

**ARTICLE 1. DEFINITIONS**

**R9-25-101. Definitions (Authorized by A.R.S. §§ 36-2201, 36-2202, 36-2204, and 36-2205)**

The In addition to the definitions in A.R.S. § 36-2201, the following definitions apply in this Chapter, unless otherwise specified:

1. “Administer” or “administration” means to directly apply or the direct application of an agent to the body of a patient by injection, inhalation, ingestion, or any other means and includes adjusting the administration rate of an agent.
2. ~~“Administrative medical direction” has the same meaning as in A.R.S. § 36-2201.~~
3. ~~“Administrative medical director” means an individual qualified under R9-25-204 who provides administrative medical direction as required under R9-25-204.~~
4. ~~“Advanced procedure” means an emergency medical service provided by an EMT that:~~
  - a. ~~Requires skill or training beyond the basic skills or training prescribed in the Arizona EMT-B course as defined in R9-25-305; or~~
  - b. ~~Is designated in A.R.S. Title 36, Chapter 21.1 or this Chapter as requiring medical direction.~~
- #. “AEMT” has the same meaning as “advanced emergency medical technician” in A.R.S. § 36-2201.
5. “Agent” means a chemical or biological substance that is administered to a patient to treat or prevent a medical condition.
- #. “ALS” has the same meaning as “advanced life support” in A.R.S. § 36-2201.
6. “ALS base hospital” has the same meaning as “advanced life support base hospital” in A.R.S. § 36-2201.
7. ~~“Ambulance service” has the same meaning as in A.R.S. § 36-2201.~~
- #. “Applicant” means a person requesting certification, licensure, approval, or designation from the Department under this Chapter.
8. ~~“Centralized medical direction communications center” has the same meaning as in A.R.S. § 36-2201.~~
- #. “Chain of custody” means the transfer of physical control of and accountability for an item from one individual to another individual, documented to indicate the:
  - a. Date and time of the transfer,
  - b. Integrity of the item transferred, and
  - c. Signatures of the individual relinquishing and the individual accepting physical control of and accountability for the item.

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9. “Chief administrative officer” means:
  - a. For a hospital, the same as in A.A.C. R9-10-101; and
  - b. For a training program, an individual assigned to act on behalf of an ALS base hospital or a the training program certified under Article 3 of this Chapter by the body organized to govern and manage the ALS base hospital or the training program.
10. “Clinical training” means ~~to provide an individual with~~ experience and instruction in providing direct patient care in a health care institution.
11. “Communication protocol” means a written guideline prescribing:
  - a. ~~How an EMT shall:~~
    - i. ~~Request and receive on line medical direction;~~
    - ii. ~~Notify an on line physician before arrival of an EMT’s intent to transport a patient to a health care institution; and~~
    - iii. ~~Notify a health care institution before arrival of an EMT’s intent to transport a patient to the health care institution; and~~
  - b. ~~What procedures an EMT shall follow in a communications equipment failure.~~
12. “Conspicuously post” means ~~to make visible to patients and other individuals by displaying on an object, such as a wall or bulletin board.~~
13. “Controlled substance” has the same meaning as in A.R.S. § 32-1901.
- #. “Course” means didactic instruction and, if applicable, hands-on practical skills training, clinical training, and field training provided by a training program to prepare an individual to become or remain an EMCT.
14. “Course content outline” means a sequential listing of subject matter, objectives, skills, and competencies to be taught or tested.
- #. “Course session” means an offering of a course, during a period of time designated by a training program certificate holder, for a specific group of students.
- #. “Current” means up-to-date and extending to the present time.
15. “Custody” means ~~physical control and may include constructive physical control, such as where a supply of agents is stored in a receptacle that is locked and sealed with an individually identifiable tamper proof seal that would be broken if the receptacle were opened.~~
16. “Dangerous drug” has the same meaning as in A.R.S. § 13-3401.
17. “Day” means a calendar day.
18. “Department” means ~~the Arizona Department of Health Services.~~

