

MAINE EMS - CHAPTER 13 WAIVER APPLICATION

1. Applicant Information

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2. Rule for Which Waiver Is Requested

Chapter 19 - Community Paramedicine Licensure Education Requirement (Completion of Maine EMS-approved Community Paramedicine education aligned with the June 30, 2024, Education Standards or equivalent education.)

Programs for which recognition/waiver is requested:

- Hennepin Technical College - Community Paramedicine Program (CP-C)

3. Description of Relief Requested

The applicant respectfully requests that the Maine EMS Board:

Formally recognize that the above programs meet the educational component required for CP-T and CP-C licensure.

Grant a waiver under Chapter 13, affirming that these programs satisfy the educational requirement based on substantial compliance.

4. Basis for Waiver (Chapter 13 §1)

Granting this waiver would avert significant injustice while preserving public safety and the integrity of Maine's EMS system.

The referenced programs were competency-based and comprehensive. Requiring repetition of substantially equivalent education would not enhance patient safety.

5. Determining Factors (Chapter 13 §2)

A. Reasonable Steps to Comply

Training centers and participants complied with Maine EMS standards in effect at the time of program delivery.

B. Reliance on Valid Programs

Participants reasonably relied on the legitimacy and professional recognition of these programs.

C. Significant Injury or Harm if Not Waived

Failure to recognize these programs may create barriers to licensure and require duplication of substantially equivalent education.

Repetition would impose tuition costs, travel expenses, lost staffing hours, and administrative costs on EMS services and providers without a measurable public safety benefit.

D. Public Health and Safety Risk

Recognition poses no health or safety risk. Graduates have maintained licensure and practiced in accordance with Maine EMS requirements.

E. Regulatory Integrity

Granting this waiver would acknowledge substantial compliance while preserving regulatory intent.

6. Supporting Documentation Attached

Has been submitted to Maine EMS.

7. Certification

I certify that the information provided is accurate and submitted in good faith.

Signature:  _____

Printed Name: Dennis Russell, M.Ed., ATC, NRP, CP-C

Date: 02/26/2026