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**64J-1.002 Basic Life Support Service License - Ground.**

To obtain a license or renewal each applicant shall submit an application to the department on DH Form 631, 04/2017 ~~04/09~~, Air/Ground Ambulance Service Provider License Application. This form is incorporated by reference and is available ~~from the department~~ at\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,~~as defined by subsection 64J-1.001(9), F.A.C., or at http://www.fl-ems.com~~.

(2) The department shall issue a license to any applicant who:

(a) Furnished evidence of insurance coverage for ~~claims arising out of injury or death of persons and damage to the property of others resulting from any cause for which the owner of said business or service would be liable.~~ e ~~E~~ach motor vehicle, which shall be insured for the sum of at least $100,000 for injuries to or death of any one person arising out of any one accident; the sum of at least $300,000 for injuries to or death of more than one person in any one accident; and, for the sum of at least $50,000 for damage to property arising from any one accident. Government operated service vehicles shall be insured for the sum of at least $100,000 for any claim or judgment and the sum of $200,000 total for all claims or judgments arising out of the same occurrence. Every insurance policy or contract for such insurance shall provide for the payment and satisfaction of any financial judgment entered against the operator and present insured, or any person driving the insured vehicle. All such insurance policies shall provide for 30-day cancellation notice to the department.

(b) Obtained a COPCN ~~Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN)~~.

(3) No change.

(4) Every provider, except those exempted in paragraph 64J-1.006(1)(a), F.A.C., shall ensure that each EMS vehicle permitted by the department, when available for call, shall be equipped and maintained as approved by the medical director of the service in the vehicle minimum equipment list. The vehicle minimum equipment list shall include, at a minimum, one each of the items listed in Table I and shall be provided to the department upon request.

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| TABLE I  GROUND VEHICLE  BLS MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES | |
| ITEM | QTY. |
| 1. through 17. No change. |  |
| 18. Portable suction device ~~,~~ ~~electric or gas~~ |  |
| ~~powered, with wide bore tubing and tips~~ |  |
| ~~which meet the minimum standards as~~ |  |
| ~~published by the GSA in KKK-A 1822E~~ |  |
| ~~specifications~~. |  |
| 19. through 36. No change |  |

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**64J-1.003 Advanced Life Support Service License – Ground.**

(1) To obtain a license or renewal each applicant for an advanced life support (ALS) license shall submit to the department DH Form 631, 04/2017 ~~04/09~~, Air/Ground Ambulance Service Provider License Application (see rule 64J-1.002(1)).~~, which is incorporated by reference and available from the department, as defined by subsection 64J-~~1.001(9), F.A.C., or at http://www.fl-ems.com.

(2) through (3) No change

(4) Each ALS permitted vehicle when available for call, shall be equipped and maintained as approved by the medical director of the service. ~~in the vehicle minimum equipment list.~~ The vehicle ~~minimum~~ equipment list shall include, at a minimum, one each of the items listed in Tables I and II, and shall be provided to the department upon request, except those exempted in paragraph 64J-1.006(1)(a), F.A.C. Substitutions are allowed with signed approval from the medical director and written notification to the department.

(5)(a) through (c) No change.

(6) ALS n~~N~~ontransport:

(a) Unless otherwise specifically exempted, each ALS ~~advanced life support~~ nontransport vehicle, when personnel are providing ALS ~~advanced life support~~ treatment or care, must be staffed with a certified paramedic or licensed physician.

(b) A permitted advanced life support nontransport vehicle may operate as a basic life support emergency vehicle when the vehicle is not staffed by a certified paramedic or licensed physician and only in lieu of placing the unit completely out of service. When such ALS ~~advanced life suppor~~t nontransport vehicle is operating under this section, the vehicle must be staffed with at least one person who must be an EMT ~~emergency medical technician~~, and shall carry portable oxygen, airway adjuncts, supplies and equipment as determined by the medical director of the licensed service.

1. through 2. No change.

(c) through (e) No change.

(7) ALS ~~Advanced life support~~ non-transport vehicles, staffed pursuant to paragraph 64J-1.003(6)(c), F.A.C., are not required to carry the equipment and supplies identified in Table I or II. Such vehicles when personnel are providing advanced life support treatment or care, or when responding to calls in an ALS capacity shall at a minimum carry portable oxygen, defibrillation equipment, airway management supplies and equipment, and medications and fluids authorized by the medical director of the licensed service.

