

## 1 16 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

## 2 163 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD (MAINE EMS)

## 3 Chapter 19: COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE

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## 5 SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

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- 7 1. **“Community Paramedicine”** means the practice by an emergency medical services  
8 provider primarily in an out-of-hospital setting of providing episodic patient evaluation,  
9 advice, and treatment directed at preventing or improving a particular medical condition  
10 within the scope of practice of the emergency medical services provider as specifically  
11 requested or directed by a physician.  
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- 13 2. **“Episodic”** means an encounter with a patient focused on presenting concerns and an  
14 identified medical condition in which neither the community paramedic nor the patient  
15 has the expectation of an ongoing general home care relationship;"  
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- 17 3. **“Formulary”** means a list of substances that may and may not be administered, and the  
18 routes available for their administration in the context of Community Paramedicine.  
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- 20 4. **“Community Paramedicine Affiliate”** means an emergency medical services person with  
21 active, unrestricted licensure, at minimum at the EMT level, who is licensed by the Board  
22 to provide community paramedicine according to the affiliate-level scope-of-practice, this  
23 chapter of rules, and the scope of practice to which they are otherwise licensed by the  
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- 26 5. **“Community Paramedicine Technician”** means an emergency medical services person  
27 with active, unrestricted licensure, at minimum at the AEMT level, who is licensed by the  
28 Board to provide community paramedicine according to the affiliate-level scope-of-  
29 practice, this chapter of rules, and the scope of practice to which they are otherwise  
30 licensed by the Board.  
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- 32 6. **“Community Paramedic”** means an emergency medical services person with active,  
33 unrestricted licensure, at minimum at the Paramedic level, who is licensed by the Board  
34 to provide community paramedicine according to the affiliate-level scope-of-practice, this  
35 chapter of rules, and the scope of practice to which they are otherwise licensed by the  
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- 38 7. **“IBSC”** means the International Board of Specialty Certification.  
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- 40 8. **“CP-C”** means Certified Community Paramedic through the IBSC.

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- 42 9. **“Primary Care Medical Director”** means a physician or a nurse practitioner who has
- 43 completed the required clinical experience pursuant to 32 M.R.S. §2102(2- A), who
- 44 assumes primary responsibility to ensure quality medical care for community
- 45 paramedicine program. A physician assistant may assist in this role under the direct
- 46 supervision of a physician; however, the supervising physician must be identified to
- 47 Maine EMS as the medical director. A Primary Care Medical Director must be licensed
- 48 and practicing in a primary care capacity within the State of Maine.
- 49 10. **“Business Records”** means any document or record associated with doing business in
- 50 the State of Maine, including, but not limited to: Insurance documents, office space
- 51 leases, ownership/incorporation documents, business bank records, municipal permits or
- 52 approvals, infectious waste agreements, business policies/procedures, and personnel files.
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54 **SECTION 2. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE PERSONNEL CONDITIONAL**

55 **LICENSURE**

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57 1. Conditional Licensure

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- 59 A. Any person licensed in Maine to provide emergency medical treatment and who
- 60 actively practiced community paramedicine prior to July 1, 2024, may be eligible to
- 61 apply for conditional licensure. Applicants must demonstrate the following:
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- 63 (1) Active community paramedicine practice in the State of Maine prior to July 1,
- 64 2024, as evidenced by a minimum of 10 community paramedicine patient care
- 65 reports in the Maine EMS and Fire Incident Reporting System, completed within
- 66 the past year.
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- 68 (2) Proof of initial education received and completion of a Maine EMS evaluation of
- 69 said education:
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- 71 (a) The education received must relate to the provision of Community
- 72 Paramedicine.
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- 74 (3) Proof of eight (8) hours of continued education related to community
- 75 paramedicine.
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- 77 2. Those conditionally licensed under this subsection, may only provide community
- 78 paramedicine according to the scope of practice for the level of licensure they are
- 79 licensed at per Chapter 5 §2.
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82 **SECTION 3. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE PERSONNEL LICENSURE LEVELS**

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84 1. Community Paramedicine Personnel Licenses are issued for the following levels of care  
85 in ascending order. To be eligible to receive licensure , an applicant must meet the  
86 standards as defined below:

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88 A. Community Paramedicine Affiliate

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90 (1) Current active and unrestricted licensure as an EMT, AEMT, or Paramedic.

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92 B. Community Paramedicine Technician

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94 (1) Current active and unrestricted licensure as an AEMT or Paramedic.

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96 C. Community Paramedic

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98 (1) Current active and unrestricted licensure as a Paramedic

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100 (2) CP-C Certificate from the IBSC or an equivalent as judged by Maine EMS.

