

**Title 15: Mississippi State Department of Health**

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  - f. Laryngeal Mask Airway (LMA)
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  - h. Tracheostomy instrument and supplies
6. Breathing

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  - b. Closed-chest drainage device
  - c. Chest tube instruments and supplies
  - d. Emergency thoracotomy instruments and supplies
  - e. End-tidal CO<sub>2</sub> monitor<sup>18</sup>
  - f. Nebulizer
  - g. Peak flow meter
  - h. Pulse oximetry
  - i. Volume cycle ventilator
7. Circulation
- a. Automatic physiological monitor, noninvasive
  - b. Blood/fluid infusion pumps and tubing
  - c. Blood/fluid warmers
  - d. Cardiac compression board
  - e. Central venous catheter setups/kits
  - f. Central venous pressure monitoring equipment
  - g. Cutdown instruments and supplies
  - h. Intraosseous needles
  - i. IV catheters, sets, tubing, poles
  - j. Monitor/defibrillator with pediatric paddles, internal paddles, appropriate pads and other supplies Pericardiocentesis instruments
  - k. Temporary external pacemaker
  - l. Transvenous and/or transthoracic pacemaker setup and supplies
  - m. 12-Lead ECG machine

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Rule 41.83.9. **Trauma and miscellaneous resuscitation shall include:**

1. Blood salvage/autotransfusion device
2. Emergency obstetric instruments and supplies
3. Hypothermia thermometer
4. Infant warming equipment
5. Peritoneal lavage instruments and supplies
6. Pneumatic antishock garment, as indicated
7. Spine stabilization equipment to include cervical collars, short and long boards
8. Warming/cooling blanket

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Rule 41.83.10. **Other Special Rooms.** All items listed for general examination rooms plus:

1. Orthopedic
  - a. Cast cutter
  - b. Cast and splint application supplies and equipment Cast spreader
  - c. Crutches
  - d. Extremity-splinting devices including traction splinting and fixation pins/wires and corresponding instruments and supplies
  - e. Halo traction or Gardner-Wells/Trippe-Wells traction Radiograph view and hot light
  - f. Suture instrument and supplies
  - g. Traction equipment, including hanging weights and finger traps
2. Eye/ENT
  - a. Eye chart
  - b. Ophthalmic tonometry device (applanation, Schiötz, or other)
  - c. Other ophthalmic supplies as indicated, including eye spud, rust ring remover, cobalt blue light

- d. Slit lamp
  - e. Ear irrigation and cerumen removal equipment
  - f. Epistaxis instrument and supplies, including balloon posterior packs Frazier suction tips
  - g. Headlight
  - h. Laryngoscopic mirror
  - i. Plastic suture instruments and supplies
3. OB-GYN
- a. Fetal Doppler and ultrasound equipment
  - b. Obstetrics/Gynecology examination light
  - c. Vaginal specula in pediatric through adult sizes
  - d. Sexual assault evidence-collection kits (as appropriate)
  - e. Suture material

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Rule 41.83.11. **Required Pharmacological/Therapeutic drugs for PFED.** These classes of drugs and agents are required. The medical director of the PFED, representatives of the medical staff, and the director of the pharmacy shall develop a formulary of specific agents for use in the PFED.

- 1. Analgesics
  - a. narcotic and non-narcotic
- 2. Anesthetics
  - a. topical, infiltrative, general
- 3. Anticonvulsants
- 4. Antidiabetic agents
- 5. Antidotes
- 6. Antihistamines
- 7. Anti-infective agents

- a. systemic/topical
- 8. Anti-inflammatories
  - a. steroidal/non-steroidal
- 9. Anti-platelets
- 10. Aspirin
- 11. Plavix
- 12. Heparin
- 13. Bicarbonates
- 14. Blood Modifiers
- 15. Anticoagulants to include thrombolytics
- 16. Anticoagulants
- 17. Hemostatics
  - a. systemic
  - b. topical
  - c. plasma expanders/ extenders
- 18. Burn Preparations
- 19. Cardiovascular agents
  - a. Ace inhibitors
  - b. Adernergic blockers
  - c. Adernergic stimulants
  - d. Alpha/Beta blockers
  - e. Antiarrhythmia agents
  - f. Calcium channel blockers
  - g. Digoxin antagonist
  - h. Diuretics