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| TABLE II  GROUND VEHICLE  ALS EQUIPMENT AND MEDICATIONS | |
| ~~MEDICATION~~ | ~~WT/VOL~~ |
| Medications and fluids: as approved and required by the medical director of the service.  ~~1. Atropine Sulfate.~~ |  |
| ~~2. Dextrose, 50 percent.~~ |  |
| ~~3. Epinephrine HCL.~~ | ~~1:1,000~~ |
| ~~4. Epinephrine HCL.~~ | ~~1:10,000~~ |
| ~~5. Ventricular dysrhythmic.~~ |  |
| ~~6. Benzodiazepine sedative/anticonvulsant.~~ |  |
| ~~7. Naloxone (Narcan).~~ |  |
| ~~8. Nitroglycerin.~~ | ~~0.4 mg.~~ |
| ~~9. Inhalant beta adrenergic agent with nebulizer apparatus, as approved by the medical~~ |  |
| ~~director.~~ |  |
| ~~I.V. SOLUTIONS~~ |  |
| ~~1. Lactated Ringers or Normal Saline.~~ |  |
| EQUIPMENT |  |
| 1.~~(a)~~ through 22. ~~(v)~~ No change. |  |

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**64J-1.005 Air Ambulances.**

(1) Each applicant for an air ambulance license shall pay the required fee as specified in s~~S~~ection 401.34(1)(j), F.S., and submit an application to the department on DH Form 631 ~~1575~~, 04/2017 ~~04/09~~, Air/Ground Ambulance Service Provider License Application (see rule 64J-1.002 (1) F.A.C. ~~which is incorporated by reference and available from the department, at~~ [~~www.floridahealth.gov~~](http://www.floridahealth.gov/) ~~as defined by subsection 64J-1.001(9), F.A.C., or at~~ [~~http://www.fl-ems.com~~](http://www.fl-ems.com)~~.~~ The air ambulance license shall automatically expire 2 years from the date of issuance.

(2) Each air ambulance applicant or provider, pursuant to subsection 64J-1.014(1), F.A.C., shall maintain on site and make available to the department at license application, license application renewal, change of insurance carrier or policy renewal, and documentation of the following minimum insurance coverage:

(a) No change.

(b) In lieu of the insurance required in paragraph (2)(a), the provider or applicant may furnish a certificate of self-insurance establishing that the provider or applicant has a self-insurance plan to provide coverage identical to what is required in paragraph (2)(a) and that the plan has been approved by the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation of the Financial Services Commission ~~Department of Insurance~~.

(3) No change.

(4) Each provider shall maintain in each paramedic’s employment file, documentation of successful completion of an initial air crew member ~~(ACM)~~ education program consisting of a minimum of 32 hours of classroom instruction ~~that was~~ based on the Guidelines for Air Medical Crew Education, 2004, published by the Association of Air Medical Services, ~~conducted in accordance with the 1988 United States (U.S.) Department of Transportation (DOT) Air Medical Crew-Advanced National Standard Curriculum (NSC)~~ which is incorporated by reference and ~~is~~ available for purchase from AAMS,~~;~~ 909 N. Washington Street ~~526 King Street~~, Suite 410 ~~415~~, Alexandria, VA 22314~~; (703)836-8732~~. This publication may be examined and inspected at the Florida Department of State, Room 701, The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250 and at the Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Oversight, 4042 Bald Cypress Way, Tallahassee, Florida 32309. The agency has determined that posting this publication on the Internet for purposes of public inspection and examination would constitute a violation of federal copyright law. Paramedics who successfully completed an initial air crew member education program conducted in accordance with the 1988 United States Department of Transportation (DOT) Air Medical Crew-Advanced National Standard Curriculum prior to the effective date of this rule have met the requirement of this rule and do not have to complete additional air medical crew training.

Each provider shall ensure and shall document in its employee records that each EMT and paramedic which it employs holds a current certification from the department.

(5) through (7) No change.

(8) Each prehospital rotary wing air ambulance when available for call shall meet the structural requirements listed in Table III, and shall be equipped as approved by the medical director of the service in the aircraft minimum equipment list. The aircraft minimum equipment list shall include, at a minimum, one each of the items listed in Table IV and shall be provided to the department upon request.

