



**To:** Maine EMS Board  
**From:** Maine Emergency Medical Services  
**Date:** 27 August 2024  
**Subject:** Request for Resolution to Limit the Number of Active Pilot Projects

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**Situation:** Maine EMS system currently has five active pilot projects. To ensure effective management and oversight, we propose limiting the number of active pilot projects to three.

1. Mobile Medic outreach (M.M.O.)
  - a. Approved July 7, 2021, for three years
2. Jackman Critical Access Integrated Paramedic Project
  - a. Approved October 6, 2021, for three years
3. Delta Ambulance Vented Patient Pilot Project
  - a. Approved June 7, 2023, for three years
4. Mobile Operating Physician Response (M.O.P.R.)
  - a. Approved May 3, 2023, for three years
5. Sanford Point of Care Ultrasound (P.O.C.U.S.)
  - a. Approved August 6, 2024, for three years

**Background:** The Maine EMS system has been actively engaging in multiple pilot projects to evaluate the workability and appropriateness of incorporating a particular emergency medical treatment technique or a type of equipment into any licensure level<sup>1</sup>. While these projects are essential for innovation, managing a high number of concurrent projects can strain resources and reduce the effectiveness of each initiative. There is an inflection point where the amount of work required of Maine EMS staff, Medical Directions & Practice Board members, and Maine EMS Board Members to maintain pilot projects will hinder our ability to meet the core functions of our office and respective boards.

**Assessment:** By capping the number of active pilot projects at three, we can allocate resources more efficiently and ensure each project receives the necessary attention for

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<sup>1</sup> Maine EMS Rules Chapter 3 §10 Pilot Projects.



successful implementation and evaluation. This approach will help maintain high standards and improve the overall quality of our pilot projects.

**Recommendation:** We recommend a resolution to limit the number of active pilot projects to three. This resolution should also include provisions to ensure that the cap does not hinder the introduction and testing of new, potentially revolutionary techniques or equipment in emergency medical services, such as Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP).

Thank you for considering this request. We look forward to your support in adopting this resolution to balance effective project management with the continuous advancement of our emergency medical services.