

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
EMS POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL**

SUBJECT: PARAMEDIC STATUTES

Reference #201C

PURPOSE: To establish the laws which govern the state's Emergency Medical Service System.

SOURCE: *General Statutes of Connecticut; revised to January, 2001; Volume 7; pp. 159-161.*

CHAPTER 384d

PARAMEDICS

Sec. 20-206jj. (Formerly Sec. 19a-193). "Paramedicine" defined. As used in sections 20-206jj to 20-206oo, inclusive,

"paramedicine" means the carrying out of

- (1) all phases of cardiopulmonary resuscitation and defibrillation,
- (2) the administration of drugs and intravenous solutions under written or oral authorization from a licensed physician, and
- (3) the administration of controlled substances, as defined in section 21a-240, in accordance with written protocols or standing orders of a licensed physician.

(P.A. 77-349, S. 2; P.A. 97-311, S. 9; P.A. 00-47, S. 3.)

History: Sec. 19-73oo transferred to Sec. 19a-193 in 1983; P.A. 97-311 replaced provisions re conduct of paramedics with definition of "paramedicine"; Sec. 19a-193 transferred to Sec. 20-206jj in 1999; P.A. 00-47 deleted requirement for the administration of controlled substances under the supervision of a physician by simultaneous communication, added requirement for the administration of controlled substances in accordance with written protocols or standing orders of a licensed physician, and made technical changes. See Sec. 20-9 re paramedics and meaning of practice of medicine.

Sec. 20-206kk. Practice restricted to licensed persons. Exceptions. Title protection.

- (a) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, no person shall practice paramedicine unless licensed as a paramedic pursuant to section 20-206ll.
- (b) No person shall use the title "paramedic" or make use of any title, words, letters or abbreviations that may reasonably be confused with licensure as a paramedic unless licensed pursuant to section 20-206ll.
- (c) No license as a paramedic shall be required of (1) a person performing services within the scope of practice for which he is licensed or certified by any agency of this state, or (2) a student, intern or trainee pursuing a course of study in paramedicine in an accredited institution of education or within an emergency medical services program approved by the commissioner, as defined in section 19a-175, provided the activities that would otherwise require a license as a paramedic are performed under supervision and constitute a part of a supervised course of study.

(P.A. 97-311, S. 10.)

Sec. 20-206ll. Licensure application. Renewal. Fees.

- (a) The commissioner, as defined in section 19a-175, shall issue a license as a paramedic to any applicant who furnishes evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant has met the requirements of section 20-206mm. The commissioner shall develop and provide application forms. The application fee shall be seventy-five dollars.
- (b) The license may be renewed annually pursuant to section 19a-88 for a fee of seventy-five dollars.

(P.A. 97-311, S. 11.)

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Sec. 20-206mm. Qualifications.

- (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, an applicant for a license as a paramedic shall submit evidence satisfactory to the commissioner, as defined in section 19a-175, that the applicant has successfully
 - (1) completed a mobile intensive care training program approved by the commissioner and
 - (2) passed an examination prescribed by the commissioner.
- (b) An applicant for licensure by endorsement shall present evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant is licensed or certified as a paramedic in another state or jurisdiction whose requirements for practicing in such capacity are substantially similar to or higher than those of this state and that he has no pending disciplinary action or unresolved complaint against him.
- (c) Any person who is certified as an emergency medical technician-paramedic by the Department of Public Health on October 1, 1997, shall be deemed a licensed paramedic. Any person so deemed shall renew his license pursuant to section 19a-88 for a fee of seventy-five dollars.

(P.A. 97-311, S. 12.)

Sec. 20-206nn. Disciplinary action. Grounds. The Commissioner of Public Health may take any disciplinary action set forth in section 19a-17 against a paramedic for any of the following reasons:

- (1) Failure to conform to the accepted standards of the profession;
- (2) conviction of a felony;
- (3) fraud or deceit in obtaining or seeking reinstatement of a license to practice paramedicine;
- (4) fraud or deceit in the practice of paramedicine;
- (5) negligent, incompetent or wrongful conduct in professional activities;
- (6) physical, mental or emotional illness or disorder resulting in an inability to conform to the accepted standards of the profession;
- (7) alcohol or substance abuse;
- (8) wilful falsification of entries in any hospital, patient or other health record; or
- (9) violation of any provision of section 20-206jj or any regulations adopted pursuant to section 20-206oo. The commissioner may order a license holder to submit to a reasonable physical or mental examination if his physical or mental capacity to practice safely is the subject of an investigation. The commissioner may petition the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford to enforce such order or any action taken pursuant to section 19a-17. The commissioner shall give notice and an opportunity to be heard on any contemplated action under said section 19a-17.

(P.A. 88-230, S. 10, 12; P.A. 90-98, S. 1, 2; P.A. 93-142, S. 7, 8; P.A. 95-220, S. 4-6; P.A. 97-311, S. 14.)

History: P.A. 88-230, 90-98, 93-142 and 95-220 authorized substitution of "judicial district of Hartford" for "judicial district of Hartford-New Britain" in 1997 public and special acts, effective September 1, 1998.

Sec. 20-206oo. Regulations. The Commissioner of Public Health may adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 to carry out the provisions of subdivision (18) of subsection (c) of section 19a-14, subsection (e) of section 19a-88, subdivision (15) of section 19a-175, subsection (b) of section 20-9, subsection (c) of section 20-195c, sections 20-195aa to 20-195ff, inclusive, and sections 20-206jj to 20-206oo, inclusive.

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