

Title: Regulatory Policy Ambulance Licensing and Inspection	Policy No. Part 3, Regulations Chapter 3, Policy and Procedures Manuals Section
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Policy Custodian Jefferson County Public Health	Adoption/Revision Date March 31, 2020

Adopting Resolution(s): CC06-409

References (Statutes/Resos/Policies): 10-4-703, 18-1-106, 25-1-302, 25-3.5-306, 42-4-213, C.R.S; Colorado Board of Medical Examiners Rules; Intergovernmental Agreement For Ambulance Licensing And Inspection; CC95-2

Purpose: To establish temporary regulations for ambulance renewals during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Background:

- A. On March 13, 2020, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1), the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners declared a local disaster emergency in response to the COVID-19 global pandemic.
- B. The Board of County Commissioners extended the local disaster emergency (“Emergency”) in Jefferson County on March 16, 2020, pursuant to resolution CC20-053;
- C. The Ambulance Inspection and Licensing Policy requires annual inspections of ambulances prior to processing renewal applications by ambulance services;
- D. The United States Centers for Disease Control has emphasized the necessity of limiting ambulance access to essential personnel and using heightened practices to maintain appropriate hygiene within ambulances;
- E. Annual inspections require detailed hands-on investigation of the interior of an ambulance, which could introduce possible contaminants into the ambulance environment endangering ambulance personnel and patients especially during the pandemic;
- F. Pursuant to Board of County Commissioner Resolution CC20-053, the Board delegated to the County Manager to authority to make changes to County policies to address the pandemic; and
- G. The County Manager here by issues the following temporary revisions to the Ambulance Licensing and Inspection Policy (the “Policy”):

Inspections:

Section D.3.a of the Policy is hereby modified as follows: The requirement to inspect, or have inspected, each ambulance once a year shall be suspended for existing ambulance license holders for the duration of the Emergency, unless this Policy is discontinued earlier, and shall be replaced with the self-certification as identified in Section D.3.b below.

Section D.3.b of the Policy is hereby modified as follows: The requirement that an inspection be completed prior to acceptance of a renewal Ambulance Service Application (“Application”) shall be suspended for the duration of the Emergency, unless this policy is discontinued earlier. In lieu of an inspection prior to acceptance of a renewal Application, each applicant shall certify to the Authorized Representative that each ambulance identified in the Application would, to the best of the applicant's knowledge, satisfactorily pass the annual inspection. No new ambulance license shall be granted without an inspection as provided in the Policy.

A new Section D.3.b.i is added:

Section D.3.b.i.: Within 60 days following the discontinuance of the Emergency, each ambulance that was issued a renewal application without an inspection pursuant to this temporary policy shall be subject to an inspection pursuant to the terms of the original Policy. The Authorized Representative shall be authorized to issue a temporary suspension for failure to obtain an inspection within this time period.

All other provisions of the Policy shall remain in effect.