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19. “Document” or “documentation” means signed and dated information in written, photographic, electronic, or other permanent form.
20. “Drug” has the same meaning as in A.R.S. § 32-1901.
21. ~~“Drug distributor” means a person with a current and valid pharmacy permit or wholesaler permit, issued by the Arizona State Board of Pharmacy, that allows the person to distribute drugs in Arizona.~~
22. “Electronic signature” has the same meaning as in A.R.S. § ~~41-351~~ 44-7002.
- #. “EMCT” has the same meaning as “emergency medical care technician” in A.R.S. § 36-2201.
23. ~~“Emergency medical services” has the same meaning as in A.R.S. § 36-2201.~~
24. ~~“Emergency medical services provider” has the same meaning as in A.R.S. § 36-2201.~~
- “Emergency receiving facility” is defined in 36-2201**
25. “EMT” has the same meaning as ~~“certified emergency medical technician”~~ in A.R.S. § 36-2201.
26. ~~“EMT B” has the same meaning as “basic emergency medical technician” in A.R.S. § 36-2201.~~
27. ~~“EMT I” has the same meaning as “intermediate emergency medical technician” in A.R.S. § 36-2201.~~
28. ~~“EMT I(85)” means an individual certified as an EMT I who does not hold current NREMT Intermediate registration, as defined in this Section, and who has not completed the Arizona EMT I course, as defined in R9-25-307, or the Arizona EMT Intermediate transition course, as defined in R9-25-301.~~
29. ~~“EMT I(99)” means an individual, certified as an EMT I who has completed:~~
- ~~a. The Arizona EMT I course, as defined in R9-25-307; or~~
  - ~~b. The Arizona EMT Intermediate transition course, as defined in R9-25-301.~~
- #. “EMT-I(99)” means an individual, other than a Paramedic, who:
- a. Was certified as an EMCT by the Department before January 28, 2013 to perform ALS, and
  - b. Has continuously maintained the certification.
30. ~~“EMT P” has the same meaning as “emergency paramedic” in A.R.S. § 36-2201.~~
- #. “EMS” has the same meaning as “emergency medical services” subsections (17)(a) through (d) in A.R.S. § 36-2201.
31. ~~“FDA” means U.S. Food and Drug Administration.~~
32. ~~“Field training” means to provide an individual with emergency medical services~~

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- experience and training outside of a health care institution or a training program facility.
33. “General hospital” has the same meaning as in ~~R9-10-201~~ A.A.C. R9-10-101.
34. ~~“Health care decision maker” has the same meaning as in A.R.S. § 12-2291.~~
35. “Health care institution” has the same meaning as in A.R.S. § 36-401.
- #. “Hospital” has the same meaning as in A.A.C. R9-10-101.
36. “In use” means in the immediate physical possession of an ~~EMT~~ EMCT and readily accessible for potential imminent administration to a patient.
37. ~~“Incapacitated adult” means an individual older than 18 years of age for whom a guardian, as defined in A.R.S. § 14-1201, has been appointed.~~
38. “Infusion pump” means an ~~FDA approved~~ a device approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration that, when operated mechanically, electrically, or osmotically, ~~that~~ releases a measured amount of an agent into a patient’s circulatory system in a specific period of time.
39. “Interfacility transport” means an ambulance transport of a patient from one health care institution to another health care institution.
40. ~~“Intermediate emergency medical technician level” means completion of training that meets or exceeds the training provided in the U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, EMT Intermediate: National Standard Curriculum (1999), incorporated by reference in R9-25-307(A)(1).~~
41. “IV” means intravenous.
42. “Locked” means secured with a key, including a magnetic, electronic, or remote key, or combination so that opening is not possible except by using the key or entering the combination.
43. “Medical direction” means administrative medical direction or on-line medical direction.
44. “Medical record” has the same meaning as in A.R.S. § 36-2201.
45. “Minor” means an individual younger than 18 years of age who is not emancipated.
46. “Monitor” means to observe the administration rate of an agent and the ~~patient~~ patient’s response to the agent and may include discontinuing administration of the agent.
47. ~~“Narcotic drug” has the same meaning as “narcotic drugs” in A.R.S. § 13-3401.~~
- “National certification organization” is defined in 36-2201**
- “National education standards” is defined in 36-2201**
48. ~~“NREMT” means the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians.~~
49. ~~“NREMT Intermediate registration” means EMT Intermediate/99 registration granted by NREMT.~~

