

ORDER OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES
AMENDING AND CREATING RULES

To amend HFS 110.05 (1) (d), 110.07 (3) (c) 2. and (4) (a), 111.04 (1) (e), 111.06 (1) (c) 1., 112.04 (1) (d), 112.04 (5) (f) 2., 112.06 (1) (c) 1. and 113.04 (9) (a) 4. and (10) (b) 3., and to create HFS 113.04 (6) (a) 1m., relating to the licensing of emergency medical technicians and the certification of first responders to incorporate responding to acts of terrorism as a training component required for initial or renewed licensure or certification.

Analysis Prepared by the Department of Health and Family Services

2001 Wisconsin Act 109 amended sections 146.50 (6) (a) 2., (b) 2. and (8) (b) 3. by adding the requirement that as of January 1, 2003, to receive an initial or renewed EMS license or first responder certification, the applicant must have received training in response to acts of terrorism. Section 146.50 (6) (b) 2. of the statutes specifically directs the Department, in conjunction with the technical college system board, to promulgate rules specifying training, education, or examination requirements for training in response to acts of terrorism. The training must be completed by all persons desiring to receive an initial or renewed license or certification after January 1, 2003. To enforce and administer this statutory requirement, the Department must revise the administrative rules associated with the licensing of Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) – Basic and EMTs-Basic IV (found in ch. HFS 110), EMTs- Intermediate (found in ch. HFS 111), EMTs – Paramedic (found in ch. HFS 112) and First Responders (found in ch. HFS 113.) These rules will replace an emergency rule that took effect on December 31, 2002. The rules require completion of a NT100 Terrorism/Hazardous Materials Awareness training course. Materials for the training course were included in all EMT courses beginning January 1, 2003 and will also be available as a stand-alone course module.

The Department's authority to create these rules is found in ss. 146.50 (6) (b) 2. and (13) (a), 227.11 (2) (a) and 250.04 (7), Stats. The rules interpret ss. 146.50 (6) (b) 2., (8) (b) 3., (c) and (13) (a) and 250.04 (7), Stats.

SECTION 1. HFS 110.05 (1) (d) is amended to read:

HFS 110.05 (1) (d) Present documentation of successful completion of department-approved EMT-basic or EMT-basic IV training taken within 24 months prior to application or proof of current national registry of EMTs registration or proof of equivalent training and current licensure from another state. The training shall include training for responding to acts of terrorism.

SECTION 2. HFS 110.07 (3) (c) 2. and (4) (a) are amended to read:

HFS 110.07 (3) (c) 2. The training shall include the knowledge and skills objectives contained in the U.S. department of transportation/national highway traffic safety administration's national standard curriculum for refresher training of EMTs–basic, 1994 edition, and additional training as approved by the department, including training for response to acts of terrorism. Completion of an NT100 terrorism and hazardous materials awareness training course meets the requirement for training for response to acts of terrorism. Course material for training for response to acts of terrorism shall be included in all initial and refresher EMT courses beginning January 1, 2003 and shall also be available as a stand-alone course module for EMTs who received training before January 2003. After June 30, 2004, the required refresher training for acts of terrorism shall no longer be the NT100 terrorism and hazardous materials awareness training course. Prior to June 30, 2004, the ongoing training requirement shall be determined by the department, in

consultation with the EMS advisory board and the Wisconsin technical college system board. The department shall disseminate information on the ongoing training requirement to ambulance providers and training centers and offer multiple training methods.

(4) (a) EMT-BASIC TRAINING COURSE CONTENT AND HOURS. (a) The national standard curriculum for training EMTs-basic shall be used as the basis for a training course. Training shall also include instruction on responding to acts of terrorism. Additional skills training requires approval of the department. Any deviation from the curriculum shall be submitted separately and approved by the department prior to its use in the course.

SECTION 3. HFS 111.04 (1) (e) is amended to read:

HFS 111.04 (1) (e) Present documentation that verifies the successful completion of classroom, clinical and field experience training offered by a department approved EMT-intermediate training course within 24 months prior to application, or equivalent training in all areas listed under s. HFS 111.06 (4) and is deemed to be comparable by the department. The training shall include training for responding to acts of terrorism.

