

8840.5100 DEFINITIONS.

Subpart 1. **Ambulance.** "Ambulance" has the meaning given to it in Minnesota Statutes, section 144E.001, subdivision 2.

Subp. 1a. **Applicant.** "Applicant" means a person who applies for a new certificate of compliance, or its renewal, as required to operate as a special transportation service provider.

Subp. 1b. **Certificate of course completion.** "Certificate of course completion" means a certificate that includes the:

- A. name of the training course;
- B. name of the instructor, sponsoring organization, or company who provided the training;
- C. date the training was given;
- D. location where the training was given;
- E. number of hours of training that were provided; and
- F. name, trainer number, and signature of the instructor.

Subp. 2. **Attendant.** "Attendant" means a person who assists in the transportation of passengers in special transportation service vehicles, but who does not drive the vehicle.

Subp. 2a. **City.** "City" includes statutory cities and home rule charter cities.

Subp. 3. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of transportation, or an authorized agent.

Subp. 4. [Repealed, 28 SR 1578]

Subp. 4a. **Day.** "Day" means calendar day unless otherwise specified.

Subp. 5. **Disabled.** "Disabled" means having a disability.

Subp. 5a. **Driver.** "Driver" means a person who transports passengers in special transportation service vehicles, but who is not a volunteer driver.

Subp. 6. **Elderly.** "Elderly" means Minnesotans age 60 or older.

Subp. 6a. **Grants or other financial assistance.** "Grants or other financial assistance" means funds from either the state or federal government, including funds that are distributed to third-party entities under contract with either the state or federal government for purposes of special transportation service.

Subp. 7. **Disability.** "Disability" means having a physical or mental impairment that limits one or more major life activities, a record of such impairment, or being regarded as having such an impairment.

Subp. 8. **Major life activities.** "Major life activities" means activities of daily living such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working.

Subp. 9. **Motor vehicle.** "Motor vehicle" has the meaning given to it in Minnesota Statutes, section 169.011, subdivision 42.

Subp. 10. [Repealed, 48 SR 155]

Subp. 11. **Person.** "Person" means every natural person; proprietorship, firm, general or limited liability partnership, corporation, limited liability company, or other business entity; association; and body politic.

Subp. 12. **Physical or mental impairment.** "Physical or mental impairment" means any physiological disorder or condition or anatomical loss, any mental or psychological disorder, and specific learning disabilities and includes but is not limited to such diseases and nonacute conditions as orthopedic, vision impairments, speech disabilities, hearing loss, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, cancer, heart disease, developmental disability, emotional illness, drug addiction, and alcoholism.

Subp. 12a. **Protected transport.** "Protected transport" means motor vehicle transportation provided in a vehicle designated as protected transport under Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0625, subdivision 17.

Subp. 13. **Provider.** "Provider" means a public or private entity or person who operates special transportation service vehicles.

Subp. 14. **Regular basis.** "Regular basis" means either providing more than an average of 12 round trips per month in any calendar year or transporting more than 30 passengers per month.

Subp. 15. **School bus.** "School bus" has the meaning given to it in Minnesota Statutes, section 169.011, subdivision 71.

Subp. 16. **Semiambulatory.** "Semiambulatory" means having the ability to walk with difficulty or with the aid of an artificial limb or personal assistance device such as a brace, a cane, a crutch, or a walker.

Subp. 17. **Special transportation service.** "Special transportation service" means motor vehicle transportation provided on a regular basis by a public or private person that is designed exclusively or primarily to serve individuals who are elderly or disabled and who are unable to use regular means of transportation but do not require ambulance service, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 144E.001, subdivision 3. Special transportation service includes, but is not limited to, service provided by specially equipped buses, vans, taxis, and volunteers driving private automobiles. Special transportation service also includes those nonemergency medical transportation services under Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0625, subdivision 17, that are subject to the operating standards for special transportation service under Minnesota Statutes, sections 174.29 to 174.30, and this chapter as provided for in Minnesota Statutes, section 174.29, subdivision 1.

Subp. 18. **State.** "State" has the meaning given to it in Minnesota Statutes, section 3.732, subdivision 1, clause (1).

Subp. 18a. **Stretcher transport.** "Stretcher transport" means motor vehicle transportation in a prone or supine position provided in a vehicle designated as necessary for stretcher transport under Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0625, subdivision 17.

Subp. 19. **Variance.** "Variance" means permission to comply in a manner other than that specified.

Subp. 20. **Vehicle.** "Vehicle" means a motor vehicle used to provide special transportation service.

Subp. 21. **Volunteer driver.** "Volunteer driver" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 65B.472, subdivision 1, paragraph (h).

Subp. 22. **Wheelchair.** "Wheelchair" means a mobility aid, whether manual or motorized, belonging to any class of three- or four-wheeled devices and that is usable indoors and designed for and used by individuals with mobility impairments.

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