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CHAPTER 197. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

§197.1, Purpose; §197.2, Definitions; §197.7, Physician Supervision of Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic or Licensed Paramedic Care Provided in a Health Care Facility Setting

The amendments to 197.1, concerning Purpose; and 197.2, concerning Definitions; and new 197.7, concerning Physician Supervision of Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic or Licensed Paramedic Care Provided in a Health Care Facility Setting. The sections are adopted in accordance with House Bill 2020, enacted by the 84th Legislature, which amended Chapter 773 of the Health and Safety Code so that certified emergency medical technician paramedics (EMT-Ps) and licensed paramedics (LPs) are authorized to provide advanced life support in a health care facility's emergency or urgent care clinical setting under the direct supervision of a licensed physician.

The amendments to 197.1 reorganize the section and make other general "clean-up" changes to the language.

The amendments to 197.2 reflect general "clean-up" changes to the language.

New 197.7 sets forth language reflecting the substantive changes to the law made by HB 2020. The new section sets forth definitions and the scope of allowed practice by EMT-Ps and LPs in a health care facility setting under a physician's direct supervision and delegated authority, as permitted by HB 2020 and other law, and provides for the scope of a physician's responsibility for such acts.