

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

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H.P. 313 - L.D. 484

**An Act to Authorize Certain Emergency Medical Services Providers to Procure, Possess, Administer and Furnish Controlled Substances**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the federal Drug Enforcement Administration does not believe the laws of the State currently authorize emergency medical services to procure, possess, administer and furnish controlled substances; and

**Whereas,** timely access to emergency medications is necessary for public health; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §83, sub-§9-A** is enacted to read:

**9-A. Community paramedicine.** "Community paramedicine" means the practice by an emergency medical services provider, primarily in an out-of-hospital setting, of providing episodic patient evaluation, advice and treatment directed at preventing or improving a particular medical condition.

**Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §83, sub-§9-B** is enacted to read:

**9-B. Community paramedicine clinician.** "Community paramedicine clinician" means an emergency medical services person licensed under this chapter who has completed specialized education and training to operate in an expanded role, providing episodic, proactive and preventive health care services in nonemergency settings.

**Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §83, sub-§9-C** is enacted to read:

**9-C. Community paramedicine service.** "Community paramedicine service" means an ambulance service or other nontransporting emergency medical service that provides community paramedicine.

**Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §86-A** is enacted to read:

**§86-A. Controlled substances**

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, an ambulance service, nontransporting emergency medical service, community paramedicine service, emergency medical services person and community paramedicine clinician that are licensed by the board, or in the case of a community paramedicine service is authorized by the board, to provide advanced emergency medical treatment or community paramedicine, in accordance with rules adopted by the board, may procure, possess, administer and furnish controlled substances as defined in Title 22, section 2383-B, subsection 3, paragraph A. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.