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| TABLE III  AIR AMBULANCE  Structural, Equipment and Supply Requirements | |
| ITEM |  |
| Aircraft Requirements |  |
| 1. through 8. No change. |  |
| Medical Equipment Requirements |  |
| 1. through 7. No change. |  |
| 8. Portable suction device unit with wide bore tubing and tips, |  |
| ~~electric or gas powered, which meets the minimum~~ |  |
| ~~standards as published by the General Services~~ |  |
| ~~Administration (GSA) in KKK-A-1822C~~ |  |
| ~~specifications~~. |  |
| 9. No change. |  |
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| TABLE IV  Prehospital Rotary Wing Air Ambulances | |
| ITEM |  |
| Equipment |  |
| 1. through 39. No change. |  |
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| ~~MEDICATION~~ | ~~WT./VOL.~~ |
| Medications and fluids: as required by the medical director of the service. |  |
| ~~1. Atropine sulfate.~~ |  |
| ~~2. Dextrose 50 percent.~~ |  |
| ~~3. Epinephrine HCL.~~ | ~~1:1,000~~ |
| ~~4. Epinephrine HCL.~~ | ~~1:10,000~~ |
| ~~5. Ventricular dysrhythmic.~~ |  |
| ~~6. Sodium Bicarbonate.~~ | ~~50 mEq. or 44.6. mEg.~~ |
| ~~7. Naloxone (Narcan).~~ | ~~1 mg./m1. 2 mg. amp.~~ |
| ~~8. Nitroglycerin.~~ | ~~0.4 mg.~~ |
| ~~9. Benzodiazepine~~ |  |
| ~~sedative/anticonvulsant.~~ |  |
| ~~10. Inhalant beta adrenergic~~ |  |
| ~~agent of choice with~~ |  |
| ~~nebulizer apparatus, as~~ |  |
| ~~approved by the medical~~ |  |
| ~~director.~~ |  |
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| ~~1. Lactated Ringers or~~ |  |
| ~~Normal Saline.~~ |  |

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**64J-1.006 Neonatal Transports.**

(1) A Neonatal Ambulance shall meet the requirements listed in Table V, subsection ~~paragraphs 64J-1.006(1)(c) and (d) and~~ ~~subsections 64J-1.006(2) and~~ (3), of this section ~~F.A.C.,~~ and shall be exempt from meeting the equipment and medical supply requirements listed in Rule 64J-1.002, F.A.C., Table I and in Rule 64J-1.003, F.A.C., Table II.

(2) through (4) No change.

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| TABLE V  No Change |

(5) Each n~~N~~eonatal t~~T~~ransport shall be staffed with a minimum of two persons, excluding the driver or pilot. One person shall be a r~~R~~egistered n~~N~~urse (RN), the second person shall be either an RN, a respiratory therapist (RT), or a paramedic. Physicians may be substituted by the m~~M~~edical d~~D~~irector for either of the two persons. The staffing for each n~~N~~eonatal t~~T~~ransport shall be determined by the m~~M~~edical d~~D~~irector. The m~~M~~edical d~~D~~irector shall confirm that the staffing for each n~~N~~eonatal t~~T~~ransport is capable of performing neonatal advanced life support procedures, as referenced by the American Academy of Pediatrics in *Guidelines for Air and Ground Transport of Neonatal and Pediatric Patients, 3rd* *ed, 2007,* which is incorporated by reference and available at http://www.aap.org.

(a) The m~~M~~edical d~~D~~irector shall confirm the RN is licensed in accordance with Chapter 464, F.S.; has a minimum of 4,000 hours RN experience, which includes 2,000 hours of nursing experience caring for Level II or Level III neonates ~~Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) nursing experience~~; has an American Heart Association (AHA) Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) Certification and has accompanied a minimum of six n~~N~~eonatal t~~T~~ransports prior to staffing a n~~N~~eonatal t~~T~~ransport as the only RN in attendance.

(b) The m~~M~~edical d~~D~~irector shall confirm the RT is registered by the National Board of Respiratory Care with a minimum of 2,000 hours of experience caring for Level II or Level III neonates ~~NICU experience~~ or is certified as a RT with a minimum of 3,000 hours of experience caring for Level II or Level III neonates ~~NICU experience~~. The m~~M~~edical d~~D~~irector shall also confirm that the RT has:

1. An AHA NRP Certification; and

2. Accompanied a minimum of six n~~N~~eonatal t~~T~~ransports prior to staffing a transport as the only RT in attendance.

(c) The m~~M~~edical d~~D~~irector shall confirm the paramedic is a Florida-licensed paramedic with a minimum of 5,000 hours experience and has an AHA NRP Certification.

(d) The m~~M~~edical d~~D~~irector may make medical staff substitutions with individuals of comparable skills when the condition of the neonate warrants such substitution.

(6) No change.