- i. Vasodilators
- j. Vasopressors
- 20. Cholinesterase Inhibitors
- 21. Diagnostic agents
  - a. Blood contents
  - b. Stool contents
  - c. Testing for myasthenia gravis
  - d. Urine contents
- 22. Electrolytes
  - a. Cation exchange resin
  - b. Electrolyte replacements, parenteral and oral
  - c. Fluid replacement solutions
- 23. Gastrointestinal agents
  - a. Antacids
  - b. Anti-diarrheals
  - c. Emetics and Anti-emetics
  - d. Anti-flatulent
  - e. Anti-spasmodics
  - f. Bowel evacuants/laxatives
  - g. Histamine receptor antagonists
  - h. Proton pump inhibitors
- 24. Glucose elevating agents
- 25. Hormonal agents
- 26. Hypocalcemia and hypercalcemia management agents
- 27. Lubricants

28. Migraine preparations
29. Muscle relaxants
30. Narcotic antagonist
31. Nasal preparation
32. Ophthalmologic preparations
33. Otic preparations
34. Oxytocics
35. Pain Medications
36. Psychotherapeutic agents
37. Respiratory agents
  - a. Antitussives
  - b. Brochodilators
  - c. Decongestants
  - d. Leukotriene antagonist
38. Rho(D) immune globulin
39. Salicylates
40. Sedatives and Hypnotics
41. Thrombolytics
42. Vaccinations
43. Vitamins and minerals

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Rule 41.83.12. **RADIOLOGIC, IMAGING, AND OTHER DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES.** The specific services available and the timeliness of availability of these services for emergency patients in PFED should be determined by the medical director of the PFED in collaboration with the directors of the diagnostic services and other appropriate individuals.

1. **The following should be readily available 24 hours a day for emergency patients:**
  - a. Standard radiologic studies of bony and soft-tissue structures including, but not limited to:
    - i. Cross-table lateral views of spine with full series to follow
    - ii. Portable chest radiographs for acutely ill patients and for verification of placement of endotracheal tube, central line, or chest tube
    - iii. Soft-tissue views of the neck
    - iv. Soft-tissue views of subcutaneous tissues to rule out the presence of foreign body
    - v. Standard chest radiographs, abdominal series, etc
  - b. Pulmonary services
    - i. Arterial blood gas determination
    - ii. Peak flow determination
    - iii. Pulse oximetry
  - c. Fetal monitoring (nonstress test)/uterine monitoring
  - d. Cardiovascular services
    - i. Doppler studies
    - ii. 12-Lead ECGs and rhythm strips
  - e. Emergency ultrasound services for the diagnosis of obstetric/gynecologic, cardiac and hemodynamic problems and other urgent conditions.
2. **The following services shall be available on an urgent basis, provided by staff in the Affiliated Hospital or by staff to be called in to respond within a reasonable period of time:**
  - a. Nuclear medicine
    - i. Ventilation-perfusion lungs scans
    - ii. Other scintigraphy for trauma and other conditions
  - b. Radiographic

- i. Arteriography/venography
  - ii. Computed tomography
  - iii. Dye-contrast studies (intravenous pyelography, gastrointestinal contrast, etc)
- c. Vascular/flow studies including impedance plethysmography

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Rule 41.83.13. **REQUIRED LABORATORY CAPABILITIES.** The medical director of the PFED and the director of laboratory services shall develop guidelines for availability and timeliness of services for the PFED. The following laboratory capabilities are required for the PFED. This list may not be comprehensive or complete.

