<u>4766-3-13</u> **Driver training and qualifications.**

- (A) The ambulette service shall maintain and provide adequate documentation of the following driver operator requirements:
 - (1) A valid copy of the driver/operator license issued pursuant to Chapters 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;
 - (i) Each ambulette driver must have at least two years driving experience;
 - (b) A valid copy of the driver/operator's abstract to be obtained from the bureau of motor vehicles at the time of the application for employment and annually thereafter;
 - (i) The date of the driving record submitted at the time of application must be no more than fourteen calendar days prior to the date of application for employment;
 - (ii) Driver/operators having six points or more on their driving record in accordance with section 4507.02 of the Revised Code cannot be an ambulette service driver;
 - (iii) Ambulette service may use documentation from their commercial insurance carrier as proof the standard in this paragraph has been met.
 - (2) 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;
 - (3) A valid copy of a program designed for transporting clients with special needs that include the following elements:
 - (a) Major disabling conditions;

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- (b) Basic considerations for functional factors;
- (c) Management of wheelchairs;
- (d) Assistance and transfer techniques;
- (e) Environmental considerations:
- (f) Emergency procedures:
- (4) A valid copy of criminal background check in accordance with section 109.572 of the Revised Code;
- (5) A valid copy of a 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;
- (6) A 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 be determined to be drug and alcohol free as specified in paragraphs below;
- (7) 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 may employ an applicant temporarily prior to obtaining the results of a criminal record check, the results of drug/alcohol screening and /or a physician statement.
- (C) 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.
- (D) An ambulette service shall be given a sixty day provisional period to obtain necessary testing as contained in paragraph (B) of rule 4766-3-13 of the Administrative Code.

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