

TITLE 836 INDIANA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION

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SECTION 1. 836 IAC 1-1-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

836 IAC 1-1-1 Definitions

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7; **IC 16-31.5-3-3**
Affected: IC 10-14-3-12; IC 16-18; IC 16-21-2; IC 16-31-2-9; IC 16-31-3;
IC 25-22.5-1-1.1; IC 25-23-1-1.1

Sec. 1. The following definitions apply throughout this title unless the context clearly denotes otherwise:

(1) " 14 CFR 135 and 14 CFR 119 " means air carriers with reference to F.A.R. 135 and 119, and holding a current F.A.A. air carrier certificate, with approved air ambulance operations-helicopter or air ambulance operation-airplane operations specifications.

(2) "Advanced life support", for purposes of IC 16-31, means the following:

(A) Care given:

(i) at the scene of an:

(AA) accident;

(BB) act of terrorism (as defined in IC 35-41-1-26.5 [IC 35-41-1-26.5 was repealed by P.L. 114-2012, SECTION 132, effective July 1, 2012.]), if the governor has declared a disaster emergency under IC 10-14-3-12 in response to the act of terrorism; or

(CC) illness;

(ii) during transport; or

(iii) at a hospital;

by a paramedic, emergency medical technician-intermediate, and that is more advanced than the care usually provided by an emergency medical technician or an emergency medical technician-basic advanced.

(B) The term may include any of the following:

(i) Defibrillation.

(ii) Endotracheal intubation.

(iii) Parenteral injection of appropriate medications.

(iv) Electrocardiogram interpretation.

(v) Emergency management of trauma and illness.

(3) "Advanced life support fixed-wing ambulance service provider organization" means a service provider that utilizes fixed-wing aircraft to provide airport to airport transports where the patients involved require a stretcher or cot and are being transported to or from a definite care medical setting.

(4) "Advanced life support nontransport vehicle" means a motor vehicle other than an ambulance, owned or leased by a certified emergency medical service provider organization, that

provides advanced life support but does not supply patient transport from the scene of the emergency. The term does not include an employer-owned or employer-operated vehicle used for first aid purposes within or upon the employer's premises.

(5) "Advanced life support rotorcraft ambulance service provider organization" means a service provider that utilizes rotorcraft aircraft to respond directly to the scene of a medical emergency either as an initial first responder or as a secondary responder and are utilized to airlift critically ill or injured patients directly to or between definitive care facilities or to a point of transfer with another more appropriate form of transportation.

(6) "Agency" means the state emergency management agency emergency medical services division.

(7) "Air-medical director" means a physician with an unlimited license to practice medicine in Indiana and who has an active role in the delivery of emergency care. The licensed physician shall be ultimately responsible for patient care during each transport. The air-medical director is responsible for directly overseeing and assuring that appropriate aircraft, air-medical personnel, and equipment are provided for each patient transported by the air ambulances within the air-medical services as well as the performance of air-medical personnel.

(8) "Air-medical personnel" means a person who is certified by the commission as a paramedic or is a registered nurse or physician.

(9) "Ambulance" means any conveyance on land, sea, or air that is used, or is intended to be used, for the purpose of responding to emergency life-threatening situations and providing transportation of an emergency patient.

(10) "Ambulance service provider organization" means any person certified by the commission who engages in or seeks to furnish, operate, conduct, maintain, advertise, or otherwise engage in services for the transportation and care of emergency patients as a part of a regular course of doing business, either paid or voluntary.

(11) "Auto-injector" means a spring-loaded needle and syringe that:

- (A) contains a single dose of medication; and
- (B) automatically releases and injects the medication.

(12) "Basic life support" means the following:

- (A) Assessment of emergency patients.
- (B) Administration of oxygen.
- (C) Use of mechanical breathing devices.
- (D) Application of antishock trousers.
- (E) Performance of cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
- (F) Application of dressings and bandage materials.
- (G) Application of splinting and immobilization devices.
- (H) Use of lifting and moving devices to ensure safe transport.
- (I) Use of an automatic or a semiautomatic defibrillator if the defibrillator is used in accordance with training procedures established by the commission.
- (J) Administration by an emergency medical technician or emergency medical technician-basic advanced of epinephrine through an auto-injector.
- (K) For an emergency medical technician-basic advanced, the following:
 - (i) Electrocardiogram interpretation.
 - (ii) Manual external defibrillation.
 - (iii) Intravenous fluid therapy.

