other physician is providing authorized
47 non-emergency medical services; and
48 (ii) is available to provide immediate face-to-face communication with the
49 emergency medical service employee being supervised.
- 50 (e) "Medical director" means a physician licensed in this state who is accountable for the
51 non-emergency medical services provided by an emergency medical service
52 employee.
- 53 (f) "Non-emergency medical services" means medical services that are not provided by a
54 licensed ambulance provider or a licensed paramedic provider.
- 55 (2) A company, a corporation, a partnership, or other entity may employ an emergency
56 medical service employee to provide non-emergency medical services as described in
57 Subsection (3) if the company, corporation, partnership, or other entity:
- 58 (a) employs a medical director to manage the emergency medical service employee;
59 (b) has protocols approved by the medical director establishing how the emergency
60 medical service employee is:
- 61 (i) to provide non-emergency medical services; and
62 (ii) to be supervised by the medical director or other physician as described in
63 Subsection (4);
- 64 (c) implements and maintains a quality improvement process;
65 (d) establishes a process for the emergency medical service employee to initiate 911

- 66 emergency services for identified emergencies in compliance with rules made by the
67 bureau;
- 68 (e) maintains patient records for all patients receiving non-emergency medical services
69 that:
- 70 (i) comply with typical medical documentation standards; and
71 (ii) are auditable and accessible upon request by the bureau;
- 72 (f) obtains any licenses required by law for the non-emergency medical services the
73 company, corporation, partnership, or other entity will employ the emergency
74 medical service employee to perform;
- 75 (g) does not advertise or claim that the company, corporation, partnership, or other entity
76 is providing non-emergency medical services as an alternative to 911 emergency
77 response;
- 78 (h) assesses the education and training of the emergency medical service employee to
79 ensure that the emergency medical service employee is competent and able to
80 provide the non-emergency medical services sought;
- 81 (i) provides continuing education and training as needed to ensure the continued
82 competency of the emergency medical service employee to provide the
83 non-emergency medical services sought; and
- 84 (j) complies with any bureau rules created in accordance with this section.
- 85 (3)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), and subject to Subsection (4), an
86 emergency medical service employee employed by a company, a corporation, a
87 partnership, or other entity that complies with Subsection (2) may provide
88 non-emergency medical services that:
- 89 (i) the emergency medical service employee has been trained to perform;
90 (ii) the emergency medical service employee has been credentialed, privileged, or
91 authorized to perform; and
- 92 (iii) are within the emergency medical service employee's scope of practice as
93 defined by the bureau.
- 94 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (3)(a), an emergency medical service employee may
95 provide non-emergency medical services outside the emergency medical service
96 employee's scope of practice described in Subsection (3)(a) if:
- 97 (i) the medical service is approved by the bureau;
98 (ii) the emergency medical service employee has been trained to perform the
99 non-emergency medical service; and

(iii) the emergency medical service employee is otherwise complying with the requirements of this section.

(4)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), an emergency medical service employee may provide the non-emergency medical services described in Subsection (3) if:

(i) the emergency medical service employee is providing the services under the direct supervision or indirect supervision of a medical director or another physician; or

(ii)(A) the emergency medical service employee is providing the non-emergency medical services under the general supervision of a medical director or another physician;

(B) the medical director or other physician has appropriately delegated the non-emergency medical services to be performed by the emergency medical service employee in accordance with the standards and ethics of the practice of medicine; and

(C) the emergency medical service employee is following the protocols described in Subsection (2)(b).

(b) An emergency medical service employee may provide the non-emergency medical services described in Subsection (3) under the direct supervision or indirect supervision of a nurse practitioner or physician assistant if:

(i) the emergency medical service employee is providing the non-emergency medical services in a county of the fourth, fifth, or sixth class as described in Section 17-50-50; or

(ii) if approved by the bureau.

(5) An emergency medical service employee providing non-emergency medical services under this section may perform the non-emergency medical services in a hospital, in an emergency room, in a clinic, in a community paramedicine program, at an event, or any other location where non-emergency medical services may need to be provided.

(6) The bureau shall make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to:

(a) define the scope of practice for an emergency medical service employee as described in Subsection (3)(a); and

(b) establish minimum standards for the requirements listed in Subsection (2).

(7) This section does not expand or limit the scope of practice for an emergency medical service employee when the emergency medical service employee is responding to an emergency or providing 911 ambulance services.

134 Section 2. **Effective date.**

135 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.