SECTION 4. HFS 111.06 (1) (c) 1. is amended to read:

HFS 111.06 (1) (c) 1. A description of the capabilities of the organization to train EMTs-intermediate in the provision of emergency medical care in pre-hospital, interfacility and hospital settings. The training shall include training covered in the national standard curriculum for training EMTs-intermediate and shall include additional training approved by the department, including instruction on responding to acts of terrorism. Completion of an NT100 terrorism and hazardous materials awareness training course that meets the requirement for training for response to acts of terrorism. Course material for training for response to acts of terrorism shall be included in all initial and refresher EMT courses beginning January 1, 2003 and shall also be available as a stand-alone course module for EMTs who received training before January 2003. After June 30, 2004, the required refresher training for acts of terrorism shall no longer be the full NT100 terrorism and hazardous materials awareness training course. Prior to June 30, 2004, the ongoing training requirement shall be determined by the department, in consultation with the EMS advisory board and the Wisconsin technical college system board. The department shall disseminate information on the ongoing training requirement to ambulance providers and training centers and offer multiple training methods.

SECTION 5. HFS 112.04 (1) (d) is amended to read:

HFS 112.04 (1) (d) Present documentation of successful completion of an EMT-paramedic training course approved under s. HFS 112.06 (3) within 24 months prior to application, or equivalent training acceptable to the department. In this paragraph, "equivalent training" means training in all areas listed under s. HFS 112.06 (3). Documentation shall include verification of completion of classroom, clinical and field experiences. The training shall include training for responding to acts of terrorism.

SECTION 6. HFS 112.04 (5) (f) 2. is amended to read:

HFS 112.04 (5) (f) 2. A licensee who submits evidence of having successfully completed, within the 24 months immediately preceding the license renewal date, an EMT paramedic training course, including the knowledge and skills objectives of the National Standard Curriculum for Training EMTs-Paramedic, as approved by the department, including training for response to acts of terrorism, shall be considered to have met the requirement of subd. 1. b. Completion of an

NT100 terrorism and hazardous materials awareness training course that meets the requirement for training for response to acts of terrorism. Course material for training for response to acts of terrorism shall be included in all initial and refresher EMT courses beginning January 1, 2003 and shall also be available as a stand-alone course module for EMTs who received training before January 2003. After June 30, 2004, the required refresher training for acts of terrorism shall no longer be the full NT100 terrorism and hazardous materials awareness training course. Prior to June 30, 2004, the ongoing training requirement shall be determined by the department, in consultation with the EMS advisory board and the Wisconsin technical college system board. The department shall disseminate information on the ongoing training requirement to ambulance providers and training centers and offer multiple training methods.

SECTION 7. HFS 112.06 (1) (c) 1. is amended to read:

HFS 112.06 (1) (c) 1. A description of the capabilities of the organization to train EMTs–paramedic in the provision of emergency medical care in pre–hospital, interfacility and hospital settings. The training shall include training covered in the National Standard Curriculum for Training EMTs–Paramedic and training for response to acts of terrorism, and may include additional training approved by the department.

SECTION 8. HFS 113.04 (6) (a) 1m. is created to read:

HFS 113.04 (6) (a) 1m. Completion of training on responding to acts of terrorism. Completion of an NT100 terrorism and hazardous materials awareness training course that meets the requirement for training for response to acts of terrorism. Course material for training for response to acts of terrorism shall be included in all initial and refresher EMT courses beginning January 1, 2003 and shall also be available as a stand-alone course module for EMTs who received training before January 2003.

SECTION 9. HFS 113.04 (9) (a) 4. and (10) (b) 3. are amended to read:

HFS 113.04 (9) (a) 4. Present documentation of having successfully completed the national standard basic or refresher curriculum or equivalent training as determined by the department for training first responders within 24 months prior to application, or hold current voluntary certification from the department as a first responder. The training shall include training for responding to acts of terrorism.

(10) (b) 3. Documentation that the certificate holder has, during the biennial period immediately preceding application, successfully completed the national standard first responder refresher course or equivalent training, including training for response to acts of terrorism, as determined by the department; and

SECTION 10. HFS 113.04 (10) (b) 5. is created to read:

HFS 113.04 (10) (b) 5. Completion of a NT100 terrorism and hazardous materials awareness training course that meets the requirement for training for response to acts of terrorism subd. 3. Course material for training for response to acts of terrorism shall be included in all initial and refresher first responder courses beginning January 1, 2003 and shall also be available as a stand-alone course module for first responders who received training before January 2003. After June 30, 2004, the required refresher training for acts of terrorism shall no longer be the full NT100 terrorism and hazardous materials awareness training course. Prior to June 30, 2004, the department, in consultation with the EMS advisory board and the Wisconsin technical college system board, shall determine the ongoing training requirement. The department shall

disseminate information on the ongoing training requirement to ambulance providers and training centers and offer multiple training methods.

This rule shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin administrative register, as provided in s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats.

Wisconsin Department of Health
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By: _____
Helene Nelson
Secretary

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