(L) Other procedures authorized by the commission, including procedures contained in the revised national emergency medical technician-basic training curriculum guide.

(M) Except as provided by:

(i) clause (J) and the training and certifications standards established under IC 16-31-2-9(4);

(ii) clause (K)(iii); and

(iii) the training standards established under IC 16-31-2-9(5);

the term does not include invasive medical care techniques or advanced life support.

(13) "Basic life support nontransport provider organization" means an organization, certified by the commission, that provides first response patient care at an emergency that includes defibrillation but does not supply patient transport from the scene of the emergency.

(14) "Certificate" or "certification" means authorization in written form issued by the commission to a person to furnish, operate, conduct, maintain, advertise, or otherwise engage in providing emergency medical services as a part of a regular course of doing business, either paid or voluntary.

(15) "Commission" means the Indiana emergency medical services commission.

(16) "Director" means the director of the state emergency management agency.

(17) "Emergency ambulance services" means the transportation of emergency patients by ambulance and the administration of basic life support to emergency patients before or during such transportation.

(18) "Emergency management of trauma and illness" means the following:

(A) For a paramedic, those procedures for which the paramedic has been specifically trained and:

(i) that are a part of the curriculum prescribed by the commission; or

(ii) are a part of the continuing education program and approved by the supervising hospital and the paramedic provider organization's medical director.

(B) For an emergency medical technician-intermediate, those procedures for which the emergency medical technician-intermediate has been specifically trained:

(i) in the Indiana basic emergency medical technician and Indiana emergency medical technician-intermediate curriculums; and

(ii) that have been approved by the administrative and medical staff of the supervising hospital, the emergency medical technician-intermediate provider organization medical director, and the commission as being within the scope and responsibility of the emergency medical technician-intermediate.

(19) "Emergency medical services" means the provision of emergency ambulance services or other services, including extrication and rescue services, utilized in serving an individual's need for immediate medical care in order to prevent loss of life or aggravation of physiological or psychological illness or injury.

(20) "Emergency medical services driver" means an individual who has a certificate of completion of a commission-approved driver training course.

(21) "Emergency medical services provider organization" means any person certified by the commission who engages in or seeks to furnish, operate, conduct, maintain, advertise, or otherwise engage in services for the care of emergency patients as part of a regular course of doing business, either paid or voluntary.

- (22) "Emergency medical services vehicle" means the following:
- (A) An ambulance.
 - (B) An emergency medical service nontransport vehicle.
- (23) "Emergency medical technician" means an individual who is certified under this article to provide basic life support at the scene of an accident or an illness or during transport.
- (24) "Emergency medical technician-basic advanced" means an individual who is certified under IC 16-31 to provide basic life support at the scene of an accident or an illness or during transport and has been certified to perform manual or automated defibrillation, rhythm interpretation, and intravenous line placement.
- (25) "Emergency medical technician-basic advanced provider organization" means an ambulance service provider or other provider organization certified by the commission to provide basic life support services administered by emergency medical technicians-basic advanced and has been certified to perform manual or automated defibrillation, rhythm interpretation, and intravenous line placement in conjunction with a supervising hospital.
- (26) "Emergency medical technician-intermediate" means an individual who can perform at least one (1) but not all of the procedures of a paramedic and who:
- (A) has completed a prescribed course in advanced life support;
 - (B) has been certified by the commission;
 - (C) is associated with a single supervising hospital; and
 - (D) is affiliated with a provider organization.
- (27) "Emergency medical technician-intermediate provider organization" means an ambulance service provider organization or other provider organization certified by the commission to provide advanced life support services administered by emergency medical technician-intermediates in conjunction with a supervising hospital.
- (28) "Emergency patient" means an individual who is acutely ill, injured, or otherwise incapacitated or helpless and who requires emergency care. The term includes an individual who requires transportation on a litter or cot or is transported in a vehicle certified as an ambulance under IC 16-31-3.
- (29) "Extrication service" means any actions that disentangle and frees [sic., free] from entrapment.
- (30) "F.A.A." means the Federal Aviation Administration.
- (31) "F.A.R." means the federal aviation regulations, including, but not limited to, 14 CFR.
- (32) "First responder" means an individual who is:
- (A) certified under IC 16-31 and who meets the commission's standards for first responder certification; and
 - (B) the first individual to respond to an incident requiring emergency medical services.
- (33) "Fixed-wing ambulance" means a propeller or jet airplane.
- (34) "Flight physiology" means the physiological stress of flight encountered during air medical operations to include, but not be limited to:
- (A) temperature;
 - (B) pressure;
 - (C) stresses of barometric pressure changes;
 - (D) hypoxia;
 - (E) thermal and humidity changes;
 - (F) gravitational forces;
 - (G) noise;