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103 2. Community Paramedicine Personnel licensed under this chapter are not permitted to  
104 exceed the scope of Community Paramedicine care at their agency's level or permitted  
105 level of licensure.

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107 3. Licensure

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109 A. To obtain and maintain a new or renewed Community Paramedicine license, the  
110 applicant must:

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112 (1) At the time of initial application, be affiliated with a Maine EMS licensed service  
113 approved by the Board to provide Community Paramedicine Services.


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115 (2) At the time of application, the applicant must have held personnel licensure at the  
116 level that makes them eligible for the community paramedicine licensure level for  
117 greater than two years, or one licensure cycle, whichever is greater, and the  
118 applicant must be documented in a caregiver role at the EMT, AEMT, or  
119 Paramedic level on at least 24 electronic patient care reports in the Maine EMS  
120 Fire and Incident Reporting System involving contact with a patient while  
121 licensed at that level.

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123 (3) Possess and maintain active, unrestricted licensure at the level appropriate for the  
124 desired license level:

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- 126 (a) For the Community Paramedicine Affiliate level license, the applicant must  
 127 have an EMT, AEMT, or Paramedic license.  
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- 129 (b) For the Community Paramedicine Technician level license, the applicant must  
 130 have an AEMT or Paramedic level license.  
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- 132 (c) For the Community Paramedic level license, the applicant must have a  
 133 Paramedic license as well as a Board-approved CP-C certificate or an  
 134 equivalent, as determined by the Office of EMS.  
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- 136 (4)  Submit the following to Maine EMS:  
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- 138 (a) A completed Maine EMS Community Paramedicine application provided by  
 139 the Office of Maine EMS that is signed by the applicant.  
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- 141 (b) For initial licensure, the applicant must provide a verifiable copy of a  
 142 transcript showing the successful completion of Maine EMS-approved  
 143 training as described in Maine Community Paramedicine Education  
 144 Standards, dated June 30, 2024, at a level appropriate for the desired level of  
 145 licensure, or education judged as equivalent by Maine EMS, obtained within  
 146 two years of the date of application.  
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- 148 (i) Education should include both didactic instruction and clinical hours.  
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- 150 (c) A Certificate of Completion of State of Maine Mandated Reporter Training.  
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- 152 (d) In the case of an applicant whose Community Paramedicine license is current  
 153 or not expired by more than two years, proof of completion of Board approved  
 154 continuing education hours.  
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- 156 (i) For all levels of licensure, the applicant must submit proof of completion  
 157 of 16 hours of Maine EMS-approved continuing education in community  
 158 paramedicine topics, as specified by Maine EMS, provided that:  
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- 160 1. Certificates of continuing education hours have not been used for a  
 161 previous license renewal and have been earned within their licensure  
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- 164 2. Include a minimum 1 hour of mandated reporter training.  
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- 166 (5) Submit a complete history of any action taken against any emergency medical  
 167 services certification or license or professional certification or license that the  
 168 applicant currently holds or has ever held.

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#### SECTION 4. SCOPE OF PRACTICE

1. The Community Paramedicine scope of practice is considered to be additive to the applicant's primary Maine EMS clinician level of licensure.
2. The scope of practice for the Community Paramedicine Affiliate, Community Paramedicine Technician, and Community Paramedic is defined within the Community Paramedicine Scope of Practice Document, dated December 20, 2022, and which is incorporated by reference. Copies of this document are available at Maine EMS, 152 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0152.

#### SECTION 5. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE FORMULARY

1. The Formulary identifies what medications may or may not be administered following a physician order for a Community Paramedicine provider. The formulary will act as an expansion of existing protocols. The formulary is defined within Community Paramedic or Technician at the Paramedic Level Formulary, dated May 2, 2023, and which is incorporated by reference. Copies of this document are available at Maine EMS, 152 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0152.

