



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**This is an official
MS Health Alert Network (HAN) Alert**

MESSAGE ID: MSHAN-20210818-00531-ALT (Health Alert)
RECIPIENTS: All Physicians, Hospitals, ERs, ICPs, NPs, and
Healthcare Providers – Statewide
August 18, 2021
SUBJECT: Certified Paramedics, Advanced
Emergency Medical Technicians and
Medical Technicians Allowed to Provide
Care in Hospital Settings

State Health Officer's Order

Pursuant to Mississippi Code Ann. § 41-23-1 et. seq. and the State of Emergency Declaration by the Governor of the State of Mississippi related to the coronavirus COVID-19 issued on March 14, 2020, I, Thomas Dobbs, MD, MPH, State Health Officer, Executive Director of the Mississippi State Department of Health, hereby issue this statewide Order allowing Certified Paramedics, advanced emergency medical technicians and emergency medical technicians to provide care for patients in hospital settings under medical direction. This Order is effective August 18, 2021, and will be effective for the duration of the State of Emergency Declaration, unless revoked prior to that time, as follows:

The coronavirus, COVID-19, presents an immediate, severe danger to the health of the public that warrants an accelerated effort to assist in caring for Mississippians in overcrowded emergency departments.

Therefore, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in The Mississippi EMS Laws, Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Mississippi State Department of Health, this Emergency Rule permits certified paramedics, advanced emergency medical technicians and emergency medical technicians acting under medical direction, to care for patients in a Mississippi licensed hospital settings while not on duty with a licensed EMS agency and within the scope of practice of the respective level as defined in the Mississippi EMS Laws, Rules and Regulations and detailed in the [NATIONAL EMS SCOPE OF PRACTICE MODEL 2019](#) published by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.*

* Current Mississippi laws and regulations limit the use of EMS personnel in the hospital setting.

This the 18th day of August 2021.

Thomas Dobbs, MD, MPH
State Health Officer

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Alerting Message Specification Settings

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| Originating Agency: | Mississippi State Department of Health |
| Alerting Program: | MS Health Alert Network (MS HAN) |
| Message Identifier: | MSHAN-20210818-00531-ALT |
| Program (HAN) Type: | Health Alert |
| Status (Type): | Actual () |
| Message Type: | Alert |
| Reference: | MSHAN-00531 |
| Severity: | Unknown |
| Acknowledgement: | No |
| Sensitive: | Not Sensitive |
| Message Expiration: | Undetermined |
| Urgency: | Undetermined |
| Delivery Time: | 600 minutes |

Definition of Alerting Vocabulary and Message Specification Settings

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| Originating Agency: | A unique identifier for the agency originating the alert. |
| Alerting Program: | The program sending the alert or engaging in alerts and communications using PHIN Communication and Alerting (PCA) as a vehicle for their delivery. |
| Message Identifier: | A unique alert identifier that is generated upon alert activation (MSHAN-yyymmdd-hhmm-TTT (ALT=Health Alert , ADV=Health Advisory , UPD=Health Update , MSG/INFO=Message/Info Service)). |
| Program (HAN) Type: | Categories of Health Alert Messages. |
| Health Alert: | Conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention. |
| Health Advisory: | Provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action. |
| Health Update: | Provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; unlikely to require immediate action. |
| Health Info Service: | Provides Message / Notification of general public health information; unlikely to require immediate action. |
| Status (Type): | |
| Actual: | Communication or alert refers to a live event |
| Exercise: | Designated recipients must respond to the communication or alert |
| Test: | Communication or alert is related to a technical, system test and should be disregarded |



Message Type:

Alert: Indicates an original Alert
Update: Indicates prior alert has been Updated and/or superseded
Cancel: Indicates prior alert has been cancelled
Error: Indicates prior alert has been retracted

Reference: For a communication or alert with a Message Type of “Update” or “Cancel”, this attribute contains the unique Message Identifier of the original communication or alert being updated or cancelled. “n/a” = Not Applicable.

Severity:

Extreme: Extraordinary threat to life or property
Severe: Significant threat to life or property
Moderate: Possible threat to life or property
Minor: Minimal threat to life or property
Unknown: Unknown threat to life or property

Acknowledgement: Indicates whether an acknowledgement on the part of the recipient is required to confirm that the alert was received, and the timeframe in which a response is required (Yes or No).

Sensitive:

Sensitive: Indicates the alert contains sensitive content
Not Sensitive: Indicates non-sensitive content

Message Expiration: Undetermined.

Urgency: Undetermined. Responsive action should be taken immediately.

Delivery Time: Indicates the timeframe for delivery of the alert (15, 60, 1440, 4320 minutes (.25, 1, 24, 72 hours)).