- (H) vibration;
- (I) fatigue; and
- (J) volume and mass of gases.

(35) "Medical director" means a physician with an unlimited license to practice medicine in Indiana and who has an active role in the delivery of emergency care.

(36) "National criminal history background check" means a criminal history background check that:

- (A) meets the requirements of IC 16-31.5-3-3(4);**
- (B) is conducted by the Indiana State Police or a state vendor approved by the Department; and**
- (C) the results of which, are released to the Department.**

~~(36)~~**(37)** "Nontransporting emergency medical services vehicle" or "emergency medical service nontransport vehicle" means a motor vehicle, other than an ambulance, used for emergency medical services. The term does not include an employer-owned or employer-operated vehicle used for first aid purposes within or upon the employer's premises.

~~(37)~~**(38)** "Paramedic" means an individual who:

- (A) is:
 - (i) affiliated with a certified paramedic provider organization;
 - (ii) employed by a sponsoring hospital approved by the commission; or
 - (iii) employed by a supervising hospital with a contract for inservice education with a sponsoring hospital approved by the commission;
- (B) has completed a prescribed course in advanced life support; and
- (C) has been certified by the commission.

~~(38)~~**(39)** "Paramedic provider organization" means an ambulance service provider organization or other provider organization certified by the commission to provide advanced life support services administered by paramedics or physicians with an unlimited license to practice medicine in Indiana in conjunction with supervising hospitals.

~~(39)~~**(40)** "Person" means any:

- (A) natural person or persons;
 - (B) partnership;
 - (C) corporation;
 - (D) association;
 - (E) joint stock association; or
 - (F) governmental entity other than an agency or instrumentality of the United States.
- "Agency or instrumentality of the United States" does not include a person operating under a contract with the government of the United States.

~~(40)~~**(41)** "Physician" means an individual who currently holds a valid unlimited license to practice medicine in Indiana under IC 25-22.5-1-1.1.

~~(41)~~**(42)** "Program director" means a person employed by a certified training institution to coordinate the emergency medical services training programs.

~~(42)~~**(43)** "Provider organization" means an ambulance service or other emergency care organization certified by the commission to provide emergency medical services.

~~(43)~~**(44)** "Provider organization operating area" means the geographic area in which an emergency medical technician-basic advanced, affiliated with a specific emergency medical technician-basic advanced provider organization, is able to maintain two-way voice communication with the provider organization's supervising hospitals.

(44)(45) "Registered nurse" means a person licensed under IC 25-23-1-1.1.

(45)(46) "Rescue services" means the provision of basic life support except it does not include the following:

- (A) Administration of oxygen.
- (B) Use of mechanical breathing devices.
- (C) Application of antishock trousers.
- (D) Application of splinting devices.
- (E) Use of an automatic or a semiautomatic defibrillator.
- (F) Electrocardiogram interpretation.
- (G) Manual external defibrillation.
- (H) Intravenous fluid therapy.
- (I) Invasive medical care techniques.

(46)(47) "Rescue squad organization" means an organization that holds a voluntary certification to provide extrication, rescue, or emergency medical services.

(47)(48) "Supervising hospital" means a hospital licensed under IC 16-21-2 or under the licensing laws of another state that has been certified by the commission to supervise paramedics, emergency medical technicians-intermediate, emergency medical technician-basic advanced, and provider organizations in providing emergency medical care.

(48)(49) "Training institution" means an institution certified by the commission to administer emergency medical services training programs.

