

## CHAPTER 14

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**HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT**


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**HOUSE BILL 13-1063**

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also SENATOR(S) Giron, Kefalas, Newell, Todd, Morse.

**AN ACT****CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF A CRITICAL CARE ENDORSEMENT TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDERS.**

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-3.5-206, **amend** (4) (a) introductory portion, (4) (a) (III), and (4) (a) (IV); and **add** (4) (a) (V) as follows:

**25-3.5-206. Emergency medical practice advisory council - creation - powers and duties - emergency medical service provider scope of practice rules.** (4) (a) The ~~executive~~ director or, if the ~~executive~~ director is not a physician, the chief medical officer shall adopt rules in accordance with article 4 of title 24, C.R.S., concerning the scope of practice of emergency medical service providers for prehospital care. The rules must include the following:

(III) Criteria for requests to waive the scope of practice rules and the conditions for such waivers; ~~and~~

(IV) Minimum standards for physicians to be emergency medical services medical directors; AND

(V) (A) STANDARDS FOR THE ISSUANCE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF A CRITICAL CARE ENDORSEMENT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDERS. AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDER WITH A CRITICAL CARE ENDORSEMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM THE TASKS AND PROCEDURES SPECIFIED BY RULE. THE ENDORSEMENT IS VALID AS LONG AS THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDER MAINTAINS CERTIFICATION BY THE DEPARTMENT.

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

(B) THE DIRECTOR OR, IF THE DIRECTOR IS NOT A PHYSICIAN, THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER, SHALL ADOPT RULES IMPLEMENTING THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (V) BY AUGUST 1, 2014.

**SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: March 8, 2013