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  - a. Bank products availability
  - b. Type and cross-matching capabilities
2. Chemistry
  - a. Ammonia
  - b. Amylase
  - c. Anticonvulsant and other therapeutic drug levels
  - d. Arterial blood gases
  - e. Bilirubin (total and direct)
  - f. Calcium
  - g. Carboxyhemoglobin
  - h. Cardiac isoenzymes (including creatine kinase- MB)
  - i. Chloride (blood and cerebrospinal fluid [CSF])
  - j. Creatinine
  - k. Electrolytes
  - l. Ethanol

- m. Glucose (blood and CSF)
  - n. Liver-function enzymes (ALT, AST, alkaline phosphatase)
  - o. Methemoglobin
  - p. Osmolality
  - q. Protein (CSF)
  - r. Serum magnesium
  - s. Urea nitrogen
3. Hematology
- a. Cell count and differential (blood, CSF, and joint fluid analysis)
  - b. Coagulation studies
  - c. Erythrocyte sedimentation rate
  - d. Platelet count
  - e. Reticulocyte count
  - f. Sickle cell prep
4. Microbiology
- a. Acid fast smear/staining
  - b. Chlamydia testing
  - c. Counter immune electrophoresis for bacterial identification
  - d. Gram staining and culture/sensitivities
  - e. Herpes testing
  - f. Strep screening
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5. Other
- a. Hepatitis screening

- b. HIV screening
- c. Prothrombin Time (PT)/International Normalized Ratio (INR), Partial Thromboplastin Time (PTT)
  - i. D-dimer
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  - b. Closed-chest drainage device
  - c. Chest tube instruments and supplies
  - d. Emergency thoracotomy instruments and supplies
  - e. End-tidal CO<sub>2</sub> monitor<sup>18</sup>
  - f. Nebulizer
  - g. Peak flow meter

- h. Pulse oximetry
  - i. Volume cycle ventilator
7. Circulation
- a. Automatic physiological monitor, noninvasive
  - b. Blood/fluid infusion pumps and tubing
  - c. Blood/fluid warmers
  - d. Cardiac compression board
  - e. Central venous catheter setups/kits
  - f. Central venous pressure monitoring equipment
  - g. Cutdown instruments and supplies
  - h. Intraosseous needles
  - i. IV catheters, sets, tubing, poles
  - j. Monitor/defibrillator with pediatric paddles, internal paddles, appropriate pads and other supplies Pericardiocentesis instruments
  - k. Temporary external pacemaker
  - l. Transvenous and/or transthoracic pacemaker setup and supplies
  - m. 12-Lead ECG machine

*SOURCE: Miss. Code Ann. §41-9-17*

**Rule 41.83.9. Trauma and miscellaneous resuscitation shall include:**

- 1. Blood salvage/autotransfusion device
- 2. Emergency obstetric instruments and supplies
- 3. Hypothermia thermometer
- 4. Infant warming equipment
- 5. Peritoneal lavage instruments and supplies
- 6. Pneumatic antishock garment, as indicated

7. Spine stabilization equipment to include cervical collars, short and long boards
8. Warming/cooling blanket

SOURCE: Miss. Code Ann. §41-9-17

Rule 41.83.10. **Other Special Rooms.** All items listed for general examination rooms plus:

1. Orthopedic
  - a. Cast cutter
  - b. Cast and splint application supplies and equipment Cast spreader
  - c. Crutches
  - d. Extremity-splinting devices including traction splinting and fixation pins/wires and corresponding instruments and supplies
  - e. Halo traction or Gardner-Wells/Trippe-Wells traction Radiograph view and hot light
  - f. Suture instrument and supplies
  - g. Traction equipment, including hanging weights and finger traps
2. Eye/ENT
  - a. Eye chart
  - b. Ophthalmic tonometry device (applanation, Schiottz, or other)
  - c. Other ophthalmic supplies as indicated, including eye spud, rust ring remover, cobalt blue light
  - d. Slit lamp
  - e. Ear irrigation and cerumen removal equipment
  - f. Epistaxis instrument and supplies, including balloon posterior packs Frazier suction tips
  - g. Headlight
  - h. Laryngoscopic mirror
  - i. Plastic suture instruments and supplies
3. OB-GYN

- a. Fetal Doppler and ultrasound equipment
- b. Obstetrics/Gynecology examination light
- c. Vaginal specula in pediatric through adult sizes
- d. Sexual assault evidence-collection kits (as appropriate)
- e. Suture material

SOURCE: Miss. Code Ann. §41-9-17

**Rule 41.83.11. Required Pharmacological/Therapeutic drugs for PFED.** These classes of drugs and agents are required. The medical director of the PFED, representatives of the medical staff, and the director of the pharmacy shall develop a formulary of specific agents for use in the PFED.