SECTION 2. 836 IAC 4-4-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

836 IAC 4-4-1 General certification provisions

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7; IC 16-31.5-3-3

Affected: IC 16-31-3

Sec. 1. (a) Applicants for original certification as an emergency medical technician shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) Be a minimum of eighteen (18) years of age.
- (2) Successfully complete the Indiana basic emergency medical technician training course as approved by the commission and administered by a certified training institution.
- (3) Pass the emergency medical technician written and practical skills examinations as set forth and approved by the commission.
- (4) submit to a national criminal history background check at the cost of the individual.**

SECTION 3. 836 IAC 4-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Rule 7. Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians–~~Basic Advanced~~; Certification

SECTION 4. 836 IAC 4-7-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

836 IAC 4-7-1 Student qualification to enter training

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7

Affected: IC 16-31-3-14

Sec. 1. (a) An applicant for Indiana **advanced** emergency medical technician–~~basic~~

~~advanced~~ training shall

(1) hold a valid certificate as an emergency medical technician.

(2) **Be at a minimum age of 18 years of age.**

(3) **Have a high school diploma or general education diploma**

(b) Individuals who have successfully completed an Indiana basic emergency medical technician course or are accepted for basic reciprocity and have taken the Indiana basic written and practical certification examinations may hold a provisional spot in the **advanced** emergency medical technician-~~basic-advanced~~ course.

SECTION 5. 836 IAC 4-7-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

836 IAC 4-7-2 Certification provisions; general

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7

Affected: IC 4-21.5; IC 16-31-3-14

Sec. 2. (a) An applicant for certification as an **advanced** emergency medical technician-~~basic-advanced~~ shall meet the following requirements:

(1) Be an Indiana certified emergency medical technician.

(2) Be affiliated with a certified **advanced** emergency medical technician-~~basic-advanced~~ provider organization or a supervising hospital.

(3) Successfully complete the Indiana **advanced** emergency medical technician-~~basic-advanced~~ training course as approved by the commission and administered by a certified training institution.

(4) Pass the **advanced** emergency medical technician-~~basic-advanced~~ written and practical skills examinations/**assessments** as approved by the commission.

(b) The applicant shall apply for certification on forms provided by the agency postmarked within ~~one~~ two (**2**) years of the date that the course was concluded as shown on the course report **and the examination results no older than two (2) years.** .

(c) The applicant shall submit verification of all affiliated provider organizations and supervising hospitals.

(d) Certification exemptions identified under 836 IAC 1-1-4 shall apply to the certification of **advanced** emergency medical technician-~~basic-advanced~~.

(e) **Advanced** ~~E~~emergency medical technicians-~~basic-advanced~~ are prohibited from having in their possession, or maintained on board emergency response vehicles, any equipment or supplies that have not been approved by the **advanced** emergency medical technician-~~basic-advanced~~ provider organization medical director.

(f) **Advanced** ~~E~~emergency medical technicians-~~basic-advanced~~ shall comply with the following:

(1) An **advanced** emergency medical technician-~~basic-advanced~~ shall **not function within their scope of practice** and perform a procedure for which the emergency medical- technician-~~basic-advanced~~ has not been specifically trained:

(A) **Only procedures and treatments** in the Indiana emergency medical technician-~~basic-advanced~~ and the Indiana **advanced** emergency medical technician-~~basic-advanced~~ curriculums; or

(B) **Only procedures and treatments** that have ~~not~~ been approved by the commission

as being within the scope and responsibility of the **advanced** emergency medical technician~~-basic-advanced~~.

