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**Driver training and qualifications.**

(A) The ambulette service shall maintain and provide adequate documentation of the following driver operator requirements for each of its drivers:

(1) A copy of a valid copy of the driver/operator license issued pursuant to Chapter 4506. or 4507. of the Revised Code or its equivalent if the applicant is a resident of another state:

(a) Driver/operator must be at least eighteen years of age to operate an ambulette;

(b) Each ambulette driver must have at least two years driving experience;

(2) A copy of a valid copy of the driver/operator's abstract obtained from the bureau of motor vehicles at the time of the application for employment and annually thereafter;

(a) The date of the driving abstract submitted at the time of application shall be no more than fourteen calendar days prior to the date of application for employment;

(b) Driver/operators having six points or more on their driving abstract in accordance with section 4510.037 of the Revised Code cannot be an ambulette service driver;

(c) Ambulette service may use documentation from their commercial insurance carrier as proof the standard in this paragraph has been met.

(3) A copy of a valid copy of certification in CPR and at least one of the following:

(a) Basic first aid;

(i) Each driver/attendant must have proof of successful completion of the "American Red Cross" or equivalent certifying organization basic course in first aid as approved by the board;

(b) First responder;

(c) Emergency medical technician;

(4) ~~A valid copy of a program designed for transporting clients with special needs~~  
that Satisfactory completion of a passenger assistance training course to

include the following elements:

- (a) Major disabling conditions;
  - (b) Basic considerations for functional factors;
  - (c) Management of wheelchairs;
  - (d) Assistance and transfer techniques;
  - (e) Environmental considerations;
  - (f) Emergency procedures;
- (5) A copy of a valid copy of criminal background check in accordance with section 109.572 of the Revised Code ~~conducted within sixty days before or after hire.~~
- (6) A copy of a valid signed statement from a physician acting within their scope of practice declaring that the driver/operator does not have a medical condition, physical condition, including vision impairment (not corrected), which could interfere with safe driving, passenger assistance, the provision of emergency treatment activity, or could jeopardize the health and welfare of client and/or general public;
- (7) A copy of valid copy of test results from an alcohol and controlled substances test to be conducted by a laboratory certified for such testing under "CLIA" and determined to be free of alcohol, drug of abuse, controlled substance, or metabolite of a controlled substance.
- (a) Except as provided for in paragraph (C) of this rule, the tests must be performed and the results placed in the employee's file prior to rendering ambulette services;
  - (b) Repeat drug and alcohol testing must be performed at a minimum whenever the driver has been involved in a motor vehicle accident for which he/she was the driver.
- (8) The ambulette service shall provide each driver/operator with an identification card visible to the client identifying their first name and last initial or a unique identifier and ambulette service affiliation.

- (B) An ambulette service shall at all times maintain staffing of ambulette(s) by an ambulette driver who meets the requirements of division (A) of section 4766.15 of the Revised Code.
- (C) An ambulette service may employ an applicant on a temporary provisional basis ~~not to exceed sixty days~~ pending the completion of the requirements set for in paragraphs (A)(1) to (A)(7) of this rule. The provisional period shall be no more than sixty days.
- (D) No ambulette service shall employ as an ambulette driver, any person who has been convicted of or plead guilty to violations described in divisions (A)(1)(a), (A)(2)(a), (A)(4)(a), and/or (A)(5)(a) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code or their equivalent in any jurisdiction unless the exceptions set forth in paragraphs (A) and (B) of rule 3701-13-06 of the Administrative Code apply.
- (E) No ambulette service shall employ as an ambulette driver any person who has six points or more on their driving abstract in accordance with section 4510.037 of the Revised Code.
- (F) No ambulette service shall employ any person as an ambulette driver unless that person has a valid driver/operator license issued pursuant to Chapter 4506. or 4507. of the Revised Code or its equivalent if the person is a resident of another state.
- (G) No ambulette service shall employ any person as an ambulette driver unless the person is at least eighteen years of age and has at least two years driving experience.
- (H) No ambulette service shall employ any person as an ambulette driver unless the person is currently certified in CPR and one of the following:
- (1) Basic first aid;
  - (2) First responder;
  - (3) Emergency medical technician.
- (I) No ambulette service shall employ any person as an ambulette driver unless the person has successfully completed a program designed for transporting clients with special needs described in paragraph (A)(4) of this rule.

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