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50. “On-line medical direction” means emergency medical services guidance or information provided to an ~~EMT~~ EMCT by ~~an on-line~~ a physician through two-way voice communication.
51. “~~On line physician~~” means ~~an individual qualified under R9 25 205 who provides on line medical direction as required under R9 25 205.~~

**“Paramedic” is defined in 36-2201**

52. “Patient” means an individual who is sick, injured, or wounded and who requires medical monitoring, medical treatment, or transport.
- #. “Pediatric” means pertaining to a child.
53. “Person” ~~means:~~ has the same meaning as in A.R.S. § 1-215 and includes governmental agencies.
- a. ~~An individual;~~
  - b. ~~A business organization such as an association, cooperative, corporation, limited liability company, or partnership; or~~
  - e. ~~An administrative unit of the U.S. government, state government, or a political subdivision of the state.~~
54. “Physician” ~~has the same meaning as in A.R.S. § 36 2201.~~
55. “Physician assistant” has the same meaning as in A.R.S. § 32-2501.
56. “Practical nurse” has the same meaning as in A.R.S. § 32-1601.
57. “Practicing emergency medicine” means acting as an emergency medicine physician in a hospital emergency department.
58. “Prehospital incident history report” has the same meaning as in A.R.S. § 36-2220.
59. “~~Proficiency in advanced emergency cardiac life support~~” means:
- a. ~~Completion of 16 clock hours of organized training covering:~~
    - i. ~~Electrocardiographic rhythm interpretation;~~
    - ii. ~~Oral, tracheal, and nasal airway management;~~
    - iii. ~~Nasotracheal intubation and surgical cricothyrotomy;~~
    - iv. ~~Peripheral and central intravenous lines; and~~
    - v. ~~Pharmacologic, mechanical, and electrical arrhythmia interventions; and~~
  - b. ~~Every 24 months after meeting the requirement in subsection (a), completion of additional training as determined by the training provider covering the subject matter listed in subsection (a).~~
60. “~~Proficiency in advanced trauma life support~~” means:
- a. ~~Completion of 16 clock hours of organized training covering:~~

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- ~~i. Rapid and accurate patient assessment,~~
    - ~~ii. Patient resuscitation and stabilization,~~
    - ~~iii. Patient transport or transfer, and~~
    - ~~iv. Patient treatment and care; and~~
  - ~~b. Every 48 months after meeting the requirement in subsection (a), completion of additional training as determined by the training provider covering the subject matter listed in subsection (a).~~
- 61. “Proficiency in cardiopulmonary resuscitation” means:
  - a. Completion of eight clock hours of organized training covering:
    - ~~i. Adult and pediatric resuscitation,~~
    - ~~ii. Rescuer scenarios and use of a bag-valve mask,~~
    - ~~iii. Adult and child foreign body airway obstruction in conscious and unconscious patients,~~
    - ~~iv. Automated external defibrillation,~~
    - ~~v. Special resuscitation situations, and~~
    - ~~vi. Common cardiopulmonary emergencies; and~~
  - ~~b. Every 24 months after meeting the requirement in subsection (a), completion of additional training as determined by the training provider covering the subject matter listed in subsection (a).~~
- 62. “Proficiency in pediatric emergency care” means:
  - a. Completion of 16 clock hours of organized training covering:
    - ~~i. Pediatric rhythm interpretation;~~
    - ~~ii. Oral, tracheal, and nasal airway management;~~
    - ~~iii. Nasotracheal intubation and surgical cricothyrotomy;~~
    - ~~iv. Peripheral and central intravenous lines;~~
    - ~~v. Intraosseous infusion;~~
    - ~~vi. Needle thoracostomy; and~~
    - ~~vii. Pharmacologic, mechanical, and electrical arrhythmia interventions; and~~
  - ~~b. Every 24 months after meeting the requirement in subsection (40)(a), completion of additional training as determined by the training provider covering the subject matter listed in subsection (40)(a).~~
- #. “Refresher challenge examination” means a test given to an individual to assess the individual’s knowledge, skills, and competencies compared with the national education standards established for the applicable EMCT classification level.

