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Subchapter B. Licenses

§2705. Licenses and Exemptions

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K. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agencies.

1. The issuance of a Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) license to an EMS agency, and the renewal thereof, shall require possession of a current and verifiable license, provisional license, or other authorization issued by the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services of the Office of Public Health within the Louisiana Department of Health, or its successor agency, authorizing the agency to provide emergency medical services within the state.

2. Definitions for purposes of this Subsection:

Designated Location – any fixed location, station, substation, post, facility, or other operational site within Louisiana, other than the principal place of business, from which an EMS agency may deliver controlled substances of the agency from a principal place of business.

EMS Agency – an organization licensed or otherwise authorized by the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services to provide prehospital emergency medical care, ambulance transportation, air ambulance transportation, or other emergency medical services recognized under Louisiana law.

Principal Place of Business – a location that appears on the CDS license issued to an EMS agency by the Board which shall be where the agency receives controlled substances from distributors.

3. Notwithstanding any provision of this Chapter to the contrary, an EMS agency may maintain a single CDS license for a principal place of business in lieu of obtaining separate CDS licenses for individual designated locations operated by the agency.

4. An EMS agency operating under a single CDS license shall provide the board with a current list of all designated locations in Louisiana at which the agency may store, maintain, exchange, or otherwise use controlled substances.

5. An EMS agency shall notify the board in writing within thirty days of the establishment, closure, relocation, or material operational change of any designated location identified pursuant to Paragraph 4 of this Subsection.

6. A CDS license issued pursuant to this Subsection shall authorize the EMS agency, through its authorized personnel, vehicles, aircraft, stations, and designated locations, to store, transport, distribute, exchange, and otherwise possess controlled substances in accordance with applicable federal law, state law, and board regulations.

7. This Chapter shall be interpreted and applied in a manner consistent with applicable federal laws and regulations governing EMS agency registrations under the Controlled Substances Act.

8. Nothing in this Section shall relieve an EMS agency from compliance with any applicable requirement of the Louisiana Department of Health, the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, or any other applicable federal or state law or regulation governing the acquisition, storage, security, recordkeeping, administration, transportation, disposal, or accountability of controlled substances.

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