

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES  
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES  
BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
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**INTERPRETATION OF “AUTHORIZED FEDERAL OR STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE  
DEPLOYMENT”**

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The purpose of this substantive policy statement is to notify the public how the Arizona Department of Health Services (Department) interprets “authorized federal or state emergency response deployment” in Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.) R9-25-405.

A.A.C. R9-25-405(B) authorizes the Department to grant an extension of time to file for recertification to an emergency medical care technician (EMCT) who applies as required under A.A.C. R9-25-405(A) if the EMCT is unable to meet the recertification requirements in A.A.C. R9-25-404 because of, among other things, “authorized federal or state emergency response deployment.” The term “authorized federal or state emergency response deployment” is not defined in 9 A.A.C. 25 or in the Arizona Revised Statutes.

The Department interprets “authorized federal or state emergency response deployment” to apply when:

1. The President of the United States has declared a state of emergency or disaster in a geographic area or the Governor of a state has declared a state of emergency or disaster in a geographic area within the state over which the Governor has jurisdiction;
2. There is an organized effort to send individuals from other geographic areas into the affected geographic area, or to another geographic area used specifically to provide assistance to the affected geographic area, to provide organized emergency or disaster relief; and
3. The individual EMCT who has applied under A.A.C. R9-25-405 is sent to a geographic area described in (2) for a particular period of time as part of the organized emergency or disaster relief, as evidenced by documentation provided by the individual EMCT.

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