- (2) An **advanced** emergency medical technician~~-basic-advanced~~ shall not act negligently, recklessly, or in such a manner that endangers the health or safety of emergency patients or the members of the general public.
- (3) An **advanced** emergency medical technician~~-basic-advanced~~ shall comply with the state and federal laws governing the confidentiality of patient medical information.
- (4) An **advanced** emergency medical technician~~-basic-advanced~~ shall not delegate to a less qualified individual any skill that requires an **advanced** emergency medical technician~~-basic-advanced~~.
- (5) An advanced emergency medical technician~~-basic-advanced~~ shall comply with the protocols established by the commission, the provider organization, and the provider organization's medical director.
 - (6) An advanced emergency medical technician shall comply with any investigations performed by the agency including being interviewed and providing any requested paperwork in a timely manner.
 - (7) An advanced emergency medical technician shall maintain the provider's on-line portal account up to date including current address, phone number, and email.
 - (8) If at any time an advanced emergency medical technician certificate holder is no longer actively affiliated with either an advanced emergency medical technician provider organization or a supervising hospital, then the advanced emergency medical technician certification automatically become inactive once the advanced emergency medical technician has notice and the agency shall update the portal status as inactive once notified until new verification of both affiliations is received by the agency.
 - (A) The advanced emergency medical technician certificate holder must meet the requirements of Section 2.5 of this rule.
 - (B) The advanced emergency medical technician certificate holder shall notify the agency within forty-eight (48) hours of becoming unaffiliated with either an advanced emergency medical technician provider organization or supervising hospital.
 - (C) An advanced emergency medical technician certificate holder only needs one provider agency affiliation and supervising hospital affiliation so secondary affiliations do not need to be reported if there is a provider affiliation and supervising hospital affiliation still active.
- (9) An advanced emergency medical technician should function at the highest certification level but may function at the underlying emergency medical technician certification level if
 - (A) working for a provider that is not certified at an advanced emergency medical technician level;
 - (B) if the required advanced emergency medical technician equipment is not available sufficiently to provide advanced emergency medical technician care;
 - (C) if assigned to a basic life support certified ambulance; or
 - (D) if there is not sufficient staffing to provide an emergency medical technician during transport.

SECTION 6. 836 IAC 4-7-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

836 IAC 4-7-3 Application for certification

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7

Affected: IC 16-31-3-8; IC 16-31-3-20

Sec. 3. (a) Application for certification as an **advanced** emergency medical technician-~~basic advanced~~ shall be made on forms provided by the agency and shall submit the forms to the agency.

(b) All applicants for original certification shall provide evidence of compliance with the requirements for certification.

(c) Certification as an **advanced** emergency medical technician-~~basic advanced~~ shall be valid for two (2) years.

~~(d) Emergency medical technicians basic advanced are authorized to perform manual or automated defibrillation, rhythm interpretation, and intravenous line placement. These procedures may only be performed when affiliated with a certified emergency medical technician basic advanced provider organization and while operating under written protocols or the direct supervision of a physician of the supervising hospital or an individual authorized in writing by the medical staff to act in the behalf of a physician of the approved supervising hospital. Emergency medical technicians basic advanced are prohibited from performing any advanced life support procedure other than manual or automated defibrillation, rhythm interpretation, and intravenous line placement as prescribed in the Indiana emergency medical technician basic advanced course, with or without physician direction, for which certification by the commission has not been granted.~~

~~(e)~~ (d) Individuals who have failed to comply with the continuing education requirements shall not exercise any of the rights and privileges of an **advanced** emergency medical technician-~~basic advanced~~ or administer advanced life support to any emergency patient.

~~(f)~~ (e) An individual wanting to reacquire a certification shall

(1) **Be within four (4) years of the date that the prior certification expired.**

(2) ~~complete an emergency medical technician recertification training course as approved by the commission~~ **Participate in and complete one cycle of certification requirements including continuing education, practical skills, and requirements per section (5) at the advanced emergency medical technician curriculum level as a refresher, with said requirements being documented on an agency approved form for the certification being applied for; and**

(3) ; and

~~(3)~~ **successfully complete the state written and practical skills examinations as set forth and approved by the commission. If the individual fails either certification examination, the person must retake an Indiana advanced emergency medical technician-~~basic advanced~~ training course, including the commission approved written and practical examinations.**

~~(g)~~ (f) **Advanced** Emergency medical technicians-~~basic advanced~~ failing to satisfy the requirements of subsection (f) shall satisfy the requirements for certification renewal by fulfilling the requirements for original certification as outlined in this article.

SECTION 7. 836 IAC 4-7-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

836 IAC 4-7-4 Advanced emergency medical technician-~~basic-advanced~~ certification based upon reciprocity

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7; IC 16-31-3-14; IC 16-31-3-14.5; IC 16-31-3-20

Affected: IC 16-31-3-2; IC 16-31-3-20

Sec. 4. (a) To obtain **advanced** emergency medical technician-~~basic-advanced~~ certification based upon reciprocity, an individual shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) Be affiliated with an Indiana certified **advanced** emergency medical technician-~~basic-advanced~~ provider organization or supervising hospital.
- (2) Possess a valid certificate or license as an **advanced** emergency medical technician-~~basic-advanced~~ from another state or successfully complete a course of training and study equivalent to the material contained in the Indiana **advanced** emergency medical technician-~~basic-advanced~~ training course.
- (3) Successfully pass the Indiana **advanced** emergency medical technician-~~basic-advanced~~ written and practical skills examinations as set forth and approved by the commission.