- 1. Analgesics
  - a. narcotic and non-narcotic
- 2. Anesthetics
  - a. topical, infiltrative, general
- 3. Anticonvulsants
- 4. Antidiabetic agents
- 5. Antidotes
- 6. Antihistamines
- 7. Anti-infective agents
  - a. systemic/topical
- 8. Anti-inflammatories
  - a. steroidal/non-steroidal
- 9. Anti-platelets
- 10. Aspirin
- 11. Plavix
- 12. Heparin

- 13. Bicarbonates
- 14. Blood Modifiers
- 15. Anticoagulants to include thrombolytics
- 16. Anticoagulants
- 17. Hemostatics
  - a. systemic
  - b. topical
  - c. plasma expanders/ extenders
- 18. Burn Preparations
- 19. Cardiovascular agents
  - a. Ace inhibitors
  - b. Adernergic blockers
  - c. Adernergic stimulants
  - d. Alpha/Beta blockers
  - e. Antiarrhythmia agents
  - f. Calcium channel blockers
  - g. Digoxin antagonist
  - h. Diuretics
  - i. Vasodilators
  - j. Vasopressors
- 20. Cholinesterase Inhibitors
- 21. Diagnostic agents
  - a. Blood contents
  - b. Stool contents
  - c. Testing for myasthenia gravis

d. Urine contents

22. Electrolytes

a. Cation exchange resin

b. Electrolyte replacements, parenteral and oral

c. Fluid replacement solutions

23. Gastrointestinal agents

a. Antacids

b. Anti-diarrheals

c. Emetics and Anti-emetics

d. Anti-flatulent

e. Anti-spasmodics

f. Bowel evacuants/laxatives

g. Histamine receptor antagonists

h. Proton pump inhibitors

24. Glucose elevating agents

25. Hormonal agents

26. Hypocalcemia and hypercalcemia management agents

27. Lubricants

28. Migraine preparations

29. Muscle relaxants

30. Narcotic antagonist

31. Nasal preparation

32. Ophthalmologic preparations

33. Otic preparations

34. Oxytocics

- 35. Pain Medications
- 36. Psychotherapeutic agents
- 37. Respiratory agents
  - a. Antitussives
  - b. Brochodilators
  - c. Decongestants
  - d. Leukotriene antagonist
- 38. Rho(D) immune globulin
- 39. Salicylates
- 40. Sedatives and Hypnotics
- 41. Thrombolytics
- 42. Vaccinations
- 43. Vitamins and minerals

*SOURCE: Miss. Code Ann. §41-9-17*

Rule 41.83.12. **RADIOLOGIC, IMAGING, AND OTHER DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES.** The specific services available and the timeliness of availability of these services for emergency patients in PFED should be determined by the medical director of the PFED in collaboration with the directors of the diagnostic services and other appropriate individuals.

- 1. **The following should be readily available 24 hours a day for emergency patients:**
  - a. Standard radiologic studies of bony and soft-tissue structures including, but not limited to:
    - i. Cross-table lateral views of spine with full series to follow
    - ii. Portable chest radiographs for acutely ill patients and for verification of placement of endotracheal tube, central line, or chest tube
    - iii. Soft-tissue views of the neck