#### SECTION 6. EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE

1. A Training Center currently licensed by Maine EMS in accordance with Chapter 8-A, is approved to conduct training programs that qualify an individual for licensure under this chapter.
2. An educational program that qualifies an individual for licensure under this chapter must:
  - A. Test student proficiency and periodically measure student learning;
  - B. Maintain records of student attendance at didactic sessions, practical laboratory requirements, and performance of clinical requirements;
  - C. Provide, by policy, for the removal of a student from the course for unsatisfactory performance; and
  - D. Demonstrate that the program has adequate training space, equipment and other resources to conduct the particular level of instruction.
3. Community Paramedicine Affiliate

- 211 A. Programs qualifying an individual for licensure at the Community Paramedicine  
212 Affiliate level must:  
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214 (1) Consist of a minimum of 32 hours of didactic, hands-on, and clinical rotations  
215 addressing the following topics:  
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217 (a) The social determinants of health model;  
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219 (b) The role of a Community Paramedicine Affiliate in public health and primary  
220 care;  
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222 (c) Developing cultural competency;  
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224 (d) Chronic disease management;  
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226 (e) Recognition and treatment of mental health; and  
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228 (f) Personal safety and wellness of the Community Paramedicine affiliate.  
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230 4. Community Paramedicine Technician

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232 A. Programs qualifying an individual for licensure at the Community Paramedicine  
233 Technician level must:  
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235 (1) Consist of a minimum of 96 hours of didactic, hands-on, and clinical rotations  
236 addressing the following topics:  
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238 (a) The social determinants of health model;  
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240 (b) The role of a Community Paramedicine Technician in public health and  
241 primary care;  
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243 (c) Developing cultural competency;  
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245 (d) Personal safety and wellness of the Community Paramedicine Technician;  
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247 (e) Chronic disease management; and  
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249 (f) Recognition and treatment of mental health.  
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251 5. Community Paramedic  
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253 A. A minimum of 1800 hours of didactic, hands-on, and clinical rotations addressing the  
 254 following topics:

- 255 (1) The social determinants of health model;
- 256 (2) The role of a Community Paramedic in public health and primary care;
- 257 (3) Developing cultural competency;
- 258 (4) Personal safety and wellness of the Community Paramedic;
- 259 (5) Systems of Care;
- 260 (6) Chronic disease management;
- 261 (7) Recognition and treatment of mental health; and
- 262 (8) Pandemic response.

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 272 6. The education standards identify the standards Community Paramedicine education must  
 273 follow. This is inclusive of minimum hours, initial education, and continuing education  
 274 The standards are defined within Maine Community Paramedicine Education Standards,  
 275 dated June 30, 2024, and which is incorporated by reference. Copies of this document are  
 276 available at Maine EMS, 152 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0152.

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 278 **SECTION 7. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE AGENCY DESIGNATION**

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 280 1. Agency Designations will only be valid until November 30, 2025, and will not be issued  
 281 after that date. Following November 30, 2025, agencies will need to obtain a Community  
 282 Paramedicine license as described in section 8 of this Chapter in order to provide  
 283 Community Paramedicine in the State of Maine.
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 285 2. To obtain a new Community Paramedicine designation prior to November 30, 2025, an  
 286 emergency medical services provider, including but not limited to an ambulance service  
 287 or non-transporting emergency medical service, must apply to Maine EMS for approval.  
 288 In order to obtain this designation, the provider must:
  - 289 A. Apply on forms available from the Office of Maine EMS;
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 291 B. Provide a description of the intended Community Paramedicine plan to be approved  
 292 by the Board or Maine EMS staff;
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- 295 C. Provide a quality assurance and quality improvement plan that directly addresses  
296 Community Paramedicine;  
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- 298 D. Identify a primary care medical director with whom it plans to work. The Primary  
299 Care Medical Director may serve as the Service-level medical director. An individual  
300 serving in both capacities must be clearly identified to Maine EMS as fulfilling both  
301 roles; and  
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- 303 E. Demonstrate to Maine EMS that it has designated an emergency medical services  
304 medical director.  
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- 306 3. Once an application for a new Community Paramedicine designation has been accepted  
307 as complete by Maine EMS, Maine EMS shall grant, refuse, or conditionally grant the  
308 designation within 70 days. Applications for a new Community Paramedicine designation  
309 will only be accepted until 70 days before November 30, 2025.  
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- 311 4. All designations will be issued with an expiration date of November 30. Designations  
312 active as of November 30, 2025, will be issued Community Paramedicine licensure at  
313 their level, with an expiration date of November 30, 2026. Designations issued licensure  
314 in this fashion will be required to meet the provisions of section 7 of this rule to renew  
315 their licensure.  
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317 **SECTION 8. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE SERVICE LICENSURE**  
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- 319 1. To obtain a new Community Paramedicine service license, an emergency medical  
320 services provider, including but not limited to an ambulance service or non-transporting  
321 emergency medical service, must apply to Maine EMS for approval. In order for the  
322 application to be considered complete, the applicant must:  
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- 324 A. Apply on forms available from the Office of Maine Maine EMS;  
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- 326 B. Provide a description of the intended Community Paramedicine Plan to be approved  
327 by the Board or the Office of Maine EMS addressing at a minimum:  
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- 329 (1) A training plan  
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- 331 (2) Referral process  
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- 333 (3) Agency-specific protocols  
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- 335 (4) Service Area  
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- 337 (5) Pharmacy Agreements