(b) Application for certification shall be postmarked or delivered to the agency office within six (6) months after the request for reciprocity.

(c) Any nonresident of Indiana who possesses a certificate or license as an **advanced** emergency medical technician-~~basic-advanced~~, or ~~intermediate~~ that is valid in another state, or a valid registration with National Registry, upon affiliation with an Indiana certified **advanced** emergency medical technician-~~basic-advanced~~ provider organization may apply to the agency for temporary certification as an **advanced** emergency medical technician-~~basic-advanced~~. Upon receipt of a valid application and verification of valid status by the agency, the agency may issue temporary certification that shall be valid for:

- (1) the duration of the applicant's current certificate or license; or
- (2) a period not to exceed six (6) months from the date that the reciprocity request is approved by the director;

whichever period of time is shorter. **A temporary license shall automatically expire and become inactive upon an advanced emergency medical technician provider becoming non-affiliated, which the advanced emergency technician shall notify the agency of within forty-eight hours of becoming non-affiliated.** A person receiving temporary certification may apply for full certification using section 1 of this rule.

SECTION 8. 836 IAC 4-7-5 IS ADDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

836 IAC 4-7-5 Advanced emergency medical technician recertification and continuing education requirements

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7

Affected: IC 16-31-3

Sec. 5. (a) **To renew a certification, a certified advanced emergency medical technician shall keep a written report of continuing education on a form approved by the agency or other format approved by the agency for every two (2) years that meets or exceeds the**

minimum requirement in subsection (b).

(b) An applicant shall report the following:

(1) A minimum of fifty (50) hours of continuing education consisting of the following:

(A) A minimum of twenty-five (25) hours of advanced emergency medical technician national continued competency education curriculum continuing education hours in the following national component categories:

(i) Airway, respiration, ventilation: 2.5 hours

(ii) Cardiovascular: 7 hours

(iii) Trauma: 3 hours

(iv) Medical: 7.5 hours

(v) Operations: 5 hours;

(B) A minimum of twelve and a half (12.5) state component of advanced emergency medical technician national continued competency education curriculum continuing education hours with ten (10) hours being advanced life support audit and review sessions. The commission may direct additional state component training. The affiliated provider organization, or in the absence of provider designation, the supervising hospital shall approve any additional hours to meet the state component.

(C) A minimum of twelve and a half (12.5) hours of individual/local continuing education that covers material from the emergency medical technician or advanced emergency medical technician curricula and is approved by the provider organization, or in the absence of provider designation, the supervising hospital.

(2) Written evidence of certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation at the healthcare provider level that is valid on the date of the emergency medical services re-certification.

(3) Skill competency (with no specified hour requirement). The individual must comply with the skills competencies process as approved by the affiliated provider organization medical director. A signature of the medical director attesting to the advanced emergency technician skills competencies for the individual is required at recertification.

(c) An applicant for re-certification shall complete the on-line recertification verification in the individual's on-line portal account, including:

(1) All recertification requirements in this section must be met before the on-line verification including using agency approved forms to record continuing education, obtaining required signatures, and submitting within the current certification expiration period but no more than 90 days before the expiration.

(2) All recertification personnel are subject to random audit and, if selected with notification by the on-line portal for audit, the applicant must supply written verifications, with signatures to the agency within 72 hours or the recertification shall be deemed untimely filed and the initial certification expired. The applicant shall also be subject to sanction(s) for failure to comply within the 72 hour period.

(d) A National Registry of EMTs provider may use a current provider card as prima facie evidence of compliance with the national and individual components of the national continued competency program (NCCP) certification requirements for the certification or licensure level at which the provider is certified or licensed. However, the following

requirements must be met for recertification:

- (1) All required affiliation signatures for the individual must be obtained on the agency approved recertification forms;
- (2) The state component hours including audit and review must be listed on the agency approved recertification form;
- (3) The required cardiopulmonary certification(s) for the individual level must be kept and attached to the agency approved recertification form.
- (4) The proof of skills competency section of the agency approved recertification form must be completed with verifying signatures.