- iv. Soft-tissue views of subcutaneous tissues to rule out the presence of foreign body
  - v. Standard chest radiographs, abdominal series, etc
  - b. Pulmonary services
    - i. Arterial blood gas determination
    - ii. Peak flow determination
    - iii. Pulse oximetry
  - c. Fetal monitoring (nonstress test)/uterine monitoring
  - d. Cardiovascular services
    - i. Doppler studies
    - ii. 12-Lead ECGs and rhythm strips
  - e. Emergency ultrasound services for the diagnosis of obstetric/gynecologic, cardiac and hemodynamic problems and other urgent conditions.
2. **The following services shall be available on an urgent basis, provided by staff in the Affiliated Hospital or by staff to be called in to respond within a reasonable period of time:**
- a. Nuclear medicine
    - i. Ventilation-perfusion lungs scans
    - ii. Other scintigraphy for trauma and other conditions
  - b. Radiographic
    - i. Arteriography/venography
    - ii. Computed tomography
    - iii. Dye-contrast studies (intravenous pyelography, gastrointestinal contrast, etc)
  - c. Vascular/flow studies including impedance plethysmography

SOURCE: Miss. Code Ann. §41-9-17

Rule 41.83.13. **REQUIRED LABORATORY CAPABILITIES.** The medical director of the PFED and the director of laboratory services shall develop guidelines for

availability and timeliness of services for the PFED. The following laboratory capabilities are required for the PFED. This list may not be comprehensive or complete.

1. Blood bank

- a. Bank products availability
- b. Type and cross-matching capabilities

2. Chemistry

- a. Ammonia
- b. Amylase
- c. Anticonvulsant and other therapeutic drug levels
- d. Arterial blood gases
- e. Bilirubin (total and direct)
- f. Calcium
- g. Carboxyhemoglobin
- h. Cardiac isoenzymes (including creatine kinase- MB)
- i. Chloride (blood and cerebrospinal fluid [CSF])
- j. Creatinine
- k. Electrolytes
- l. Ethanol
- m. Glucose (blood and CSF)
- n. Liver-function enzymes (ALT, AST, alkaline phosphatase)
- o. Methemoglobin
- p. Osmolality
- q. Protein (CSF)
- r. Serum magnesium
- s. Urea nitrogen

### 3. Hematology

- a. Cell count and differential (blood, CSF, and joint fluid analysis)
- b. Coagulation studies
- c. Erythrocyte sedimentation rate
- d. Platelet count
- e. Reticulocyte count
- f. Sickle cell prep

### 4. Microbiology

- a. Acid fast smear/staining
- b. Chlamydia testing
- c. Counter immune electrophoresis for bacterial identification
- d. Gram staining and culture/sensitivities
- e. Herpes testing
- f. Strep screening
- g. Viral culture
- h. Wright stain

### 5. Other

- a. Hepatitis screening
- b. HIV screening
- c. Prothrombin Time (PT)/International Normalized Ratio (INR), Partial Thromboplastin Time (PTT)
  - ii. D-dimer
- d. Joint fluid and CSF analysis
- e. Toxicology screening and drug levels
- f. Urinalysis

- g. Mononucleosis spot
- h. Serology (syphilis, recombinant, immunoassay)
- i. Pregnancy testing (qualitative and quantitative)

SOURCE: Miss. Code Ann. §41-9-17

Rule 41.83.14. **Transfer of Unstable Patients from PFED to Acute Care Hospital.** Once the patient is determined to require a higher level of care than can be provided at the PFED, Physician shall immediately contact the designated EMS for transport. If the EMS is based on site the transport team will be notified immediately. The Physician will stabilize the emergency medical condition and determine the transfer destination based on the specialized capabilities of facilities that are offered at local hospitals. If the destination hospital is the affiliated PFED facility all procedures and protocols for acutely ill patients will be implemented before departure from the PFED. Such conditions would include, but not limited to, STEMI, acute ischemic stroke and Cardiac Arrests. All electronic medical records and any diagnostic test results will be transported with the patient to the receiving facility. Goal transport time should be <30 minutes. Should a patient meeting trauma system activation requirements arrive at the PFED the PFED will transfer the patient in accordance with the state Trauma Plan.

SOURCE: Miss. Code Ann. §41-9-17