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Re: Advanced EMT level of care

The Department has received several questions regarding the Advanced EMT level of care regarding Regulation 60-7 Section 500 – Personnel Requirements in reference to Advanced Life Support staffing. When an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) Agency is licensed with the Department, Regulation 60-7-504(B)(2) lists the staffing requirement for BLS to be at least one EMT-Basic or higher, and ALS to be at least one Paramedic on the call.

When it is an Ambulance Service Agency licensed with the Department, Regulation 60-7-505(A)(2) lists staffing for BLS to be at least one EMT and one Driver, and ALS to be at least one Paramedic and one EMT on the ambulance. Based on these definitions the Department has determined that Advanced EMT's are classified as BLS for the purpose of staffing and are not to be used as ALS providers in either EMR Agency or Ambulance Service Agency staffing.

The Department does recognize that Advanced EMT's do have a higher scope of practice than an EMT-basic, and they may be permitted to practice their approved scope of practice while responding with a BLS Licensed Agency. Agency Licenses will only be issued for BLS or ALS levels and those agencies who utilize Advanced EMT's may use them in accordance with the staffing requirements as EMT's either on a BLS Unit as described in the regulations, or on an ALS unit with a Paramedic.

If there are any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at jonesjd@dph.sc.gov or by phone at 803-545-4240.

Respectfully,

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