

## **Community Paramedicine Affiliate**

The purpose of this outline is to provide a list of the community paramedicine affiliate topics to be covered in a community paramedicine affiliate education curriculum. A community paramedicine program must be flexible in design to assist in closing gaps within the healthcare system. Through standards, community paramedicine curriculums will enable EMS providers to be educated at the appropriate level to serve their local communities.

**Topic areas for the Community Paramedicine Affiliate education include but are not limited to:**

- Introduction to Mobile Integrated Healthcare and Community Paramedicine
- Home safety assessment
- Social determinates of health
- Communication
- Medication awareness
- Chronic disease
- Mental health
- Patient assessment
- Plan of care

The teaching content must be derived from recent or continually substantiated, evidence-based, peer-reviewed, and reputable research whenever possible. Each instructor should develop their comprehensive community paramedicine affiliate program using resources – including people and equipment - that are available within their EMS service, region, state and nationally. The Maine EMS department, regional EMS offices and EMS training centers can serve as resources for both content expertise and equipment. The goal is to prepare EMS providers at all levels to proficiently provide entry-level community paramedicine services within their respective Maine EMS scope and level determined by Maine licensure.

- Mobile Integrated Healthcare and Community Paramedicine
  - History
  - Trends
  - Scope of practice
- Home safety assessments
  - Review
  - Implementation
  - Documentation
  - Resources
- Social determinates of health
  - Definitions
  - Community Needs Assessment
  - Community Resources
- Communication
  - Health Care Team

- Referrals
- Motivational Interviewing
- Teach-back
- Medication awareness
  - Medication reconciliation
- Chronic disease
  - Assessment and standard treatment for chronic conditions
    - Congestive Heart Failure (CHF)
      - Review
      - Treatments
      - Screening / Testing
      - Resources
      - Documentation
    - Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)
      - Review
      - Treatments
      - Screening / Testing
      - Resources
      - Documentation
    - Asthma
      - Review
      - Treatments
      - Screening / Testing
      - Resources
      - Documentation
    - Diabetes
      - Review
      - Treatments
      - Screening / Testing
      - Resources
      - Documentation
    - Dementia
      - Review
      - Treatments
      - Screening / Testing
      - Resources
      - Documentation
- Mental health
  - Diagnoses
    - Review
    - Treatments
    - Screening / Testing

- Resources
- Documentation
- Patient assessment
  - Review
  - Screening / Testing
  - Resources
  - Documentation
- Plan of care
  - Definition
  - Description of disease states
    - Zone

**Protocol Review:**

- Maine EMS – Prehospital Protocols – pertinent protocol review

**Service Specific Device Review:**

- Examples might include;
  - i-STAT System
  - Glucometer
  - Collection containers