

**304.17A-640 Definitions for KRS 304.17A-640 et seq.**

For purposes of KRS 304.17A-640, 304.17A-641, 304.17A-643, 304.17A-645, and 304.17A-647, "emergency medical condition" means:

- (1) A medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity, including severe pain, that a prudent layperson would reasonably have cause to believe constitutes a condition that the absence of immediate medical attention could reasonably be expected to result in:
  - (a) Placing the health of the individual or, with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of the woman or her unborn child, in serious jeopardy;
  - (b) Serious impairment to bodily functions; or
  - (c) Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part; or
- (2) With respect to a pregnant woman who is having contractions:
  - (a) A situation in which there is inadequate time to effect a safe transfer to another hospital before delivery; or
  - (b) A situation in which transfer may pose a threat to the health or safety of the woman or the unborn child.

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