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**64J-1.007 Vehicle Permits.**

(1) Each application for a ground vehicle permit or air ambulance permit shall be on DH Form 1510, 04/2017, ~~04/09,~~ Application for Vehicle Permit(s) and Air Ambulance Permit(s). ~~Each application for an aircraft permit shall be on DH Form 1576, 04/09, Application for Air Ambulance Permit.~~ This form ~~These forms~~ is ~~are~~ incorporated by reference and available from the department, as defined by subsection 64J-1.001(9), F.A.C., ~~or~~ at [www.flhealth.gov](http://www.flhealth.gov/). and at\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. ~~http://www.fl-ems.com.~~ All applications shall be accompanied by the required fee as specified in Section 401.34(1)(c), (e) ~~(k)~~, F.S.

(2) No change.

(3) All transport vehicles permitted to licensed services must meet the vehicle design specifications, except for color schemes and insignias, as listed in United States General Services Administration (GSA)-KKK-1822, Federal Specifications for Ambulances as mandated by s~~S~~ection 401.35(1)(d), F.S., applicable to the year of the manufacture of the vehicle.

(a)  Permitted vehicles that have a vehicle design with litter fasteners anchorages not specifically defined by the most current recommendation of the United States General Services Administration shall maintain compliance with the required fastener assembly as prescribed by the manufacturer for the cot/transporter being used.

(4) All licensed providers applying for an initial air ambulance aircraft permit ~~after January 1, 2005,~~ shall submit to the department a valid airworthiness certificate (unrestricted), issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, for each permitted aircraft, prior to issuance of the initial permit. Aircraft replacements are subject to the initial application process.

~~(5) For purposes of Section 401.26(1):~~

~~(a) Water vehicles with a total capacity of two persons or less are neither transport vehicles nor advanced life support transport vehicles.~~

~~(b) Water vehicles with a total capacity of three or more persons are neither transport vehicles nor advanced life support transport vehicles, if:~~

~~1. Staffed and equipped per the Licensee Medical Director’s protocols consistent with the certification requirements of Chapter 401, F.S.; and~~

~~2. Reported to the department with sufficient information to identify the water vehicle and to document compliance with subparagraph 1., above. Such report shall be updated with each license renewal.~~

~~(c) A transport vehicle or advanced life support transport vehicle that has explicit staffing, equipment and permitting requirements under Chapter 401, F.S., and other rules of the department cannot fall under paragraph (a) or (b), above.~~

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**64J-1.017 Convicted Felons Applying for EMT or Paramedic Certification or Recertification. No draft language available at this time.**

**64J-1.018 Inspections. No draft language available at this time.**

**64J-1.019 Emergency Treatment of Insect Stings.**

(1) An individual who desires to be certified to administer epinephrine auto injectors to persons ~~a person~~ who have severe allergic reactions ~~suffers adverse reactions to insect stings~~ must:

(a) Be 18 years of age or older;

(b) Have, or reasonably expect to have as a result of her occupation or volunteer status, responsibility for or contact with at least one other person who may suffer a severe allergic reaction; ~~has severe adverse reactions to insect stings; and~~

(c) Demonstrate having received appropriate epinephrine auto-injector use training in one of the following three ways:~~Have successfully completed, within the previous 2 years, a training program in the appropriate procedures for administration of epinephrine to persons who suffer adverse reactions to insect stings.~~

1. Successful completion of a training program conducted by a nationally recognized organization experienced in training laypersons in emergency health treatment;

2. Sucessful completion of a training program conducted by a Department of Health approved provider; or,

3. Hold a current certification as an emergency medical technician in any state, with evidence of training in the recognition of severe allergic reaction and the administration of an epinephrine auto-injector.

(2) An entity or individual desiring to be approved as an Emergency Allergy Treatment Training Program shall pay a non-refundable application fee of $50.00 and apply to the department on DH Form XXX, April 2017, “Application for Approval as an Emergency Allergy Treatment Training Program,” which is incorporated by reference and available from the department or at <http://www.floridahealth.gov>.

(a) The curriculum must include, at a minimum, training in recognition of the symptoms of systemic reaction to food, insect stings and other allergens;

(b) The proper adminstration of an epinephrine auto-injector; and,

(c) Instruction that an epinephrine auto-injector shall only be administered when a physician is unavailable.

