

## SUBTITLE 3A. FREESTANDING MEDICAL FACILITIES

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IN THIS SUBTITLE "FREESTANDING MEDICAL FACILITY" MEANS A FACILITY:

(1) IN WHICH MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES ARE PROVIDED;

(2) THAT IS PHYSICALLY SEPARATE FROM A HOSPITAL OR HOSPITAL GROUNDS; AND

(3) THAT IS NOT AN ADMINISTRATIVE PART OF A HOSPITAL OR RELATED INSTITUTION, AS DEFINED IN § 19-301 OF THIS TITLE.

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THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR CERTIFYING A FREESTANDING MEDICAL FACILITY THAT USES IN ITS TITLE OR ADVERTISING THE WORDS "EMERGENCY", "URGENT CARE", OR PARTS OF THOSE WORDS OR OTHER LANGUAGE INDICATING TO THE PUBLIC THAT MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR IMMEDIATELY LIFE THREATENING MEDICAL CONDITIONS IS AVAILABLE AT THAT FREESTANDING MEDICAL FACILITY, WHICH SHALL MEET INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING STANDARDS:

(1) THE FREESTANDING MEDICAL FACILITY SHALL BE OPEN 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK;

(2) THERE SHALL BE AT LEAST 1 PHYSICIAN TRAINED IN EMERGENCY MEDICINE AT THE FACILITY AT ALL TIMES;

(3) A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF REGISTERED NURSES AND OTHER HEALTH PROFESSIONALS SHALL BE AVAILABLE AT THE FREESTANDING MEDICAL FACILITY TO PROVIDE ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT;

(4) BASIC X-RAY AND LABORATORY FACILITIES SHALL BE AVAILABLE AT THE FREESTANDING MEDICAL FACILITY AND OPERABLE AT ALL TIMES BY 1 RADIOLOGY TECHNICIAN AND 1 LABORATORY TECHNICIAN;

(5) RESUSCITATION EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING MONITOR, DEFIBRILLATOR, CARDIAC MEDICATIONS, INTUBATION EQUIPMENT, AND INTRAVENOUS LINE EQUIPMENT;

(6) ARRANGEMENTS---SHALL---BE---MADE STANDARD PROCEDURES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PLAN SHALL EXIST FOR THE IMMEDIATE TRANSPORT OF INDIVIDUALS IN NEED OF HOSPITALIZATION OR OTHER MORE DEFINITIVE CARE; AND

(6)---THE---FREESTANDING---MEDICAL---FACILITY---SHALL PARTICIPATE IN THE STATEWIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM AND SATISFY ITS STANDARDS FOR ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT.