

March 1, 2001

**H 452. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ACT UPDATE. TO REVISE AND UPDATE THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ACT.** Amends GS Ch. 143, Art. 56, the Emergency Medical Services Act of 1973. Expands scope of activities of statewide Emergency Medical Services System to include injury prevention initiatives and wellness initiatives within the community and the public health system. Authorizes NC Medical Care Comm'n to adopt rules for emergency medical services (EMS) that are required for federal grants-in-aid and licensure. Requires Comm'n to adopt rules (1) regarding the credentialing of EMS agencies, personnel, and educational institutions; (2) regarding the credentialing of trauma centers; (3) regarding EMS data collection; (4) defining the scope of practice and practice settings of credentialed EMS personnel; (5) establishing standards for EMS vehicles and equipment and a statewide EMS communications system; (6) regarding the education and credentialing of persons trained to administer lifesaving treatment to persons who suffer severe adverse reactions to insect stings. Creates additional related duties for Sec'y of Health and Human Services. Rewrites GS 143-510, which created the NC Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council. Increases Council membership to 21 (currently, 17) and specifies membership categories. Authorizes Council to advise Sec'y on personnel and policy issues in the statewide EMS program. Requires each county to ensure that emergency medical services are provided in the county. Provides that medical records compiled or maintained by Dep't of Health and Human Services or EMS providers in connection with dispatch, response, treatment, or transport of patients or in connection with statewide trauma system may contain identifiable data allowing linkage to other health data systems for purposes of quality management, peer review, and public health initiatives. Makes such records confidential and specifies the only circumstances under which it may be released or made public. Makes financial information related to individual patients strictly confidential. Makes additional conforming and technical changes.

**Intro. by Wright.**

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April 16, 2001

**H 452. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ACT UPDATE.** Intro. 3/1/01. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Revises GS 143-508(b) to specify that the Medical Care Comm'n is not authorized to establish or modify the scope of practice of emergency medical personnel. Adds provision to GS 143-508(d) to add rule-making directive for standards for the voluntary submission of hospital emergency medical care data. Revises GS 143-510 to provide for 25 member Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (was 21 members), adding two members appointed upon recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and two appointed upon recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Also revises representation of the members appointed by Sec'y of Dep't of Health and Human Services to have one (was two) appointed by NC Chapter of American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma and add one member each representing the NC Medical Board, the NC Council of the American Heart Association, and the American Red Cross. Specifies method for staggering initial appointments. Revises GS 143-514 to provide for the NC Medical Board to determine the scope of practice for credentialed emergency medical services personnel. Adds provisions in GS 143-518 regarding confidentiality of patient information to allow release to a Medical Review Committee, to specify standards for release to a health research project, and to allow release to specified statewide data processor and to specify that disclosures may not be used for marketing or sales purposes. Adds GS 143-519 to create a five member Emergency Medical Services Disciplinary Committee appointed by Sec'y of Dep't of Health and Human Services.

April 18, 2001

**H 452. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ACT UPDATE.** Intro. 3/1/01. House amendment makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Deletes authority of Secretary of Health and Human Services to adopt temporary rules to implement act.

May 29, 2001

**H 452. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ACT UPDATE-AB.** Intro. 3/11/01. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Amends GS 143-507 to retitle section as "Establishment of Statewide Emergency Medical Services System" and to provide that the system includes Emergency Medical Services and also includes first aid by members of the community; public knowledge and easy access into the system; prompt emergency medical dispatch of well-designed, equipped, and staffed ambulances; effective care by trained and credentialed personnel with appropriate disposition at the scene of the emergency and while in transit; communications with the treatment center while at the scene and while in transit; routing and referral to the appropriate treatment facility; injury prevention initiatives; wellness initiatives within the community and the public health system; and follow-up lifesaving and restorative care.

June 19, 2001

**SL 2001-220 (H 452). EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ACT UPDATE. AN ACT TO REVISE AND UPDATE THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ACT OF 1973.** Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 3/1/01, 4/16/01, 4/18/01, and 5/29/01. Enacted June 15, 2001. Effective Jan. 1, 2002.