

PROGRAM STANDARDS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

ISSUE	Hearing	Mobility	Motor Skills (Fine)	Motor Skills (Gross)	Tactile	Visual	Driver's License
STANDARD	Ability sufficient for physical assessment and ambulance service operations.	Ability and strength necessary to respond to emergencies in a variety of settings.	Ability to handle or feel and reach sufficient to provide safe and efficient emergency care.	Perform multiple motor tasks simultaneously. Ability to lift and move patients from or to various heights, positions.	Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment.	Ability sufficient to work in dark, dimly lit or bright light. Have peripheral, form, depth perception and ability to distinguish shades of color.	Have a driver's license.
EXAMPLES	Auscultation of breath sounds and blood pressure. Converse with patients and healthcare professionals. Work around loud equipment on roadways, understand radio transmissions and pager tones and communicate on telephone/radio.	Work in natural and man made disasters under a variety of terrains and settings with physical demands.	Tie a knot or bandage, give injections, pick up small objects, and write with a pen or use a keyboard/touch pad.	Lift and move patients from various heights or positions onto a gurney or stair chair. Provide a skill such as airway management or CPR while moving a patient down a set of stairs reasonable for this occupation.	Distinguish hot or cool skin temperature, pulse rate; feel anatomical landmarks. Distinguish textures, degree of firmness, temperature differences.	Reading and writing reports. Visualize mechanism of injury in relation to patient's condition. Describe size and shape of wound. Describe patient's skin color.	Operate an ambulance.