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Secretary of State

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

An Economic Impact Statement is required for this proposed rule by Section 25-43-3.105 of the Administrative Procedures Act. An Economic Impact Statement must be attached to this Form and address the factors below. A **PDF** document containing this executed Form and the Economic Impact Statement must be filed with any proposed rule, if required by the aforementioned statute.

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EMAIL Ingrid.williams@msdh.ms.gov	DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF PROPOSED RULE 15-12 Subpart 31 Bureau of Emergency Medical Services Mississippi EMS Laws, Rules and Regulations	
Specific Legal Authority Authorizing the promulgation of Rule: Section 41-59-5	Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the Proposed Rule: SEE ATTACHED	

SIGNATURE 	TITLE Mitchell Adcock, Chief Administrative Officer
DATE 9/2/2015	PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULE 30 days after filing

1. Describe the need for the proposed action:

To protect the safety and well-being of patients being treated and transported by Mississippi licensed Aero Medical Services.

2. Describe the benefits which will likely accrue as the result of the proposed action:

These regulation amendments will benefit Mississippi citizens and visitors experiencing acute illness or injury and requiring air medical treatment and/or transport. Benefits will include, but are not limited to, a better and safer patient care environment, strengthening interaction with medical control physician, defining a quality management process, updating air medical pilot minimum requirements, further defining minimum standards for communications, equipment, environmental system, safety in the aircraft, and ensuring compliance with national regulations.

3. Describe the effect the proposed action will have on the public health, safety, and welfare:

The proposed action will provide for better overall health, safety, and welfare of patients being treated and transported by Mississippi licensed Aero Medical Services and will provide clarification of Rules in the licensing regulations to providers and the public.

4. Estimate the cost to the agency and to any other state or local government entities, of implementing and enforcing the proposed action, including the estimated amount of paperwork, and any anticipated effect on state or local revenues:

There will be no additional cost to other state or local government entities. There will be no increase in paperwork and no effect on state or local revenues.

5. Estimate the cost or economic benefit to all persons directly affected by the proposed action:

The benefit to Aero Medical Services providers will be that the quality of the product they offer – treatment and transport of ill or injured persons – will be enhanced and with that may come increased business.

6. Provide an analysis of the impact of the proposed rule on small business: See 5 above.

- a. Identify and estimate the number of small businesses subject to the proposed regulation:

No Air Medical Service Providers.

- b. Provide the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for compliance with the proposed regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparation of the report or record:

The Mississippi State Department of Health is the licensing authority for Aero Medical Services and the costs associated with the regulation amendments will be absorbed in the current budget.

- c. State the probable effect on impacted small businesses:

The MSDH has not received any indications from any licensed Aero Medical Providers that they will close their business because of the proposed amendments.

- d. Describe any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the proposed regulation including the following regulatory flexibility analysis:
 - i. The establishment of less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
 - ii. The establishment of less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
 - iii. The consolidation or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
 - iv. The establishment of performance standards for small businesses to replace design or operational standards required in the proposed regulation; and
 - v. The exemption of some or all small businesses from all or any part of the requirements contained in the proposed regulations:

The MSDH believes that every sick or injured patient in Mississippi should be afforded high quality, safe care by Mississippi licensed aero medical provider. There are no less intrusive or less costly alternative methods to achieving the purpose of the proposed regulations.

7. Compare the costs and benefits of the proposed rule to the probable costs and benefits of not adopting the proposed rule or significantly amending an existing rule:

The cost to providers will not be significantly different if the proposed rule is not adopted.

8. Determine whether less costly methods or less intrusive methods exist for achieving the purpose of the proposed rule where reasonable alternative methods exist which are not precluded by law:

It has been determined that there are no less costly methods for achieving the purpose of the proposed rule.

9. Describe reasonable alternative methods, where applicable, for achieving the purpose of the proposed action which were considered by the agency:

There are no other reasonable alternative methods.

10. State reasons for rejecting alternative methods that were described in #9 above:

Not applicable.

11. Provide a detailed statement of the data and methodology used in making estimates required by this subsection:

Air medical providers were consulted through the Mississippi Air Medical Association (letter of endorsement attached), air medical providers were invited to be a part of the discussion regarding these proposed regulations, the EMS Advisory Council was consulted (minutes approving the submission of these proposed regulations attached), and a review of the national standards and other pertinent literature was completed.

Attachment

Mississippi EMS Laws, Rules and Regulations

Rule 3.1.1; Rule 3.1.2; Rule 3.1.3; Rule 3.1.4; Rule 3.1.5; Rule 3.1.6; Rule 3.1.7; Rule 3.1.8; Rule 3.1.9; Rule 3.1.10; Rule 3.1.11; Rule 3.1.12; Rule 3.1.13; Rule 3.1.14; Rule 3.1.15; Rule 3.1.16; Rule 3.1.17; Rule 3.1.18; Rule 3.1.19; Rule 3.1.20; Rule 3.1.21; Rule 3.1.22; Rule 3.1.23; Rule 3.1.24; Rule 3.1.25; Rule 3.1.26; Rule 3.2.6; Rule 3.2.7; Rule 3.3.4 (2b, 2c, 2d, 2e); Rule 3.3.6 (3); Rule 3.3.8 (1); Rule 3.5.1; Rule 3.5.2 (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,11); Rule 3.5.4. (5,6,7,8); Rule 3.5.5; Rule 3.5.6; Rule 3.5.7; Rule 3.5.9; Rule 3.6.1 (1,2,3); Rule 3.7.1 (2,3,4); Rule 3.7.5; Rule 3.7.6 (2,3,4); Rule 3.7.7; Rule 3.8.1 (1,2,3,4); Rule 3.8.2; Rule 3.8.4; Rule 3.8.5; Rule 3.8.7; Rule 3.8.8; Rule 3.8.10; Rule 3.8.11; Rule 3.9.1; Rule 3.9.2 (1: a,b,e,g,h,i; 2:a,b); Rule 3.9.3 (1,2); Rule 3.9.4 (1,10,11); Rule 3.9.6 (1,3); Rule 3.9.8 (1: a,c,d; 2: a,c; 3; 4; 5; 6; 7; 8: b,c,d,e,f; 9; 11); Rule 3.9.9