

A photograph of two paramedics in black uniforms with 'PARAMEDIC' patches attending to a patient lying on the ground. The patient is wearing a pink shirt and blue shorts. The paramedics are in a grassy field, and a blue medical bag is visible in the background. The text 'Texas PCC Proposed rule briefing July 2026' is overlaid in large yellow letters.

Texas PCC Proposed rule briefing July 2026



TEXAS
Health and Human
Services

Texas Department of State
Health Services

Let's talk about the EMS Trauma System Section.



Emergency
Medical Services



Hospital
Designation



Criminal
Investigations



Councils and Board



Funding



Happening Now



Texas Department of State
Health Services



ONE Dispatch in Texas Every TEN Seconds



DIAL 911

There are over 5000 Emergency vehicles in Texas including:

- Ambulances
- Air Ambulances
- Ambu-Bus Vehicles for mass transport incidents



Texas Department of State
Health Services

EMS by the numbers!

- 745 EMS Providers
- 640 First Responder Organizations
- 84,918 Certify/License Personnel
- 295 Trauma Centers
- 5.3 million PCR's in 2025
- EMS Dispatch every 8.4 seconds



Texas Medical Board

Please understand that EMS
Personnel are **not**
independent practitioners;
we only work under the
authority of a
medical director!



Purpose of updated rules

- Passed legislation 89R
- “Plain” language
- Copilot review
- Repeal and replace
- General clean up
- Public comments October 2026
- Adoption March 2027



Rules update from 89R

- Human Trafficking education (HB 742)
- Active shooter planning with all emergency services and schools (HB 33)
- Out-of-state licensure recognition for military (SB 1818 and HB 5629)
- Stalking Conviction may be a disqualifier (SB 2021)
- AI in EMS treatment decisions (HB 149)
- Peer Support Protection (HB 35)



Other Legislation that impact EMS

- Funding for rural EMS (HB 3000)
- EMS Balance Billing ongoing (SB 2476 -88R)



Other enhancements to rules

TAC 157.11 Operation

- Initial and **renewal** requirements
- Medical Directors **authority** and input into protocols, policies, and standard operating procedures
- Medical Director's **authority** over medical delegation.
- **wristbands** used for patient tracking according to the RAC wristband tracking program.

TAC 157.32 Initial Education

- Human trafficking education and documentation

TAC 157.33 Certification

- Skills verification is not required for renewal or reentry

TAC 157.34 Recertification

- Human trafficking education documentation

Additional highlights

TAC 157.36 Denial certification

- certificant or licensee
- alcohol or drug screenings
- Mandatory revocation
- participation in peer-to-peer support services is not subject to disciplinary action
- Suspension or probation.
- forwarded to the National EMS Compact

TAC 157.37 Criminal background

MAY disqualified convicted for stalking after 9-1-2025

Call anytime!

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