

**65-6112. Definitions.** As used in this act:

- (a) "Administrator" means the executive director of the emergency medical services board.
- (b) "Advanced emergency medical technician" means a person who holds an advanced emergency medical technician certificate issued pursuant to this act.
- (c) "Advanced practice registered nurse" means an advanced practice registered nurse as defined in K.S.A. 65-1113, and amendments thereto.
- (d) "Ambulance" means any privately or publicly owned motor vehicle, airplane or helicopter designed, constructed, prepared, staffed and equipped for use in transporting and providing emergency care for individuals who are ill or injured.
- (e) "Ambulance service" means any organization operated for the purpose of transporting sick or injured persons to or from a place where medical care is furnished, whether or not such persons may be in need of emergency or medical care in transit.
- (f) "Attendant" means a first responder, an emergency medical responder, emergency medical technician, emergency medical technician-intermediate, emergency medical technician-defibrillator, emergency medical technician-intermediate/defibrillator, advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic certified pursuant to this act.
- (g) "Board" means the emergency medical services board established pursuant to K.S.A. 65-6102, and amendments thereto.
- (h) "Emergency medical service" means the effective and coordinated delivery of such care as may be required by an emergency which includes the care and transportation of individuals by ambulance services and the performance of authorized emergency care by a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, professional nurse, a licensed physician assistant or attendant.
- (i) "Emergency medical technician" means a person who holds an emergency medical technician certificate issued pursuant to this act.
- (j) "Emergency medical technician-defibrillator" means a person who holds an emergency medical technician-defibrillator certificate issued pursuant to this act.
- (k) "Emergency medical technician-intermediate" means a person who holds an emergency medical technician-intermediate certificate issued pursuant to this act.
- (l) "Emergency medical technician-intermediate/defibrillator" means a person who holds both an emergency medical technician-intermediate and emergency medical technician-defibrillator certificate issued pursuant to this act.
- (m) "Emergency medical responder" means a person who holds an emergency medical responder certificate issued pursuant to this act.
- (n) "First responder" means a person who holds a first responder certificate issued pursuant to this act.
- (o) "Hospital" means a hospital as defined by K.S.A. 65-425, and amendments thereto.
- (p) "Instructor-coordinator" means a person who is certified under this act to teach or coordinate both initial certification and continuing education classes.
- (q) "Medical director" means a physician.
- (r) "Medical protocols" mean written guidelines which authorize attendants to perform certain medical procedures prior to contacting a physician, physician assistant authorized by a physician, advanced practice registered nurse authorized by a physician or professional nurse authorized by a physician. The medical protocols shall be approved by a county medical society or the medical staff of a hospital to which the ambulance service primarily transports patients, or if neither of the above are able or available to approve the medical protocols, then the medical protocols shall be submitted to the medical advisory council for approval.
- (s) "Municipality" means any city, county, township, fire district or ambulance service district.
- (t) "Nonemergency transportation" means the care and transport of a sick or injured person under a foreseen combination of circumstances calling for continuing care of such person. As used in this subsection, transportation includes performance of the authorized level of services of the attendant whether within or outside the vehicle as part of such transportation services.
- (u) "Operator" means a person or municipality who has a permit to operate an ambulance service in the state of Kansas.
- (v) "Paramedic" means a person who holds a paramedic certificate issued pursuant to this act.
- (w) "Person" means an individual, a partnership, an association, a joint-stock company or a corporation.
- (x) "Physician" means a person licensed by the state board of healing arts to practice medicine and surgery.
- (y) "Physician assistant" means a physician assistant as defined in K.S.A. 65-28a02, and amendments thereto.
- (z) "Professional nurse" means a licensed professional nurse as defined by K.S.A. 65-1113, and amendments thereto.
- (aa) "Sponsoring organization" means any professional association, accredited postsecondary educational institution, ambulance service which holds a permit to operate in this state, fire department, other officially organized public safety agency, hospital, corporation, governmental entity or emergency medical services regional council, as approved by the executive director, to offer initial courses of instruction or continuing education programs.
- (bb) "Training officer" means a person who is certified pursuant to this act to teach or coordinate continuing education as prescribed by the board.

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