

WAC 388-76-10250 Medical emergencies—Contacting emergency medical services—Required. (1) The adult family home must develop and implement policies and procedures which require immediate contact of the local emergency medical services when a resident has a medical emergency. This requirement applies:

(a) Unless the caregiver, present at the time of the emergency, is a licensed physician or registered nurse acting within his or her scope of practice;

(b) Whether or not:

(i) Any order exists directing medical care for the resident;

(ii) The resident has provided an advance directive for medical care; or

(iii) The resident has expressed any wishes involving medical care.

(2) If available, the home must immediately give arriving emergency medical services personnel a copy of:

(a) Any order that exists directing medical care for the resident; and

(b) The resident's advance directive for medical care.

(3) The home must inform the resident of the requirements in this section.

(4) The home is not required to contact emergency medical services when a resident is receiving hospice care by a licensed hospice agency and the:

(a) Emergency relates to the expected hospice death; and

(b) Situation is monitored by the hospice agency.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 70.128.040 and chapters 70.128 and 74.34 RCW. WSR 07-21-080, § 388-76-10250, filed 10/16/07, effective 1/1/08.]