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- #. “Refresher course” means a course intended to reinforce and update the knowledge, skills, and competencies of an individual who has previously met the national educational standards for a specific level of EMS personnel.
- 63. “Registered nurse” has the same meaning as in A.R.S. § 32-1601.
- 64. “Registered nurse practitioner” has the same meaning as in A.R.S. § 32-1601.
- #. “Scene” means the location of the patient to be transported or the closest point to the patient at which an ambulance can arrive.
- 65. ~~“Session” means an offering of a course, during a period of time designated by a training program certificate holder, for a specific group of students.~~
- #. “Special hospital” has the same meaning as in A.A.C. R9-10-101.
- 66. ~~“Standing order” means a treatment protocol or triage protocol that authorizes an EMT to act without on-line medical direction.~~
- #. “STR skill” means “Specialty Training Requirement skill,” a medical treatment, procedure, or technique or administration of a medication for which an EMCT needs specific training beyond the training required in 9 A.A.C. 25, Article 4 in order to perform or administer.
- 67. ~~“Substantially constructed cabinet” means a hard-shelled container that is difficult to breach without the use of a power-cutting tool.~~
- 68. ~~“Supervise” or “supervision” has the same meaning as “supervision” in A.R.S. § 36-401.~~
- #. “Transfer of care” means to relinquish to the control of another person the ongoing medical treatment of a patient.
- 69. “Transport agent” means an agent that an EMT EMCT at a specified level of certification is authorized to administer only during interfacility transport of a patient for whom the agent’s ~~IV~~ administration was started at the sending health care institution.
- 70. ~~“Treatment protocol” means a written guideline that prescribes:~~
  - a. ~~How an EMT shall perform a medical treatment on a patient or administer an agent to a patient; and~~
  - b. ~~When on-line medical direction is required, if the protocol is not a standing order.~~
- 71. ~~“Triage protocol” means a written guideline that prescribes:~~
  - a. ~~How an EMT shall:~~
    - i. ~~Assess and prioritize the medical condition of a patient,~~
    - ii. ~~Select a health care institution to which a patient may be transported, and~~
    - iii. ~~Transport a patient to a health care institution; and~~

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b. ~~When on line medical direction is required, if the protocol is not a standing order.~~

72. “Unauthorized individual” means an individual who is not:

a. ~~A certified EMT obtaining access to an agent to provide emergency medical services within the EMT’s scope of practice,~~

b. ~~A licensed health care provider obtaining access to an agent to provide emergency medical services within the scope of practice of the health care provider’s license, or~~

e. ~~An individual working for an emergency medical services provider whose job duties result in the individual’s having access to an agent.~~

**R9-25-102. Individuals to Act for Person Regulated Under This Chapter**

When a person regulated under this Chapter is required by this Chapter to provide information on or sign an application form or other document, the following individuals shall satisfy the requirement on behalf of the person regulated under this Chapter:

1. If the person regulated under this Chapter is an individual, the individual; or
2. If the person regulated under this Chapter is a business organization, political subdivision, government agency, or tribal government, the individual who the business organization, political subdivision, government agency, or tribal government has designated to act on behalf of the business organization, political subdivision, government agency, or tribal government and who:
  - a. Is a U.S. citizen or legal resident, and
  - b. Has an Arizona address.