

**PEORIA AREA EMS SYSTEM  
PREHOSPITAL CARE MANUAL**

**Agency Compliance Waiver  
Policy**

If compliance with IDPH Rules and Regulations of the Peoria Area EMS System Policies results in unreasonable hardship, the EMS provider agency shall petition the PAEMS System and IDPH for a temporary rule waiver.

The format for waiver petition shall be as follows:

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| <b>Part 1</b> | Cover letter, to include: <i>agency name, IDPH agency number, agency official(s), agency designated contact person, telephone number, statement of the problem and proposed waiver.</i>  |
| <b>Part 2</b> | Explanation of why the waiver is necessary.  |
| <b>Part 3</b> | Explanation of how the modification will relieve problems that would be created by compliance with the rule or policy as written.  |
| <b>Part 4</b> | Statement of and justification for the time period (maximum one year) of which the modification will be necessary. This section must also include a chronological plan for meeting total compliance requirements.<br><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Staffing waivers require local newspaper advertisement explaining staffing shortage, mention that there will be “<i>no reduction in standard of care</i>”, and a request for new volunteers/employees.</li><li>b) Submit a copy of 30-day staffing schedule.</li></ul> |

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The petition should be submitted to the Peoria Area EMS System Medical Director for review and approval. The IDPH Regional EMS Coordinator will then review the petition. If needed, the Illinois Department of Public Health may request review of the petition by the State Advisory Board. These recommendations will be forwarded to the Director of IDPH for final action. **Waivers will be granted only if there is NO reduction in the standard of medical care.**