

# HB 1979 -- COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC SERVICES

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This bill requires any ambulance service seeking to provide community paramedic services, as defined in the bill, outside of its ambulance service area and in the service area of another ambulance service, to have a memorandum of understanding with the secondary ambulance service regarding the provision of such services.

The bill permits the provision of community paramedic services without a memorandum of understanding in the service area of an ambulance service not providing such services, but notification must be provided with the ambulance service possessing service responsibilities in the service area.

This bill permits any emergency medical response agency to provide community paramedic services within its designated response service area if the ground ambulance service covering the area, within which the emergency medical response agency is located, does not provide community paramedic services.

If the ground ambulance service does provide community paramedic services, it may establish a memorandum of understanding with the emergency medical response agency in order to coordinate programs and avoid duplication of services.

If community paramedic services are being provided in a service area by an emergency medical response agency in that service area before the ground ambulance service begins to offer community paramedic services, there must be a memorandum of understanding established for the proper coordination of services.

A community paramedic program is required to notify the local ambulance service when providing services within the area of an ambulance service.

The Department of Health and Senior Services will establish the regulations for recognizing community paramedic service entities that have met the specified standards. Any community paramedic services entity that meets these standards will be given an endorsement by the Department that allows the entity to provide community paramedic services for five years.

This bill is similar to HCS HB 622 (2025).