

## Credentialing of Paramedics/Critical Care Technicians by STREMAC within the Paramedic Services of the STREMS Region

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### I. Overview

The four Paramedic Services of the STREMS Region have identified the need to credential their employees who are certified at the level of Paramedic/Critical Care Technician. The intention of credentialing is to ensure Paramedics/Critical Care Technicians remain familiar and competent with regional treatment protocols, policy and procedures, maintain a basic level of competence of treatment skills, and offer a service medical director an avenue to monitor the employees who treat patients under his/her license to practice medicine.

### II. Procedure

Paramedics/Critical Care Technicians who are credentialed by STREMAC must maintain a set of minimum standards. The standards are broken into four parts:

1. Education
2. **Skills** Maintenance/Verification
3. Service Medical Director/Service Administration Specific Requirements
4. Professional Conduct

Paramedics/Critical Care Technicians who maintain the minimum set of standards will be listed as **Active Status**. Paramedics/Critical Care Technicians who do not maintain the minimum set of standards, are removed from active status. Paramedic/Critical Care Technician may request to be removed from active status and will be assigned as **Inactive Status**.

The Service Medical Director or a 2/3 majority vote by STREMAC will place a Paramedic/Critical Care Technician on inactive status. Reasons to be placed on inactive status are as follows but not limited to:

1. Negligence
2. Misconduct
3. Repeated failure of Treatment Skills
4. Failure to Meet Educational Requirements
5. Failure to meet Skills Maintenance/Verification requirements.
6. Failure to meet the standards of the Service Medical Director.

The procedure to reinstate a Paramedic/Critical Care Technician to Active status relies with the Service Medical Director (SMD). The SMD must insure that the Paramedic has met the minimum requirements prior to reinstating the Paramedic to active status. The SMD may take additional measures to satisfy himself/herself that the paramedic is capable of providing care to the public under his/her license to practice medicine. The SMD also has the option of not allowing a paramedic to return to active status under his/her license to practice medicine.

### III. Standards

As stated above the standards are broken into four specific criteria. The criteria are as follows.

#### A. Education

Paramedics/Critical Care Technicians credentialed are required to maintain a current certification card as listed below. They must also attend, required protocol updates. Paramedics/Critical Care Technicians must also attend any Regional in-service that has been unanimously approved by the STREMAC.

- i. NYS EMT-Paramedic Certification
- ii. AHA ACLS (or DOH Approved equivalent)
- iii. AHA PALS (or DOH Approved equivalent)
- iv. CPR

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#### B. Skills Maintenance / Verification

Paramedics/Critical Care Technicians must be able to perform proficiently all skills required by STREMS protocol and Service Medical Director requirements. The paramedic must exhibit proficiency of these skills on a yearly basis.

- i. Intubation  
Adult (oral/ \* nasal)                      \* Nasal – Paramedic only  
Pediatric
- ii. IV Access  
Peripheral  
\* External Jugular                      \* Paramedic only
- iii. Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator Competence  
Rhythm Interpretation  
Defibrillation (unsynchronized/synchronized)  
External Pacing  
12 Lead EKG acquisition
- iv. Medication Proficiency
- v. IO Insertion
- vi. Needle Cricothyrotomy / TTJ I                      \*Paramedic
- vii. Needle Thoracostomy                      \*Paramedic
- viii. BVM skills
- ix. KED / LBB / TX Splint
- x. All other random BLS skills.

#### C. Service Medical Director Requirements

The Service Medical Director has the authority to place additional requirements on the Paramedic that provides care under his/her license to practice medicine. These requirements may include but are not limited to:

- i. Additional Treatment Skills
- ii. Regional In-services
- iii. Education/Training (ex. BTLS)
- iv. Additional Medication Knowledge

### IV. Records Maintenance

All records generated by a service regarding the credentialing, maintenance of Active status, removal from Active status, remedial training, reinstatement proceedings, and correspondence regarding credentialed status must be maintained by the STREMAC.

Services may elect to maintain their records in house, and provide yearly reports to the STREMAC. These records are to be considered confidential and not available for public disclosure. Access shall be limited to the Service Medical Director, Service Administration, the Paramedic/Critical Care Technician, and an appointed member of STREMAC.

V. STREMAC Responsibilities

STREMAC is responsible to maintain a program that allows each Paramedic/Critical Care Technician to maintain his/her credentialed status. In the event that the STREMAC board places a Paramedic/Critical Care Technician on inactive status, they must contact through certified mail the provider, agency CEO, and the agency Medical Director. Included in this notification must include the date the provider was placed on inactive status and the reason why.

VI. Service Medical Director Responsibilities

The Service Medical Director is responsible to insure that all paramedics under his/her license maintain the standards set forth by him/her. The SMD will address any issues regarding the credentialed status of a paramedic within a timely basis and report all finding of investigations or inquiries to the service and STREMAC. It rest with the service Medical Director to reinstate after remedial training any Paramedic/Critical Care Technician to active status.

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