

26 Section 1. Present subsections (10) through (22) of
 27 section 401.23, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
 28 subsections (11) through (23), respectively, a new subsection
 29 (10) is added to that section, and present subsection (19) of
 30 that section is amended, to read:

31 401.23 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:
 32 (10) "Community paramedicine" means any nonemergent basic
 33 or advanced life support services provided in a community
 34 setting by a paramedic or an emergency medical technician, as
 35 applicable, under the medical supervision of a physician
 36 pursuant to a formal supervisory relationship or standing order,
 37 as described in s. 401.265, s. 458.348, or s. 459.025.

38 ~~(20)-(19)~~ "Physician" means a practitioner who is licensed
 39 under ~~the provisions of~~ chapter 458 or chapter 459. For the
 40 purpose of providing "medical direction" as defined in this
 41 section subsection (14) for the treatment of patients
 42 immediately before ~~prior to~~ or during transportation to a United
 43 States Department of Veterans Affairs medical facility,
 44 "physician" also means a practitioner employed by the United
 45 States Department of Veterans Affairs.

46 Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 401.265, Florida
 47 Statutes, is amended to read:

48 401.265 Medical directors.—
 49 (4) Each physician who supervises or provides medical
 50 direction to medical director who uses a paramedic or an

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51 emergency medical technician to perform community paramedicine;
52 to perform blood pressure screening, health promotion, and
53 wellness activities;~~;~~ or to administer immunization for ~~on~~ any
54 patient under a protocol as specified in s. 401.272, which is
55 not in the provision of emergency care, is liable for any act or
56 omission of any paramedic or emergency medical technician acting
57 under his or her supervision and control when performing such
58 services.

59 Section 3. Subsections (1) and paragraph (a) of subsection
60 (2) of section 401.272, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

61 401.272 Emergency medical services community health care.—

62 (1) The purpose of this section is to encourage more
63 effective use ~~utilization~~ of the skills of emergency medical
64 technicians and paramedics by enabling them to perform community
65 paramedicine~~;~~ in partnership with local county health
66 departments and health care facilities as defined in s. 408.07~~;~~
67 ~~specific additional health care tasks that are consistent with~~
68 ~~the public health and welfare.~~

69 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
70 contrary:

71 (a) Paramedics or emergency medical technicians may
72 perform community paramedicine, health promotion and wellness
73 activities, and blood pressure screenings in a nonemergency
74 environment, within the scope of their training, and under the
75 direction of a physician ~~medical director~~. As used in this

76 paragraph, the term "health promotion and wellness" means the
 77 provision of public health programs pertaining to the prevention
 78 of illness and injury.

79 Section 4. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) and paragraph
 80 (a) of subsection (4) of section 465.019, Florida Statutes, are
 81 amended to read:

82 465.019 Institutional pharmacies; permits.—

83 (2) The following classes of institutional pharmacies are
 84 established:

85 (d)1. "Class III institutional pharmacies" are those
 86 institutional pharmacies, including central distribution
 87 facilities, affiliated with a hospital which ~~that~~ provide the
 88 same services that are authorized by a Class II institutional
 89 pharmacy permit. Class III institutional pharmacies may also:

90 a. Dispense, distribute, compound, and fill prescriptions
 91 for medicinal drugs for inpatient or outpatient treatment.

92 b. Prepare prepackaged drug products.

93 c. Conduct other pharmaceutical services for the
 94 affiliated hospital and for entities under common control that
 95 are each permitted under this chapter to possess medicinal
 96 drugs.

97 d. Provide the services in sub-subparagraphs a.-c. to an
 98 entity under common control which holds an active health care
 99 clinic establishment permit as required under s. 499.01(2)(r).

100 2. A Class III institutional pharmacy shall maintain

101 policies and procedures addressing:

102 a. The consultant pharmacist responsible for

103 pharmaceutical services.

104 b. Safe practices for the preparation, dispensing,

105 prepackaging, distribution, and transportation of medicinal

106 drugs and prepackaged drug products.

107 c. Recordkeeping to monitor the movement, distribution,

108 and transportation of medicinal drugs and prepackaged drug

109 products.

110 d. Recordkeeping of pharmacy staff responsible for each

111 step in the preparation, dispensing, prepackaging,

112 transportation, and distribution of medicinal drugs and

113 prepackaged drug products.

114 e. Medicinal drugs and prepackaged drug products that may

115 not be safely distributed among Class III institutional

116 pharmacies.

117 (4) (a) Medicinal drugs shall be dispensed by ~~in~~ an

118 institutional pharmacy to outpatients only when that institution

119 has secured a community pharmacy permit from the department.

