**44:05:01:01.  Definitions.** Words defined in SDCL 34-11-2 shall have the same meaning when used in this article. In addition, terms used in this article mean:

(1)  "Ambulance service director," a person in charge of the day-to-day management of a ground or air ambulance service;

(2)  "Attendants," ambulance personnel who have completed a course of instruction in emergency care approved by the department pursuant to SDCL 34-11-6 and who are responsible for the rendering of direct patient care to the sick or injured;

(3)  "C.F.R.," Code of Federal Regulations;

(4)  "Department," the South Dakota Department of Health;

(5)  "Emergency medical responder (EMR)," a person who has completed an emergency medical responder course approved by the department and who has successfully demonstrated entry-level competency through the NREMT and is certified by the department;

(6)  "Emergency medical technician (EMT)," a person who has completed an emergency medical technician course approved by the department and who has successfully demonstrated entry-level competency through the NREMT and is certified by the department;

(7)  "EVOC," an emergency vehicle operator course approved by the department consisting of a curriculum of didactic instruction and actual driving, developed to improve emergency vehicle driving skills;

(8)  "Gross incompetence," general or severe lack of the ability, skill, or knowledge reasonably necessary to serve as an ambulance driver or attendant;

(9)  "Licensee," a person or entity that has obtained and is in possession of a currently valid license to operate a ground or air ambulance service in this state;

(10)  "Medical air transport," the transport of a patient by a licensed air ambulance;

(11)  "Medical director," a person licensed to practice medicine in this state under SDCL 36-4 who is responsible for providing medical supervision and direction to a licensed ambulance service;

(12)  "National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT)," the National EMS Certification Agency responsible for validating entry-level competency of pre-hospital providers;

(13)  "Ground ambulance," a motor vehicle operated over public roadways under the jurisdiction of this state that is in compliance with chapter 44:05:04;

(14)  "Response," the response of an ambulance vehicle and personnel to an emergency for the purpose of rendering medical care or transportation, or both, to someone ill or injured, including cancelled calls, no transports, and standby events where medical care may be rendered.

**Source:** 2 SDR 26, effective October 9, 1975; 6 SDR 93, effective July 1, 1980; 12 SDR 58, effective October 14, 1985; 20 SDR 204, effective June 9, 1994; 30 SDR 125, effective February 22, 2004; 41 SDR 218, effective July 1, 2015; 42 SDR 173, effective July 1, 2016; 44 SDR 17, effective August 7, 2017; 44 SDR 93, effective December 4, 2017.

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