



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** All Maine-Licensed EMR, EMT, and AEMT Clinicians  
**From:** Maine EMS  
**Date:** November 29, 2021  
**Subject:** Application Period for BLS EMS Clinician Position on MDPB

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Effective today, Maine EMS is advertising the application period for the BLS EMS clinician position on the Medical Direction and Practices Board. The deadline to submit applications is **23:59 (11:59 PM) on Monday, December 20, 2021.**

Maine EMS highly encourages BLS clinicians to apply, and would like to clarify that this position is open to:

- EMRs;
- EMTs; and
- AEMTs

BLS providers make up the **largest percentage of EMS clinicians** in the state of Maine. Having a position on the MDPB is a significant opportunity to ensure the BLS voice is heard.

The MDPB is responsible for creation, adoption, and maintenance of EMS protocols -- including BLS protocols. Representing the BLS provider perspective is an opportunity to grow as a provider by contributing to the growth and progress of EMS in Maine at a level that reaches beyond the service you work for.

If you are a BLS clinician who agrees that EMRs, EMTs, and AEMTs “should have more of a voice,” in EMS in Maine, then this is your opportunity to contribute that voice.

This position is also being announced on social media such as Facebook and the Maine EMS website. See below for position description, qualifications, and application process. You may also visit the Maine EMS website at <https://www.maine.gov/ems/> and scroll down to “LATEST NEWS” for more information. Or, contact Chris Azevedo, MPDB Staff Representative within Maine EMS, or email at [christopher.azevedo@maine.gov](mailto:christopher.azevedo@maine.gov).



## **Basic Life Support (BLS) Representative to the Medical Direction and Practices Board (MDPB)**

In September 2019, Public Law 370 expanded the MDPB to include a BLS EMS Clinician position. This position is defined as a licensed basic provider (EMR, EMT or AEMT). Applications for this position will be reviewed by the MDPB. Appropriate candidates will then be interviewed by the MDPB and recommendations will be submitted to the Board of EMS for appointment. The person in this position serves an indefinite term at the discretion of the Board of EMS.

### Qualifications:

1. Licensed Maine EMS clinician, in good standing, with a minimum of five years active, prehospital provider experience at the level of EMR, EMT or AEMT.
2. Currently practicing with a Maine-licensed EMS service.
3. Experience in prehospital emergency medical treatment of patients who are acutely ill or injured.
4. Possesses current knowledge of the design and operation of the state and local EMS systems in Maine.
5. Possesses good interpersonal and consensus building skills and the ability to work as a member of a team.
6. Actively involved in the quality improvement review and critique of prehospital care.
7. Experienced in EMS systems including medical dispatch, communications, education, and interaction with medical directors and hospital providers.

### Roles and Responsibilities:

1. To serve as a resource and subject matter expert regarding the impact and application of emergency medical treatments in the prehospital environment.
2. To be an advocate for BLS clinicians and act as voice for BLS clinicians to the MDPB.  
Examples:
  - a. Bringing MDPB attention to systems-level issues that they see
  - b. Representing their peers in MDPB discussions and decisions
  - c. Fielding peer BLS clinician questions and issues to bring to the MDPB
3. To act as a direct MDPB BLS representative to field BLS clinicians. Example:
  - a. Education and information for peer BLS clinicians regarding protocols and MDPB action items
4. To be an active participant in the creation, development, implementation, dissemination, and maintenance of statewide EMS protocols. Examples:
  - a. Attendance and discussion input at protocol review meetings and forums
  - b. Identifying patient care or provider issues/gaps in current EMS protocols

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- c. Commending the usability and suggestions/implementation of educational products
5. To act as a liaison between the EMS community and the MDPB.
6. To attend Maine EMS meetings, including, but not limited to, Medical Direction and Practices Board (MDPB) meetings. The MDPB meetings occur regularly on the third Wednesday of each month and from 09:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Additionally, the MDPB commonly creates subcommittees as special projects or topics arise. Occasionally, MDPB members are invited or asked to participate in these subcommittees. These meetings are variable, but often occur either before or after the regularly scheduled MDPB meetings. All participatory members are expected to arrive at the MDPB, and other meetings, prepared to discuss and deliberate on the day's agenda items.
7. To perform outreach to EMS services with the Maine EMS staff, State Medical Director, Associate State Medical Director, Regional Medical Directors, and Service Medical Directors, when necessary.
8. To utilize various methods of communicating with similarly licensed clinicians and, in coordination with Maine EMS and the State EMS Medical Directors, act as a spokesperson for the MDPB, as necessary.
9. To participate in MDPB-sanctioned Disaster and Emergency Preparedness planning, when appropriate.
10. It is expected that these positions will require an estimated ten (10) hours per month, between meetings and preparation work. There will be instances in which more time is required.

Application Process:

1. Interested candidates should submit the following to Chris Azevedo, MDPB Staff Representative:
  - a. Cover letter
  - b. Curriculum Vitae (CV)
2. **Deadline for application submission: no later than 23:59 (11:59 PM) on Monday, December 20, 2021.**
3. All applications for each position will be reviewed by Maine EMS and the State Medical Directors.
4. A pool of candidates will be selected for an interview by the Medical Direction and Practices Board
5. Interviews will be conducted by the Medical Direction and Practices Board and recommendations will be submitted to the Board of EMS for final approval.
6. Approximate time of process completion is six weeks from closure of application period and *may be affected by the number of applicants.*
7. For any questions about the position or the application process, please contact Maine EMS.

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