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- C. Provide 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; the Primary Care Medical Director may serve as the Service-Level Medical Director. An individual serving in both capacities must be clearly identified to Maine EMS as fulfilling both roles.; and
  - E. Demonstrate to Maine EMS that it has designated a Service Level Medical Director.
2. A Community Paramedicine Service licensed under this chapter, is required to have any individual who is providing Community Paramedicine services, complete a background check through the Maine Background Check Center for their Community Paramedicine Personnel and must ensure that their Community Paramedicine Personnel maintain enrollment.
  3. Any licensed service must conduct mandatory reporter training during the onboarding of any Community Paramedicine Personnel, and annually, for anyone providing community paramedicine services or overseeing the program.
  4. Patient Records
    - A. For each request for service, or for each patient when more than one patient is involved, the individual licensed under this chapter who is primarily responsible for providing Community Paramedicine services must complete and submit an electronic Maine EMS patient care report, as specified by Office of Maine EMS, within twenty-four hours from the time they arrived at patient’s location.
  5. Business records
    - A. Business records of the Community Paramedicine Licensed Service shall be kept and retained in a manner consistent with all applicable city, state and federal laws, ordinances and regulations with proper audit trails available. Business records, contracts, and newspaper advertisements will be retained for a minimum of five (5) years.
    - B. A Community Paramedicine Licensed Service must make its records available for inspection at the request of the Maine EMS Office.
    - C. Proof of current licensure of all licensed community paramedicine personnel employed directly by the agency.

381 D. The Community Paramedicine Licensed service shall keep a personnel file for each  
382 community paramedicine personnel employed which shall include, but not be limited  
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- 384 (1) Their application for employment;
- 385 (2) Evidence of current qualifications;
- 386 (3) Evidence of orientation and in-service training; and
- 387 (4) Periodic evaluations.

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393 6. Any licensed service shall work to coordinate and communicate with local Home Health  
394 Agencies, Hospice, other community, and social services, and local ED providers within  
395 the area served. In coordination of services they shall work to avoid any duplication of  
396 services.

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398 7. Once an application for a new Community Paramedicine Service license has been  
399 accepted as complete by Maine EMS, Maine EMS shall grant, refuse, or conditionally  
400 grant the license within 70 days.

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402 8. Any actively licensed Community Paramedicine Agency that wishes to change their  
403 Community Paramedicine Plan approved by the Board and/or the Office of Maine EMS,  
404 must submit a formal request to the Office of Maine EMS prior to effecting those  
405 changes.

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407 A. If the change is deemed a significant change in the scope of work the agency may be  
408 required to submit a new application.

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410 B. If the change is deemed a minor change the agency will just need to submit an  
411 addendum for review by the office. Following review and approval the agency can  
412 implement said change.

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414 9. All Community Paramedicine Agency Licenses will be issued for up to 13 months, with  
415 an expiration date of November 30.

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417 This section of the rule is effective 70 days prior to November 30, 2025.

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419 **SECTION 9. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE SERVICE LICENSURE RENEWAL**

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- 421 1. A service applying for renewal of their Community Paramedicine Service Licensure must
- 422 demonstrate, as specified by the Office of Maine EMS, that they have provided
- 423 Community Paramedicine services at least once (1) within the preceding licensure term.
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- 425 2. Once an application for a renewed Community Paramedicine Service license has been
- 426 accepted as complete by Maine EMS, Maine EMS shall grant, refuse, or conditionally
- 427 grant the license within 70 days.
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- 429 3. To obtain a renewed Community Paramedicine service license, an emergency medical
- 430 services provider, including but not limited to an ambulance service or non-transporting
- 431 emergency medical service, must apply to Maine EMS for approval. In order for an
- 432 application to be considered complete, the applicant must:
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- 434 A. Apply on forms available from the Office of Maine EMS;
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- 436 B. Demonstrate, as required by the Office of Maine EMS, that they continue to meet the
- 437 requirements of Section 7 of this rule.
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**SECTION 10. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE SERVICE REQUIREMENTS**

- 441 1. A service licensed to provide community paramedicine services must ensure its
- 442 employees have received and documented training to the standard within its Community
- 443 Paramedicine Plan prior to those employees providing community paramedicine services.
- 444 Proof of documented training must be provided to Maine EMS upon request.

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446 AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 84(1) & 84(4)

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