
PROPOSALS

AGENCY: **16-163** - Department of Public Safety (DPS), **Maine Emergency Medical Services (Maine EMS)**

CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: **Ch. 19**. Community Paramedicine

PROPOSED RULE NUMBER: **2019-P092**

BRIEF SUMMARY: This rule is intended to establish guidelines under which the Emergency Medical Services Board may issue a Community Paramedicine designation to an entity that is applying for such a designation under 32 MRS ch. 2-B §84(4):

Establishment of community paramedicine services. *The board may establish community paramedicine services. As used in this subsection, "community paramedicine" means the practice by an emergency medical services provider primarily in an out-of-hospital setting of providing episodic patient evaluation, advice and treatment directed at preventing or improving a particular medical condition, within the scope of practice of the emergency medical services provider as specifically requested or directed by a physician.*

The board shall establish by rule the requirements and application and approval process of community paramedicine services established pursuant to this subsection. At a minimum, an emergency medical services provider, including, but not limited to, an ambulance service or nontransporting emergency medical service, that conducts community paramedicine services shall work with an identified primary care medical director, have an emergency medical services medical director and collect and submit data and written reports to the board, in accordance with requirements established by the board. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

DETAILED SUMMARY:

16 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

163 BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (MAINE EMS)

CHAPTER 19: Community Paramedicine

§1. Definitions

1. ***Community Paramedicine***” means the practice by an emergency medical services provider primarily in an out-of-hospital setting of providing episodic patient evaluation, advice, and treatment directed at preventing or improving a particular medical condition, within the scope of practice of the emergency medical services provider as specifically requested or directed by a physician pursuant to 32 M.R.S. §84(4).

§2. How to Apply

1. To obtain a new or renewed Community Paramedicine designation an emergency medical services provider, including but not limited to an ambulance service or non-transporting emergency medical service, must apply to Maine EMS for approval. In order to obtain this designation, the provider must:

- A. Apply on forms available from Maine EMS;
- B. Provide a description of the intended Community Paramedicine plan to be approved by the Board or Maine EMS staff;

C. Have a quality assurance and quality improvement plan that directly addresses Community Paramedicine;

D. Identify a primary care medical director with whom it plans to work; and

E. Demonstrate to Maine EMS that it has designated an emergency medical services medical director.

2. Once an application for a new or renewed Community Paramedicine designation has been accepted as complete by Maine EMS, Maine EMS shall grant, refuse, or conditionally grant the designation with 70 days.

3. All designations will be issued with an expiration date of November 30.

§3. Scope of Practice

1. A Maine EMS approved Community Paramedicine Provider may provide care consistent with its license level as described in these rules.

§4. Education Requirements

1. A Maine EMS approved Community Paramedicine Provider must ensure training of its staff in line with its proposed Community Paramedicine plan.

§5. Patient Care Report

For each request for service, or for each patient when more than one patient is involved in a call, a Maine-EMS approved Community Paramedicine Provider must complete and submit an electronic Maine EMS patient care report, as specified by Maine EMS, within twenty-four hours from the time it arrived at patient's location.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: The hearing date will be July 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the following locations:

Portland: Region 1, Maine Medical Center, Dana Center Conference Room 3, 22 Bramhall Street

Lewiston: Region 2, Central Maine Medical Center, Conference Room H, 12 High Street

Augusta: Region 3, Maine EMS Office, DeChamplain Conference Room, 45 Commerce Drive

Bangor: Region 4, Eastern Maine Community College, Public Safety Building - Room 102, Hogan Road

Caribou: Region 5, Aroostook County EMA - Conference Room, 158 Sweden Street

Rockland: Region 6, Knox County EMA, 301 Park Street

COMMENT DEADLINE: July 21, 2019

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FINANCIAL IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTIES *(if any)*:

STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULE: 32 MRS ch. 2-B §84(4)

SUBSTANTIVE STATE OR FEDERAL LAW BEING IMPLEMENTED *(if different)*:

MAINE EMS WEBSITE: <https://www.maine.gov/ems/> .

ADOPTIONS
