

**STATEMENT OF BASIS AND PURPOSE  
AND SPECIFIC STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR**  
Amendments to Rules Pertaining to Emergency Medical Services  
6 CCR 1015-3  
Chapter One – Education and Certification  
Adopted by the Board of Health on January 16, 2013

**Basis and Purpose**

House Bill 12-1059, passed by the legislature and signed into law on June 8, 2012, requires the Board of Health adopt rules regarding Emergency Medical Services (EMS) provider certification requirements for military personnel. The proposed rules include exempting Colorado certified EMS providers who have been called to federally funded active duty to serve in a war, emergency or contingency from professional competency requirements upon certification renewal, accepting military continuing education for certification renewal and exempting military personnel and spouses stationed in Colorado from most initial certification requirements.

**These rules are promulgated pursuant to the following statute:**

Section 25-3.5-203(1)(d), C.R.S. (2012).

**Major Factual and Policy Issues Encountered:**

The major consideration regarding these rules is compliance with state law. These rules have been developed to implement the specific statutory section noted above and are intended to reduce the burden on members of the armed forces in maintaining their Colorado EMS provider certification. Additionally, the rules assist military personnel stationed in Colorado or their spouses in entering the workforce more quickly by allowing another state's certification or licensure to serve as a basis for Colorado EMS provider certification.

During the process of drafting the rules, the Department received input from stakeholders in the emergency medical and trauma services community, including the State Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Advisory Council (SEMTAC), regional emergency medical and trauma advisory councils (RETAC), emergency medical services providers and providers of trauma care.

The Colorado Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Act requires that the SEMTAC review and approve rules prior to their adoption by the State Board of Health. Section 25-3.5-104(4)(d), C.R.S. (2012). The SEMTAC has reviewed and approved these proposed rules.

**Alternative Rules Considered:**

In developing these rules, the Department considered different possibilities to meet its statutory requirements, needs of various stakeholders, and its responsibilities for public health and safety. No other alternatives were deemed appropriate, based upon the statutory requirements.