

80-1557. Emergency medical service; establishment, operation and maintenance; definitions. (a)

As used in this section:

(1) "Rescue service" means a service which provides emergency care by qualified personnel through a township or fire district fire department.

(2) "Emergency care" means the services provided after the onset of a medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity such that the absence of immediate medical attention could reasonably be expected to: (A) Place the patient's health in serious jeopardy; (B) seriously impair bodily functions; or (C) result in serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

(3) "Qualified personnel" means any individual who holds a certificate as an attendant as defined in K.S.A. 65-6112, and amendments thereto.

(4) "Township" means any township which has established a fire department pursuant to K.S.A. 80-1901 *et seq.*, and amendments thereto.

(5) "Fire district" means any fire district which has established a fire department pursuant to K.S.A. 80-1540 *et seq.*, and amendments thereto.

(b) The township board or governing body of the fire district may authorize the township or fire district fire department to provide rescue service as a township or fire district function, within or without the township or fire district, or may contract with any person or governmental entity for the furnishing of rescue service and upon such terms and conditions, and for such compensation as may be agreed upon which shall be payable from the township general fund or the fire fund or the fire district fund.

(c) The township board or governing body of the fire district may establish charges to persons receiving rescue service inside or outside of such township or fire district. The charges so made and received shall be deposited in the general funds of the township or fire district, and the same may be used in addition to funds received under the tax levies authorized by K.S.A. 80-1546 and 80-1903, and amendments thereto.

(d) Qualified personnel providing rescue service shall be compensated in the same manner as other fire department employees and volunteers as provided by K.S.A. 80-1544 and 80-1904, and amendments thereto.

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