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## **Checklist for: Basic Life Support Service**

### **Requirements on the vehicle**

- ❖ The vehicle must be modified, adapted and configured to resemble an ambulance enabling the accommodation of at least one stretcher patient.
- ❖ The vehicle must be registered as an "Ambulance" with the relevant authorities according to existing Acts, ordinances or regulations.
- ❖ The vehicle must be clearly marked as an Ambulance on the front and rear with a sign which shall be a minimum of 600mm x 150mm.
- ❖ Red warning lights and sirens must be attached to the registered ambulance.
- ❖ The vehicle must be fitted with radio or telephonic communication so as to provide continuous communication with ambulance control room.
- ❖ The vehicle must be fitted with an in date fire extinguisher.

### **Personnel for Basic Life Support Ambulance**

**Please Note: All personnel must be in the full time employ of the service.**

The Owner/Manager of the service must be involved in the service on a full time capacity, and with a minimum qualification of a registered AEA, (for BAA supervision).

### **Care Training**

A minimum of two persons, both registered with the HPCSA as Basic Ambulance Assistants and Ambulance Emergency Assistants, shall staff the Basic Life Support ambulance. The driver must have a valid appropriate driver's license for the specific type of vehicle being manned, and a valid professional driver's permit.

The ambulance crew must be dressed in an appropriate uniform.

### **EQUIPMENT:**

#### **Airway Equipment:**

- ❖ 2 x Oropharyngeal airway No. 00
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- ❖ 2 x *Oropharyngeal airway No. 1*
- ❖ 2 x Oropharyngeal airway No. 2
- ❖ 2 x Oropharyngeal airway No. 3
- ❖ Range of hard and soft suction catheters
- ❖ 2 x Neonatal suction catheters No. 5
- ❖ 2 x Neonatal suction catheters No 8
- ❖ 1 x Suction apparatus (hand, foot or battery operated)

SERVING MEDICAL SCHEME MEMBERS



DIRECTORS: Executive K Mothudi (Managing), Non-Executive: A Hamdulay (Chairman), A Fourie-Van Zyl, G Goolab, I Isdale, Y Mabule, O Mahanjana, V Memela, H Nhlapo, C Raftopoulos, S Sanyanga (Zimbabwe), H Stephens, C Schafer (Namibia), T Moumakwa (Botswana), N Nyathi, M Mahlaba, M Bayley, SA Matsoso (Lesotho).

- ❖ 1 x Stethoscope

### **Breathing / Ventilation Equipment:**

- ❖ 4 x Adult oxygen masks providing 40% inhaled oxygen with tubing
- ❖ 2 x Adult oxygen nebuliser masks
- ❖ 2 x Nasal cannula with tubing
- ❖ 2 x Paediatric oxygen masks providing 40% inhaled oxygen with tubing
- ❖ 2 x Paediatric oxygen nebuliser masks
- ❖ 1 x Adult Bag-Valve-Mask with Reservoir and range of masks
- ❖ 1 x Paediatric Bag-Valve-Mask with Reservoir and range of masks
- ❖ Oxygen supply, providing 30 minutes of oxygen at 15 litres per minute minimum
- ❖ 1 x fixed 10-litre oxygen cylinder and gauge in working order
- ❖ 1 x portable 2-litre oxygen cylinder and gauge in working order

### **Diagnostic / Therapeutic Equipment:**

- ❖ 1 x Sphygmomanometer with adult cuff
- ❖ 1 x Pupil torch
- ❖ 1 x Glucometer and blood glucose monitoring strips
- ❖ 1 x Pulse Oximeter

### **Miscellaneous Disposable Equipment:**

- ❖ Disposable gloves (various sizes)
- ❖ 1 x Wound dressing 254mm x 762mm
- ❖ 5 x Wound dressings 100mm x 100mm
- ❖ 5 x trauma dressings 100mm x 200mm
- ❖ 70 x Gauze swabs
- ❖ 2 x rolls Adhesive tape
- ❖ 3 x 75mm elasticised bandages
- ❖ 2 x 100mm elasticised bandages
- ❖ 1 x Maternity pack
- ❖ Regurgitation bags or receiver
- ❖ 1 x Space blanket

### **Drugs and Drug Therapy Equipment**

(Drugs according to the HPCSA scope of practice for Basic Ambulance Attendants)

- ❖ Activated Charcoal
- ❖ 25ml x Glucose powder or gel
- ❖ 1 x Etonox
- ❖ Range of syringes and needles

### **Transport and Immobilization Equipment**

- ❖ Full set of Cervical collars

- ❖ 1 x Long spine board or equivalent with straps
- ❖ 1 x Kendrick Extrication Device
- ❖ 1 x Scoop stretcher
- ❖ 1 x set Head Blocks
- ❖ 1 x Spider harness
- ❖ 1 x lower extremity traction splint (Trac 3, Thomas Tarangula, etc)
- ❖ 6 x Long splints - leg} i.e. rigid support material e.g. Cardboard, metal, vacuum, wood, plastic etc.
- ❖ 4 x Short splints - arm} i.e. rigid support material e.g. Cardboard, metal, vacuum, wood, plastic etc.
- ❖ Ambulance stretcher with straps and mattresses with body elevation facility with appropriate fixation device.

### **Other**

- ❖ 1 x Blanket, sheet and pillow
- ❖ 1 x Bedpan/urinal
- ❖ Waste disposal facility and sharps container
- ❖ 1 x Water bottle
- ❖ Casebook or patient record sheet.
- ❖ 1 x pair Scissors

### **Declaration**

I declare that I understand and comply with the minimum requirements as indicated by me on the attached checklist.

I agree that, should it come to the attention of BHF that these norms and standards are not being complied with, that a random inspection will be carried out on this service with my full co-operation.

Should the inspection reveal that the norms and standards have not been complied with, I agree to pay the costs of the inspection. Should the service be found, upon inspection, to be compliant with the said minimum requirements, BHF will pay the costs of the inspection.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (owner): \_\_\_\_\_

Practice No: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Ambulance Service: \_\_\_\_\_