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1 The Role of a Paramedic

Get ready!

1 Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.

- 1 What is the role of a paramedic?
- 2 How do first responders and hospital staff work together?



PRESS RELEASE:

Spencer County Health is expanding the department of **paramedicine**. This will include a larger team of **first responders**. We believe this is an essential improvement for our county.

Our goal is to raise our level of **pre-hospital** care. Currently, our **EMS** and **hospitals** have poorly **coordinated** procedures. And that's not good for **patients**. Of course, our ambulance operators **transport** patients to the hospital. However, many do not have the training to give expert **treatment**. Better education will improve the quality of **health care** throughout the county. Additionally, it will reduce the strain on local **ERs**.

The expansion program will begin later this month.

Reading

2 Read the press release. Then, choose the correct answers.

- 1 What is the main idea of the passage?
 - A changes in an EMS department
 - B new laws that affect ambulance operators
 - C the construction of a new hospital
 - D a training program for ER workers

- 2 According to the passage, what is NOT a current problem with the county's health care?
 - A The team of first responders is too small.
 - B There is no department of paramedicine.
 - C The hospitals and EMS teams are poorly coordinated.
 - D Local emergency rooms are under strain.

- 3 How will the program improve health care in the county?
 - A It will lower the cost of health care for patients.
 - B It will increase the number of hospitals.
 - C It will offer better training for first responders.
 - D It will provide new equipment for local ERs.

Vocabulary

3 Match the words or phrases (1-5) with the definitions (A-E).

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|------------------|----------------------|
| 1 __ ER | 4 __ paramedicine |
| 2 __ transport | 5 __ first responder |
| 3 __ health care | |

- A someone who is called to assist immediately at emergency situations
- B the overall system of treating illnesses and injuries
- C a place within a hospital that handles urgent health care situations
- D to move something from one location to another
- E a branch of medicine that is practiced by people who are not physicians