120 However, ~~medicinal drugs may be dispensed by~~ a hospital that has

121 not secured a community pharmacy permit but operates a Class II

122 or Class III institutional pharmacy may dispense medicinal drugs

123 to a patient of the hospital's emergency department or a

124 hospital inpatient upon discharge if a prescriber, as defined in

125 s. 465.025(1), treating the patient in such hospital determines

126 that the medicinal drug is warranted and that community pharmacy
 127 services are not readily accessible, geographically or
 128 otherwise, to the patient. Such prescribing and dispensing must
 129 be for a supply of the drug that will last for the greater of
 130 the following:

- 131 1. Up to 48 hours; or
- 132 2. Through the end of the next business day.

133 Section 5. Subsection (1) of section 14.33, Florida
 134 Statutes, is amended to read:

135 14.33 Medal of Heroism.—

136 (1) The Governor may award a Medal of Heroism of
 137 appropriate design, with ribbons and appurtenances, to a law
 138 enforcement, correctional, or correctional probation officer, as
 139 defined in s. 943.10(14); a firefighter, as defined in s.
 140 112.191(1)(b); an emergency medical technician, as defined in s.
 141 401.23 ~~s. 401.23(11)~~; or a paramedic, as defined in s. 401.23 ~~s.~~
 142 ~~401.23(17)~~. A recipient must have distinguished himself or
 143 herself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity, must have
 144 risked his or her life deliberately above and beyond the call of
 145 duty while performing duty in his or her respective position,
 146 and must have engaged in hazardous or perilous activities to
 147 preserve lives with the knowledge that such activities might
 148 result in great personal harm.

149 Section 6. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section
 150 252.515, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

151 252.515 Postdisaster Relief Assistance Act; immunity from
 152 civil liability.—

153 (3) As used in this section, the term:

154 (a) "Emergency first responder" means:

- 155 1. A physician licensed under chapter 458.
- 156 2. An osteopathic physician licensed under chapter 459.
- 157 3. A chiropractic physician licensed under chapter 460.
- 158 4. A podiatric physician licensed under chapter 461.
- 159 5. A dentist licensed under chapter 466.
- 160 6. An advanced practice registered nurse licensed under s.
 161 464.012.
- 162 7. A physician assistant licensed under s. 458.347 or s.
 163 459.022.
- 164 8. A worker employed by a public or private hospital in
 165 the state.
- 166 9. A paramedic as defined in s. 401.23 ~~s. 401.23(17)~~.
- 167 10. An emergency medical technician as defined in s.
 168 401.23 ~~s. 401.23(11)~~.
- 169 11. A firefighter as defined in s. 633.102.
- 170 12. A law enforcement officer as defined in s. 943.10.
- 171 13. A member of the Florida National Guard.
- 172 14. Any other personnel designated as emergency personnel
 173 by the Governor pursuant to a declared emergency.

174 Section 7. Subsection (5) of section 395.1027, Florida
 175 Statutes, is amended to read:

176 395.1027 Regional poison control centers.—

177 (5) By October 1, 1999, each regional poison control
 178 center shall develop a prehospital emergency dispatch protocol
 179 with each licensee as defined in s. 401.23 ~~by s. 401.23(13)~~ in
 180 the geographic area covered by the regional poison control
 181 center. The prehospital emergency dispatch protocol shall be
 182 developed by each licensee's medical director in conjunction
 183 with the designated regional poison control center responsible
 184 for the geographic area in which the licensee operates. The
 185 protocol shall define toxic substances and describe the
 186 procedure by which the designated regional poison control center
 187 may be consulted by the licensee. If a call is transferred to
 188 the designated regional poison control center in accordance with
 189 the protocol established under this section and s. 401.268, the
 190 designated regional poison control center shall assume
 191 responsibility and liability for the call.

192 Section 8. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
 193 401.245, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

194 401.245 Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council.—

195 (2)

196 (b) Representation on the Emergency Medical Services
 197 Advisory Council shall include ÷ two licensed physicians who are
 198 "medical directors" as defined in s. 401.23 ~~s. 401.23(15)~~ or
 199 whose medical practice is closely related to emergency medical
 200 services; two emergency medical service administrators, one of

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201 | whom is employed by a fire service; two certified paramedics,
202 | one of whom is employed by a fire service; two certified
203 | emergency medical technicians, one of whom is employed by a fire
204 | service; one emergency medical services educator; one emergency
205 | nurse; one hospital administrator; one representative of air
206 | ambulance services; one representative of a commercial ambulance
207 | operator; and two laypersons who are in no way connected with
208 | emergency medical services, one of whom is a representative of
209 | the elderly. Ex officio members of the advisory council from
210 | state agencies shall include, but are ~~shall~~ not ~~be~~ limited to,
211 | representatives from the Department of Education, the Department
212 | of Management Services, the State Fire Marshal, the Department
213 | of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the Department of
214 | Transportation, and the Division of Emergency Management.

215 | Section 9. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.