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WAC 246-976-310 Ground ambulance and aid service—Communications equipment. (1) Licensed services must provide each licensed ambulance and aid vehicle with communication equipment which:

- (a) Is consistent with state and regional plans;
 - (b) Is in good working order;
 - (c) Allows direct two-way communication between the vehicle and its dispatch control point; and
 - (d) Allows communication with medical control.
- (2) If cellular telephones are used, there must also be another method of radio contact with dispatch and medical control for use when cellular service is unavailable.

(3) Licensed ambulance services must provide each licensed ambulance with communication equipment which:

- (a) Allows direct two-way communication with medical control and all hospitals in the service area of the vehicle, from both the driver's and patient's compartment; and
- (b) Incorporates appropriate encoding and selective signaling devices.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 18.71, 18.73, and 70.168 RCW. WSR 11-07-078, § 246-976-310, filed 3/22/11, effective 5/15/11; WSR 00-08-102, § 246-976-310, filed 4/5/00, effective 5/6/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040 and chapters 18.71, 18.73 and 70.168 RCW. WSR 93-01-148 (Order 323), § 246-976-310, filed 12/23/92, effective 1/23/93.]

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- (c) Allows direct two-way communication with dispatch control point, medical control, and all hospitals in the service area of the vehicle; and
- (d) Licensed ground ambulance and aid vehicles capable of transporting patients must also have direct two-way communication from both the driver's and patient's compartment.

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