

**HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 282**

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled  
"Public health code,"  
by amending section 20919 (MCL 333.20919), as amended by 2018 PA  
383.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 20919. (1) A medical control authority shall establish  
2 written protocols for the practice of life support agencies and  
3 licensed emergency medical services personnel within its region.  
4 The medical control authority shall develop and adopt the protocols  
5 required under this section in accordance with procedures  
6 established by the department and shall include all of the  
7 following:

8           (a) The acts, tasks, or functions that may be performed by



1 each type of emergency medical services personnel licensed under  
2 this part.

3 (b) Medical protocols to ensure the appropriate dispatching of  
4 a life support agency based upon medical need and the capability of  
5 the emergency medical services system.

6 (c) Protocols for complying with the Michigan do-not-  
7 resuscitate procedure act, 1996 PA 193, MCL 333.1051 to 333.1067.

8 (d) Protocols defining the process, actions, and sanctions a  
9 medical control authority may use in holding a life support agency  
10 or **emergency medical services** personnel accountable.

11 (e) Protocols to ensure that if the medical control authority  
12 determines that an immediate threat to the public health, safety,  
13 or welfare exists, appropriate action to remove medical control can  
14 immediately be taken until the medical control authority has had  
15 the opportunity to review the matter at a medical control authority  
16 hearing. The protocols must require that the hearing is held within  
17 3 business days after the medical control authority's  
18 determination.

19 (f) Protocols to ensure that if medical control has been  
20 removed from a participant in an emergency medical services system,  
21 the participant does not provide prehospital care until medical  
22 control is reinstated and that the medical control authority that  
23 removed the medical control notifies the department of the removal  
24 within 1 business day.

25 (g) Protocols to ensure that a quality improvement program is  
26 in place within a medical control authority and provides data  
27 protection as provided in 1967 PA 270, MCL 331.531 to 331.534.

28 (h) Protocols to ensure that an appropriate appeals process is  
29 in place.



1 (i) Protocols to ensure that each life support agency that  
 2 provides basic life support, limited advanced life support, or  
 3 advanced life support is equipped with epinephrine or epinephrine  
 4 auto-injectors and that each emergency medical services personnel  
 5 authorized to provide those services is properly trained to  
 6 recognize an anaphylactic reaction, to administer the epinephrine,  
 7 and to dispose of the epinephrine auto-injector or vial.

8 (j) Protocols to ensure that each life support vehicle that is  
 9 dispatched and responding to provide medical first response life  
 10 support, basic life support, or limited advanced life support is  
 11 equipped with an automated external defibrillator and that each  
 12 emergency medical services personnel is properly trained to utilize  
 13 the automated external defibrillator.

14 (k) ~~Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, before~~  
 15 ~~October 15, 2015, protocols~~ **Protocols** to ensure that each life  
 16 support vehicle that is dispatched and responding to provide  
 17 medical first response life support, basic life support, or limited  
 18 advanced life support is equipped with opioid antagonists and that  
 19 each emergency medical services personnel is properly trained to  
 20 administer opioid antagonists. ~~Beginning October 14, 2017, a~~  
 21 **However, a** medical control authority, at its discretion, may  
 22 rescind or continue the protocol adopted under this subdivision.

23 (l) Protocols for complying with part 56B.

24 (2) A medical control authority shall not establish a protocol  
 25 under this section that conflicts with the Michigan do-not-  
 26 resuscitate procedure act, 1996 PA 193, MCL 333.1051 to 333.1067,  
 27 or part 56B.

28 (3) The department shall establish procedures for the  
 29 development and adoption of written protocols under this section.



1 The procedures must include at least all of the following  
2 requirements:

3 (a) At least 60 days before **the** adoption of a protocol, the  
4 medical control authority shall circulate a written draft of the  
5 proposed protocol to all significantly affected persons within the  
6 emergency medical services system served by the medical control  
7 authority and submit the written draft to the department for  
8 approval.

