



MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Emergency Medical Services

From: Soliana Goldrich
Community Paramedicine Coordinator, Maine EMS

Date: December 27, 2023

Subject: Community Paramedicine Catchment Area

The office recently received a request to expand a community paramedicine catchment area to include the entire State of Maine. Currently, there is no requirement that you can only provide services within your 911 response area. However, many agencies choose to build their programs around the surrounding communities in which they serve. For many, this includes a small expansion in service areas. The office currently requests that the agency looking to expand ensures they have a plan in place should something become emergent, and they are in someone else's 911 response area. We also request that they communicate with the local agencies to ensure they are aware and comfortable with this service.

The rule in Chapter 19, Section 2, Subsection 1B states that an agency must; "Provide a description of the intended Community Paramedicine plan to be approved by the Board or Maine EMS staff". The office is requesting that the Board make a decision on whether an agency may choose to serve the entire state of Maine through Community Paramedicine as this will set a precedent for future Community Paramedicine services.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns.

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