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.

AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§84(1) & 84(4).

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 7, 2019
This Chapter – which applies to Community Paramedicine services, the application and approval process for community paramedicine services, and the minimum requirements for community paramedicine services, will ensure, that the Board of Emergency Medical Services and the Maine Emergency Medical Services Staff, will be able to issue Community Paramedicine designations to services wishing to provide Community Paramedicine services to Maine residents.