**Section 515.715 Provisional Licensure for Emergency Medical Responders**

a) A person under the age of 18 shall not be issued an EMR license. A person between the ages of 16 and 18 who has successfully completed a Department-approved EMR course and successful completion of the final examination may apply to the Department for a provisional EMR license. Upon satisfaction of all other applicable requirements, the Department will issue a provisional license, subject to the following limitations:

1) A person with a provisional license shall not use his or her provisional license except when affiliated with a recognized Illinois EMS System and with the written authorization of that System's EMS MD;

2) A provisional licensee shall not be placed in a position of primary response to emergencies by any licensee of the Department, unless the assignment satisfies all other provisions of this Part;

3) A provisional licensee shall function as an EMR only while under the direct, personal and continuous supervision of at least one other non-provisional EMR, EMT, A-EMT, EMT-I, Paramedic, PHRN, PHAPRN, PHPA licensed at or above the level of the provider's license. Nothing in this Part shall preclude a provisionally licensed EMR from providing nationally recognized basic first aid when not participating as part of the emergency medical response of his or her affiliated agency;

4) A provisional licensee shall not operate, drive or maneuver a Department licensed transport vehicle, rescue vehicle or non-transport agency owned vehicle in connection with an emergency response or the transportation of any patient; and

5) A provisional licensee will be recognized by the Department as an unrestricted EMR upon turning 18 years of age as required in Section 515.725.

b) The EMS provider agency and the supervising licensee shall be jointly responsible for assuring that no provisional licensee violates rules applicable to the provisional licensee and shall jointly report, in writing, the nature and details of any violations of this Section to the EMS MD within 48 hours after the occurrence. A failure to make written reports as required shall be grounds for disciplinary action as authorized by this Part.

c) Violation of provisions applicable to provisional licensees shall be grounds for any form of disciplinary action authorized by this Part, up to and including license suspension and revocation.

d) Applicants for Provisional EMR shall verify compliance with Section 10-65(c) of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act and Section 515.620 of this Part on a form prescribed by the Department.

e) The Provisional EMR license fee is the same fee prescribed in the schedule for EMRs (see Section 575.460). The license fee shall be in effect for four years.

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