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The Iowa Department of Public Health hereby issues the following PUBLIC HEALTH BULLETIN pursuant to the authority granted by Iowa Code 135.11(1), (2) and (3).

TITLE: On-Site Medical Treatment

In accordance with recently enacted legislation, the following persons are not required to be certified as emergency medical care providers: members of the national ski patrol system; industrial safety officers; life guards; or persons employed or volunteering in a similar capacity in which the person provides on-site emergency medical treatment at a facility solely to the patrons or employees of that facility, provided that such person provides emergency medical treatment only within the scope of the person's training and certification, and the person does not claim to be a certified emergency medical care provider or use any other term to indicate or imply that the person is a certified emergency medical care provider. Likewise, the agencies providing emergency medical treatment under these conditions are not required to be authorized by the Iowa Department of Public Health as a service program.

As described above, the treatment rendered must be limited to the patrons or employees of the location. The ability to provide treatment does not extend to the transport of patrons or employees to health care facilities. Providers of emergency medical treatment in these locations may only function within the scope of their training and certification.

Individuals or agencies providing on-site emergency medical treatment cannot indicate or imply certification or authorization by the Iowa Department of Public Health. In addition, the individuals or agencies cannot take advantage of any immunity from liability offered by Iowa Code chapter 147A, thus leaving individuals and agencies responsible for accepting sole liability for all acts and omissions.

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