9 (b) The department shall review a proposed protocol for  
10 consistency with other protocols concerning similar subject matter  
11 that have already been established in this state and shall consider  
12 any written comments received from interested persons in its  
13 review.

14 (c) Within 60 days after receiving a written draft of a  
15 proposed protocol from a medical control authority, the department  
16 shall provide a written recommendation to the medical control  
17 authority with any comments or suggested changes on the proposed  
18 protocol. If the department does not respond within 60 days after  
19 receiving the written draft, the proposed protocol is considered to  
20 be approved by the department.

21 (d) After department approval of a proposed protocol, the  
22 medical control authority may formally adopt and implement the  
23 protocol.

24 (e) A medical control authority may establish an emergency  
25 protocol necessary to preserve the health or safety of individuals  
26 within its region in response to a present medical emergency or  
27 disaster without following the procedures established by the  
28 department under this subsection for an ordinary protocol. An  
29 emergency protocol established under this subdivision is effective



1 only for a limited period and does not take permanent effect unless  
2 it is approved according to the procedures established by the  
3 department under this subsection.

4 (4) A medical control authority shall provide an opportunity  
5 for an affected participant in an emergency medical services system  
6 to appeal a decision of the medical control authority. Following  
7 appeal, the medical control authority may affirm, suspend, or  
8 revoke its original decision. After appeals to the medical control  
9 authority have been exhausted, the affected participant in an  
10 emergency medical services system may appeal the medical control  
11 authority's decision to the state emergency medical services  
12 coordination committee created in section 20915. The state  
13 emergency medical services coordination committee shall issue an  
14 opinion on whether the actions or decisions of the medical control  
15 authority are in accordance with the department-approved protocols  
16 of the medical control authority and state law. If the state  
17 emergency medical services coordination committee determines in its  
18 opinion that the actions or decisions of the medical control  
19 authority are not in accordance with the medical control  
20 authority's department-approved protocols or with state law, the  
21 state emergency medical services coordination committee shall  
22 recommend that the department take any enforcement action  
23 authorized under this code.

24 (5) If adopted in protocols approved by the department, a  
25 medical control authority may require life support agencies within  
26 its region to meet reasonable additional standards for equipment  
27 and personnel, other than medical first responders, that may be  
28 more stringent than are otherwise required under this part. If a  
29 medical control authority proposes a protocol that establishes



1 additional standards for equipment and personnel, the medical  
2 control authority and the department shall consider the medical and  
3 economic impact on the local community, the need for communities to  
4 do long-term planning, and the availability of personnel. If either  
5 the medical control authority or the department determines that  
6 negative medical or economic impacts outweigh the benefits of those  
7 additional standards as they affect public health, safety, and  
8 welfare, the medical control authority shall not adopt and the  
9 department shall not approve protocols containing those additional  
10 standards.

11 (6) If adopted in protocols approved by the department, a  
12 medical control authority may require medical first response  
13 services and licensed medical first responders within its region to  
14 meet additional standards for equipment and personnel to ensure  
15 that each medical first response service is equipped with an  
16 epinephrine auto-injector, and that each licensed medical first  
17 responder is properly trained to recognize an anaphylactic reaction  
18 and to administer and dispose of the epinephrine auto-injector, if  
19 a life support agency that provides basic life support, limited  
20 advanced life support, or advanced life support is not readily  
21 available in that location.

22 (7) If a decision of the medical control authority under  
23 subsection (5) or (6) is appealed by an affected person, the  
24 medical control authority shall make available, in writing, the  
25 medical and economic information it considered in making its  
26 decision. On appeal, the state emergency medical services  
27 coordination committee created in section 20915 shall review this  
28 information under subsection (4) and shall issue its findings in  
29 writing.



1           Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days  
2 after the date it is enacted into law.

3           Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect  
4 unless all of the following bills of the 100th Legislature are  
5 enacted into law:

6           (a) Senate Bill No. 200.

7           (b) House Bill No. 4367.

