



## Faith-Based Volunteer Ambulance Services

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To ensure the safe operation of faith-based volunteer ambulance services, the Board hereby adopts the following resolution:

*As used in this resolution, “faith-based volunteer ambulance service” means a faith-based, not-for-profit charitable organization that is exempt from federal taxation pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 501(a) and (c)(3) and uses only unpaid volunteers to provide limited emergency medical services free of charge.*

*A faith-based volunteer ambulance service may operate within the state of Ohio if it complies with the following:*

- 1. The service holds a limited terminal distributor of dangerous drugs for emergency medical services, including meeting the requirements to have a responsible person and medical director.*

**NOTE:** The applicant must indicate in their application that they intend to operate a faith-based volunteer ambulance service.

- 2. The service utilizes licensed emergency medical personnel to perform emergency services in coordination with a treatment protocol issued by the service’s medical director who is licensed to practice in Ohio.*
- 3. The service shall not utilize controlled substances, but may petition the Board to utilize controlled substances if necessary.*

4. *The service may provide dangerous drugs to Ohio-licensed emergency medical service volunteers to maintain at a non-licensed location in accordance with OAC 4729:5-3-13 (C) if the service:*
  - a. *Maintains a roster of all volunteers that maintain dangerous drugs at a location other than that listed on the service's terminal distributor license.*
  - b. *Maintains a list of all drugs provided to volunteers that are maintained at a location other than that listed on the service's terminal distributor license.*
  - c. *The dangerous drugs provided are within the scope of the emergency medical service personnel utilized.*
  - d. *The service implements a process of, at a minimum, quarterly documented checks to ensure the integrity of the dangerous drugs provided.*
  - e. *The licensed emergency medical service personnel who serve as volunteers comply with the requirements of OAC 4729:5-3-13 (C).*
  - f. *The licensed emergency medical service personnel who serve as volunteers comply with the applicable record keeping requirements of OAC 4729:5-14-04.*
  - g. *Access to medications is restricted to Ohio-licensed emergency medical service professionals and licensed health professionals authorized to administer dangerous drugs.*
5. *The service complies with all other requirements related to the operation of a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs in accordance with Chapter 4729. and all rules adopted thereunder.*
6. *Per this resolution, the Board authorizes the Board's Executive Director, including the Director's designee, to work with all faith-based volunteer ambulance services seeking to operate in this state to review and establish policies to achieve compliance with this resolution and all other Board requirements.*
7. *Nothing in this resolution shall prohibit a faith-based volunteer ambulance service from operating as an EMS agency in accordance with Chapter 4729. and all rules adopted thereunder.*