

# SENATE BILL No. 275

April 16, 2015, Introduced by Senator ROBERTSON and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled  
"Public health code,"  
(MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding sections 17039 and 17539.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           SEC. 17039. (1) SUBJECT TO SECTION 16215, A PHYSICIAN WHO  
2 SUPERVISES A COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC MAY DELEGATE TO THE COMMUNITY  
3 PARAMEDIC THE PERFORMANCE OF MEDICAL CARE SERVICES FOR A PATIENT  
4 WHO IS UNDER THE CASE MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PHYSICIAN,  
5 IF THE DELEGATION IS CONSISTENT WITH THE COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC'S  
6 TRAINING. HOWEVER, A PHYSICIAN SHALL NOT DELEGATE ULTIMATE  
7 RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE QUALITY OF MEDICAL CARE SERVICES, EVEN IF  
8 THE MEDICAL CARE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED BY A COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC.

9           (2) A PHYSICIAN WHO SUPERVISES A COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC IS  
10 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CLINICAL SUPERVISION OF A COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC  
11 TO WHOM THE PHYSICIAN DELEGATES THE PERFORMANCE OF MEDICAL CARE

1 SERVICES UNDER SUBSECTION (1).

2 (3) AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL NOT ENGAGE IN PRACTICE AS A COMMUNITY  
3 PARAMEDIC UNLESS HE OR SHE IS CERTIFIED AS A COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC BY  
4 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. THE DEPARTMENT OF  
5 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SHALL ISSUE A CERTIFICATE AS A COMMUNITY  
6 PARAMEDIC TO AN INDIVIDUAL ONLY IF HE OR SHE MEETS ALL OF THE  
7 FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

8 (A) IS CURRENTLY LICENSED AS A PARAMEDIC UNDER SECTION 20950.

9 (B) HAS 2 YEARS OF FULL-TIME SERVICE AS A PARAMEDIC, OR AN  
10 EQUIVALENT AMOUNT OF PART-TIME EXPERIENCE AS DETERMINED BY THE  
11 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

12 (C) HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC TRAINING  
13 PROGRAM FROM A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY THAT IS APPROVED BY THE  
14 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OR ACCREDITED BY A  
15 DEPARTMENT-APPROVED NATIONAL ACCREDITATION ORGANIZATION. THE  
16 TRAINING PROGRAM MUST INCLUDE CLINICAL EXPERIENCE AND DIDACTIC  
17 INSTRUCTION THAT HAS A FAMILY PRACTICE OR TERTIARY CARE FOCUS AND  
18 MEETS 1 OF THE FOLLOWING:

19 (i) IS PROVIDED UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

20 (ii) IS PROVIDED BY AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE, A  
21 PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT, OR A NURSE PRACTITIONER, WHO IS OPERATING  
22 UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF A PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER.

23 (4) IN HIS OR HER PRACTICE AS A COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC, AN  
24 INDIVIDUAL MAY PROVIDE SERVICES ACCORDING TO THE TERMS OF A WRITTEN  
25 PATIENT CARE PLAN DEVELOPED BY THE PATIENT'S PRIMARY PHYSICIAN, OR  
26 BY A PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT OR NURSE PRACTITIONER WHO IS OPERATING  
27 UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THAT PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER. THE CARE PLAN

1 MUST ENSURE THAT THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC  
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3 CARE PHYSICIAN, THAT THE PATIENT RECEIVES THE NECESSARY SERVICES,  
4 AND THAT THERE IS NO DUPLICATION OF SERVICES TO THE PATIENT.

5 (5) ALL LICENSURE, DISCIPLINARY, COMPLAINT, RENEWAL, AND OTHER  
6 REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS THAT APPLY TO PARAMEDICS UNDER PART 209  
7 APPLY TO A COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC'S LICENSE AS A PARAMEDIC UNDER  
8 SECTION 20950.

9 (6) THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BY RULE SHALL  
10 ESTABLISH A PROCESS FOR THE APPLICATION, GRANT, AND RENEWAL OF  
11 COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC CERTIFICATES FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

12 (7) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "PRACTICE AS A COMMUNITY  
13 PARAMEDIC" MEANS THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE, OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE AND  
14 SURGERY, OR PODIATRIC MEDICINE AND SURGERY, DELEGATED BY AND  
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17 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days  
18 after the date it is enacted into law.

19 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect  
20 unless Senate Bill No. 276

21 of the 98th Legislature is enacted into law.