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<p>Overview: Chapter 19: Community Paramedicine Rule has been repealed and replaced. The requirements for Community Paramedicine Personnel and Service Licensure are changing. This operational bulletin outlines upcoming changes and identifies ways to ensure your future compliance.</p>			

NOTE: Notification will be sent in the future, when the application process for licensure has been implemented. Any changes to this guidance will be released with that notification and available on the Maine EMS website. This information is intended to prepare interested persons and services for future compliance.

This operational bulletin will be split into two sections,

- I. Current Community Paramedicine Providers (Agencies with a current CP Designation)
- II. Future Community Paramedicine Providers

Section I: Current Community Paramedicine Providers (Agencies with a current CP Designation)

Community Paramedicine Personnel Requirements

1. **Conditional Licensure** (Valid ONLY for those practicing before July 1, 2024):
 - a. Must provide evidence of 10 community paramedicine patient care reports prior to July 1, 2024
 - b. Proof of initial community paramedicine education
 - c. Eight (8) hours of continued education in community paramedicine (prior to licensure application)

Conditional licensure will enable CP providers to continue practicing within their current scope of practice. With a conditional license, you can provide care in alignment with your base license (EMT, AEMT, Paramedic) just in the non-emergent, non-urgent, episodic setting. You may only provide CP services if you are associated with an agency that either has a CP designation or license. **You may not provide unaffiliated CP services.**

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Additional details will be provided in future notifications. Any questions should be directed to Soliana Goldrich, Soliana.o.goldrich@maine.gov.

Community Paramedicine Agency Requirements

- 1. Agency Designation (Valid Until November 30, 2025)**
 - a. Must submit an application to Maine EMS
 - b. Provide a Community Paramedicine Plan and quality assurance program
 - c. Identify a Primary Care Medical Director
 - d. Undergo licensing transition before November 30, 2025

If you currently have a designation, you may maintain that designation until November 30, 2025. Nothing additional needs to be completed at this time to maintain the designation. All Community Paramedicine designated services must complete the transition to a licensed service by December 1, 2025 to continue providing CP services (license information can be found in Section II).

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Section II: Future CP Providers

Community Paramedicine Personnel Requirements

- 1. Licensure Levels:** Community Paramedicine personnel are categorized into three levels:
 - a. **Community Paramedicine Affiliate** (EMT, AEMT, or Paramedic licensure required)
 - b. **Community Paramedicine Technician** (AEMT or Paramedic licensure required)
 - c. **Community Paramedic** (Paramedic licensure required; must hold CP-C certification)
- 2. Educational Standards for Licensure:** Education must be provided through a Maine EMS licensed training center. At the community paramedic level, education must be provided through the college system.
 - a. **Community Paramedicine Affiliate:** 32 hours of training covering public health, cultural competency, chronic disease management, mental health, and personal safety
 - b. **Community Paramedicine Technician:** 96 hours of training with additional clinical rotations
 - c. **Community Paramedic:** 1800 hours of didactic, hands-on, and clinical rotations including pandemic response and systems of care
- 3. Licensure Requirements:**
 - a. Must be affiliated with a Maine EMS-licensed service
 - b. Minimum two years of active licensure at the eligible level (EMT, AEMT, Paramedic)
 - c. Documentation of at least 24 electronic patient care reports (at the EMT, AEMT, Paramedic) level on a 911 or IFT response.
 - d. Completion of required training as per Maine Community Paramedicine Education Standards
 - e. State of Maine Mandated Reporter Training Completion
 - f. Submission of background check history

4. Scope of Practice & Formularies

- a. Community Paramedicine scope of practice is additive to the base licensure level and may only be utilized during a CP specific call.
- b. Specific formularies must be followed per the Community Paramedicine Scope of Practice Document

Community Paramedicine Agency Requirements

1. Service Licensure Requirements

- a. Application submission to Maine EMS
- b. Detailed Community Paramedicine Plan, including: Training, referral process, protocols, service area, pharmacy agreements and a quality assurance plan
- c. Background checks for CP personnel [through Maine Background Check Center](#). The current fee is \$56 per background check and a check is good for five years.
- d. Annual mandatory reporter training for all CP employees

2. Record-Keeping & Compliance

- a. Patient care reports must be submitted within 24 hours
- b. Business records must be retained for a minimum of five (5) years
- c. Agencies must ensure personnel maintain licensure and undergo continued training

3. Renewal & Compliance Monitoring

- a. Agencies must demonstrate active CP service provision to renew licensure
- b. Modifications to approved Community Paramedicine Plans require Maine EMS approval
- c. Compliance with state and federal laws is mandatory

We will be offering two virtual informational sessions regarding these changes via Zoom.

1. Friday, March 21st from 10:30 – 11:30 am [via zoom](#).
2. Monday, March 24th from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm [via zoom](#).

Questions asked at the sessions will be compiled into an FAQ that will be posted on the Maine EMS website.

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