~~(2) Epinephrine administration training programs shall be conducted by a Florida licensed physician and shall include, at a minimum, 30 minutes of training on the following subjects:~~

~~(a) Definition of anaphylaxis;~~

~~(b) Agents which might cause anaphylaxis and the distinction between them, including insect stings, drugs, food and inhalants;~~

~~(c) Recognition of symptoms of anaphylaxis;~~

~~(d) Appropriate emergency treatment of anaphylaxis as a result of insect stings;~~

~~(e) Use of a method of administration of epinephrine, i.e., autoinjector, as a result of insect stings including demonstration verifying correct technique;~~

~~(f) Pharmacology of epinephrine including its indications, contraindications, and side effects;~~

~~(g) Instruction that administration of epinephrine shall be utilized only in the absence of the availability of a physician.~~

(3) Any changes to the training program as approved by the department shall be submitted to the department for review within 30 days of the change.

(4)~~(3)~~ The individual seeking certification shall apply on DH-MQA Form 1882, December 2016 ~~2008~~, Application for ~~Insect Sting~~ Emergency Allergy Treatment Certification, which is incorporated by reference, ~~and~~ available from the department, and at\_\_\_\_.http://www.floridahealth.gov/licensing-and-regulation/ems-rules-and-statutes/index.html The applicant shall also submit the ~~and~~ ~~submit documentation of successful completion of the training requirements as outlined in subsection 64J-1.019(1), F.A.C., with~~ the required certification fee of $25 to the department.

(5)~~(4)~~ Certificates of training expire on March 1 of each odd-numbered year. The requirements for and process for renewal of certification are the same as that for initial certification.

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Substantial re wording of Rule 64J-1.0201 follows. See Florida Administrative Code for present text.

**64J-1.0201 EMS Instructor Qualifications**

(1) To be eligible for approval as an EMS training program, an applicant must ensure, with supporting documentation, that each instructor has met the standards listed below for their instructor position(s) as listed in the school’s Emergency Medical Services Training Program’s DH Form 1698, 04/17, Application for Approval of an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Training Program (see section 64J-1.020).

(2) Those persons teaching in a state approved EMS training program shall, at a minimum, meet the following criteria:

(a) Except for those persons teaching only in an EMT training program, shall have successfully completed an associate’s degree from an institution whose accreditation is recognized by the United States Department of Education.

(b) For paramedic training programs, be certified as a Florida paramedic in good standing with the department, with at least four years of field level provider experience in a pre-hospital setting with an ALS EMS provider.

(c) For emergency medical technician training programs, be certified as a Florida EMT or paramedic in good standing with the department and have at least three years of field provider experience with an ALS provider.

(d) Have successfully completed, at a minimum, a 40-hour instructional methodology course.

(e) Those persons teaching in a state approved EMS training program prior to the effective date of this rule are exempt from these instructor qualifications while employed in the position held as of the rule effective date.

(f) These EMS instructor qualifications do not apply to clinical or field preceptors.

(3) Subject matter experts are exempt from the requirements of this rule. However, they shall provide no more than five percent of the total hours of instruction in the didactic or laboratory portions of the program’s contact hours. A subject matter expert is someone with specialized knowledge, education or experience in a particular area or topic, for example, a labor and delivery nurse teaching the childbirth section of a program or an attorney teaching the medical legal portion of a program.

The state approved EMS training programs shall maintain a curriculum vitae and a copy of the appropriate professional credentials for each subject matter expert utilized in their program.

(4) Physicians licensed under Chapter 458 or 459, F.S. are exempt from all EMS instructor qualifications.

(5) Those persons who serve as a program director of a state approved EMS training program shall, at a minimum, meet the following criteria:

(a) Shall have successfully completed a bachelor’s degree from an institution whose accreditation is recognized by the United States Department of Education.

(b) Be certified as a Florida paramedic in good standing with the department, with at least four years of field level provider experience in the pre-hospital setting with an ALS EMS provider.

(c) Have a minimum of two years teaching experience in EMS education.

(d) Have successfully completed, at a minimum, a 40-hour instructional methodology course.

(e) Those persons serving as a program director in a state approved EMS training program prior to the effective date of this rule are exempt from the program director qualifications while employed in the position held as of the effective date of the rule.

(f) Program directors hired from out of state must be licensed or certified as a paramedic in their previous state; must be in good standing with that state and will have 12 months from their date of hire to obtain their Florida paramedic certification.

(g) Interim program director:

1. Must at a minimum meet the requirements of an instructor as required in Rule 64J-1.020 (2), and

2. May serve for a maximum of 12 months in the absence of a permanent program director.

*Rulemaking Authority 401.27(2), 401.35(1)(b), 401.35(1)(h) FS. Law Implemented 401.27, 401.27(4)(a)1., 401.27(4)(a)2., 401.2701(1)(a)5.a. FS. History–New 12-31-09, Amended\_\_\_\_\_\_.*