

REGULATORY ANALYSIS

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

- 1. A description of the classes of persons who will be affected by the proposed rule, including classes that will bear the costs of the proposed rule and classes that will benefit from the proposed rule.**

This regulatory change will affect members of the United States armed forces and reserves by making allowances to the standard EMS provider certification and renewal requirements for these individuals. Additional cost to manage these allowances is expected to be absorbed by the department.

- 2. To the extent practicable, a description of the probable quantitative and qualitative impact of the proposed rule, economic or otherwise, upon affected classes of persons.**

The expected number of applicants to be eligible for these allowances each year is less than 200. The requirements on applicants eligible for these allowances is not administratively different than what would be required of regular applicants in terms of submitting an application with supporting documentation. The provisions regarding accepting continuing education for military members for certification renewal purposes should allow certification renewal to be less burdensome for the members.

- 3. The probable costs to the agency and to any other agency of the implementation and enforcement of the proposed rule and any anticipated effect on state revenues.**

No costs to any agency are anticipated, nor is there an anticipated effect on state revenues.

- 4. A comparison of the probable costs and benefits of the proposed rule to the probable costs and benefits of inaction.**

As the rules are being proposed pursuant to legislative mandate, inaction is not being considered.

- 5. A determination of whether there are less costly methods or less intrusive methods for achieving the purpose of the proposed rule.**

As these proposed rule changes are required by legislation, the department has determined that there are no other less costly or less intrusive methods for achieving the purpose of the rules at this time.

- 6. A description of any alternative methods for achieving the purpose of the proposed rule that were seriously considered by the agency and the reasons why they were rejected in favor of the proposed rule.**

No other alternative for the proposed rules was considered due to the statutory requirements.

- 7. To the extent practicable, a quantification of the data used in the analysis; the analysis must take into account both short-term and long-term consequences.**

Documents used in this analysis included: 1) State statute C.R.S. Section 25-3.5-203 (2012) and the existing rules on EMS provider certification. Input for modifications to the existing rules was obtained 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), and emergency medical services providers and providers of trauma care. No data is currently available on the allowances proposed for military members. The department does intend to track activity regarding these proposed rule changes to better understand the scope and implications over time.