**Section 518.2030 Notification of Emergency Personnel**

a) For purposes of this Section:

1) "Emergency Services Provider Agency" means any entity that uses vehicles, personnel and equipment for the pre-hospital or inter-hospital transportation and care of patients requiring emergency care or life support services in accordance with the Act.

2) "Ambulance Personnel" means any person employed by an emergency services provider agency who is or was involved in the pre-hospital or inter-hospital transportation and care of a patient requiring emergency care or life support services as an ambulance crew member, including the vehicle driver.

b) *Each* freestanding emergency center *shall provide notification to police officers, emergency medical technicians and ambulance personnel who have provided or are about to provide emergency care or life support services to a patient who has been diagnosed as having a dangerous communicable or infectious disease*. (Section 6.08(a) of the Hospital Licensing Act) The notification shall include at a minimum the requirements of this Section.

c) In reporting communicable disease cases, the freestanding emergency center shall comply with the Control of Communicable Diseases Code.

d) *The* freestanding emergency center *shall send the letter of notification* to the emergency services provider agency *within 72 hours after* the FEC receives actual knowledge of *a confirmed diagnosis of any of the communicable diseases* (see subsection (c)) in regard to any patient who has been transported to the FEC by police officers, emergency medical technicians or ambulance personnel. (Section 6.08(c) of the Hospital Licensing Act)

e) If there is *a confirmed diagnosis of AIDS, the* FEC *shall send the letter of notification* to the emergency services provider agency within 72 hours *only if* one or both of the following conditions exist:

1) *The police officers, emergency medical technicians or ambulance personnel have indicated on the ambulance run sheet that a reasonable possibility exists that they have had blood or body fluid contact with the patient*.

2) The FEC has *reason to know of a possible exposure* of the police officers, emergency medical technicians or ambulance personnel to the blood or body fluids of the patient. (Section 6.08(c) of the Hospital Licensing Act)

f) *Notification letters shall be sent to the designated contact at the* emergency services provider agency *listed on the ambulance run sheet* and shall include at least the following information. Such notification letters *shall not contain the patient's name* or any patient-identifying information. (Section 6.08(d) of the Hospital Licensing Act)

1) *The names of the* police officers, emergency medical technicians, ambulance personnel, and other *crew members listed on the ambulance run sheet*,

2) *The name of the communicable disease diagnosed*,

3) The date the patient was transported,

4) A statement that *this information* shall be maintained as *a confidential medical record, and*

5) A statement that *upon receipt of the notification letter, the provider agency shall contact all personnel involved in the pre-hospital or inter-hospital care and transport of the patient*. (Section 6.08(d) of the Hospital Licensing Act)

g) *Upon discharge of a patient with a communicable disease* *to emergency* transport *personnel, the* FEC *shall notify the emergency* transport *personnel of appropriate precautions against the communicable disease, but shall not identify the name of the patient*. (Section 6.08(e) of the Hospital Licensing Act)

h) *The FEC may take any measures in addition to those required in this Section* *to notify police officers, emergency medical technicians* or *ambulance personnel of possible exposure to any communicable disease*. (Section 6.08 of the Hospital Licensing Act) However, such measures shall not violate the confidentiality of the medical record of the patient, or conflict with the provisions of this Section.

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