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EMS Providers,

During the 2024 legislative session, four bills pertaining to Emergency Medical Services moved through the legislative process and were signed by Governor Noem. These become law effective July 1, 2024.

The Department of Health (DOH) and the Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners (BMOE) have been working together on the transition and to draft new rules to coincide with the above legislation. Proposed rules have been updated with received feedback and these updates have been shared with you and your fellow EMS colleagues across the state. Public hearings involved with the rules process will be held.

Thank you for your patience as the DOH and BMOE work to make this transition as seamless as possible. As with any change, there will be bumps in the road. Working through these bumps will require everyone's cooperation to move forward in a positive and productive way to ensure the health and safety of the public.

During a joint webinar led by the Office of EMS and Trauma and the Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners on June 26th, 2024, two distinct areas of concern were noted. These areas included the driver certification and the supervision form. It was expressed during this webinar that a written statement would be shared with EMS Stakeholders by Friday, June 28th, 2024. Please ensure members of your ambulance service and organizations who assist your service are aware of the below responses.

1. Ambulance Drivers:

The ambulance driver certification competencies will remain the same as those that the DOH had required for all ambulance drivers since 2016. For those competencies and requirements, please visit <https://doh.sd.gov/healthcare-professionals/ems-trauma-program/ambulance-services/ambulance-driver-competencies/> or call us with any further questions. As of July 1, 2024, the ambulance driver certification requirement will go into effect. During this time of transition, ambulance drivers who have the attestation on file with the ambulance service, will remain in place and in compliance. Services will have the opportunity to obtain the ambulance driver certification through the BMOE after July 1 while the administrative rules process takes place with rules effective later this fall. All ambulance drivers should begin the certification application process as soon as possible to remain in compliance with the statutory requirements.

The completed notarized affidavit is the first step for the certification application process and can be completed at your earliest convenience. If you have difficulty locating a notary, please call the BMOE office (605-367-7781) or email sdbmoe@state.sd.us. Once completed, you will be able to upload the affidavit using your MySD account as soon as July 1, 2024. A link is available on the EMS Personnel profession page at www.sdbmoe.gov. The EMS profession page will also have a tutorial with step-by-step instructions to explain how the online application process works. The tutorial will also be available using the Quick Links tab.

For any ambulance driver that is also an EMS Personnel licensee, the BMOE has provided a way for them to apply for the certification. When the EMS provider gets to the competency attestation section of the application, select “No” for each competency listed and type your EMS level into the explanation box. This work around will remain in place until the BMOE launches the new system for all users.

2. Supervision Forms:

Another request for advance transition items was for the supervision form to be made available to include the levels moving under the BMOE. This form is attached to allow services to begin working on the supervision forms. This form is also available on the BMOE website under the Forms tab in the Supervision section. The completed form can be scanned and emailed to the BMOE at sdbmoe@state.sd.us.

3. Continuing Education Units (CEU):

On July 1, 2024, the BMOE will provide a link on the EMS profession page of the website www.sdbmoe.gov. The online form will be accessed through your MySD account. The approval letter and certificate for the course will be provided to the course coordinator upon approval.

Again, your patience is greatly appreciated as we all work together to move forward in a positive and productive way to ensure the health and safety of the public.

Thank you,
Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners and Office of EMS and Trauma