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§16-4C-14. Services that may be performed by emergency medical service personnel.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, emergency medical service personnel may provide the services as determined by the commissioner by legislative rule pursuant to the provisions of article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code. Legislative rules governing provision of these services in a hospital emergency room setting shall be developed by the commissioner and shall include provisions allowing paramedics to function under the direct supervision of a registered professional nurse in a hospital emergency room setting. Provision of these services in an emergency room hospital setting shall not be initiated until a legislative rule establishing training requirements, standards and requirements for these functions is in effect. The Legislature therefore directs the commissioner to propose this legislative rule on or before July 1, 2006. Further, the Commissioner may promulgate this rule as an emergency rule pursuant to the provisions of section fifteen, article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code. Any rule so promulgated shall provide that paramedics are under the jurisdiction of the commissioner. The West Virginia Board of Registered Professional Nurses may propose legislative rules, pursuant to article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of the code relating to the scope of practice for nurses as those practices relates to overseeing these paramedics. The provisions of this section and any rules promulgated thereunder may not be construed to alter in any manner the duties, role or responsibilities of attending physicians regarding the providing and oversight of patient care.

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