



MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Emergency Medical Services
From: Maine EMS Office
Date: February 24, 2026
Subject: Office Review of CP Licensure Education

Situation

With the rollout of Chapter 19 regulations, the Maine EMS office has received multiple requests and inquiries regarding the review of past education related to Community Paramedicine (CP) for purposes of initial licensure.

Based on the interpretation of Maine Emergency Medical Services Rule Chapter 19, Section 3(4)(B):

[“For initial licensure, the applicant must provide a verifiable copy of a transcript showing the successful completion of Maine EMS-approved training as described in Maine Community Paramedicine Education Standards, dated June 30, 2024, at a level appropriate for the desired level of licensure, or education judged as equivalent by Maine EMS, obtained within two years of the date of application.”](#)

Applicants seeking to use education completed more than two years prior to application, or education not explicitly approved under the June 30, 2024 Maine Community Paramedicine Education Standards, would require a waiver of the rule in order for that education to be considered.

Background

The licensure requirement for Community Paramedicine under Chapter 19 is new. Prior to implementation, CP education varied significantly and was not required to align with the newly adopted Maine Community Paramedicine Education Standards.

As a result:

- Some currently practicing or previously trained Community Paramedicine Clinicians completed their education more than two years ago.
 - The office has been asked to review education from 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2018
- These programs were completed before the formal adoption of the 2024 Maine EMS-approved standards.



- There was previously no licensure requirement, so some clinicians may have stayed up to date with their base license (EMT, AEMT, Paramedic) and CP practice, but did not have the ability to obtain a CP license.

The rule clearly establishes:

1. Education must be offered through a Maine EMS licensed training center or be approved as equivalent.
2. Education must have been obtained within two years of application.
3. Equivalency determinations are within the authority of Maine EMS. For this, we created an [educational review policy](#).
4. A waiver is required if the applicant does not meet the two-year timeframe.

Assessment

The office is now encountering applications where:

- Education was completed more than two years prior to application.
- Education predates the Maine Community Paramedicine Education Standards.
- Applicants may be actively functioning in CP roles, but do not meet the recency requirement as written.

Key considerations include:

- Regulatory integrity: The rule language is explicit regarding the two-year timeframe.
- Equivalency authority: Maine EMS has discretion to judge education as equivalent, but the timeframe limitation still applies.
- Waiver process burden: Requiring waivers for multiple similarly situated applicants may create administrative strain.
- Transition: Because the rule is new, some applicants could not have anticipated the two-year limitation when they originally completed training.
- Workforce impact: Strict enforcement without transitional flexibility could limit access to CP services in rural or underserved areas.

Without clear internal guidance, there is a risk of:

- Inconsistent decision-making



- Perceived inequity among applicants
- Increased waiver volume
- Confusion among stakeholders

Request

The office requests guidance and/or formal clarification on the following:

1. Should the office adjust the review policy to include items such as:
 1. CEH review
 2. Proof of ongoing practice
 3. Service Attestations of safe practice
2. Does the board want to look at waiving this rule for specific classes or individuals who have been practicing since their initial education?
3. Does this piece of the rule warrant entering into a rulemaking process to better clarify?

Clear direction will support consistent regulatory application, reduce administrative burden, and ensure fair implementation of Chapter 19 while maintaining the integrity of Maine's Community Paramedicine licensure standards

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