(e) If a properly completed renewal application is submitted within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after the expiration of the certification, together with the required documentation to show that the applicant has completed all required continuing education within the two (2) years prior to the expiration of the certification, and a fifty dollar (\$50) reapplication fee, the certification shall be reinstated on the date that the commission staff determines that the required application, documentation, and reapplication fee have been properly submitted. The expiration date shall be two (2) years from the expiration of the previous, expired certification.

(f) The advanced emergency medical technician certification includes emergency medical technician certification and the emergency medical technician certificate shall be considered renewed with an on-line portal renewal of the advanced emergency medical technician certification although the portal system may take up to 30 days to update for the lower level certification after renewal submission.

SECTION 9. 836 IAC 4-7-6 IS ADDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

836 IAC 4-7-6 Inactive status for a certified advanced emergency medical technician

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7

Affected: IC 16-31-3

Sec. 6. (a) An advanced emergency medical technician requesting inactive advanced emergency medical technician status shall be currently certified in Indiana as an advanced emergency medical technician and be an individual who has previously recertified as an advanced emergency medical technician in Indiana at least one (1) time. The individual's certification must be in good standing with the commission at the time inactive status is requested. Applicants for inactive status do not have to be affiliated with an advanced emergency medical technician provider organization. Applicants wanting inactive status shall submit a request in writing to the commission.

(b) If an advanced emergency medical technician wants to maintain an active emergency medical technician certification, the advanced emergency medical technician shall meet the requirements set forth in 836 IAC 4-7.

(c) Advanced emergency medical technicians on inactive status must collect the following continuing education hours during the inactive period, and the continuing education hours must be reported to the commission prior to the expiration date of the certificate:

- (1) Collect and report continuing education requirements listed in section (5) of this rule.
- (2) Collect and report twelve (12) additional continuing education hours.

(d) Advanced emergency medical technicians with an inactive status wishing to return to active status must meet the following requirements:

(1) Comply with subsection (b) during inactive status.

(2) Be affiliated with an Indiana certified advanced emergency medical technician provider organization and an Indiana certified advanced emergency medical technician supervising hospital by submitting a signed application for advanced life support.

(3) Submit in writing a verified statement attesting to the applicant's competency in skills listed in section 5(b)(5) of this rule signed by the advanced emergency medical technician provider medical director.

(e) An advanced emergency medical technician shall be automatically placed in inactive status once the individual is notified by either the affiliate provider organization or supervising hospital that the individual is no longer affiliated and no other advanced emergency medical technician affiliates exist for the individual that provide for both a provider and supervising hospital affiliation. The following requirements apply to an emergency medical technician automatically placed in inactive status under this subsection:

(1) the advanced emergency medical technician losing affiliation shall notify the agency within 48 hours of being notified of not having an advanced life support affiliation with either an ambulance provider or medical director.

(2) the advanced emergency medical technician in inactive status may not practice under his or her certification as an advanced emergency medical technician.

(3) the status shall remain inactive for the advanced medical technician until he or she provides the agency with appropriate affiliation paperwork demonstrating he or she has both a provider agency and supervising hospital; and

(4) the advanced emergency medical technician may function as an emergency medical technician under that scope of practice while his or her advanced certification is inactive as long as the certification requirements are met for the emergency medical technician.

SECTION 10. 836 IAC 4-9-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Rule 9. Emergency Paramedics; Certification

836 IAC 4-9-3 General certification

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7; IC 16-31-3-14; IC 16-31-3-14.5; IC 16-31-3-20; IC 16-31.5-3-3

Affected: IC 4-21.5; IC 16-31-3-14

Sec. 3. (a) An applicant for certification as a paramedic shall meet the following requirements:

(1) Be a certified emergency medical technician.

(2) Be affiliated with a certified paramedic provider organization or a supervising hospital.

(3) Successfully complete the Indiana paramedic training course as approved by the commission and administered by an Indiana certified training institution.

(4) Pass the paramedic written and practical skills examinations as approved by the commission.

(5) submit to a national criminal history background check at the cost of the individual.

SECTION 11. 836 IAC 1-6.1 IS REPEALED.

SECTION 12. 836 IAC 4-7.1 IS REPEALED.

SECTION 13. 836 IAC 4-7-3.5 IS REPEALED.