

EMS SPONSOR HOSPITAL POLICY
MAINTAINING INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZATION TO PRACTICE

Purpose:

To assure all sponsored EMS providers maintain appropriate knowledge and skill performance to competently provide prehospital medical care at their authorized level.

Scope:

All Hartford Hospital Sponsored EMRs, EMTs, Paramedics and EMS Organizations

Policy

The following represents the minimum requirements to maintain EMS practice authorization from Hartford Hospital. Sponsored EMS agencies have the right to set additional requirements or criteria for their providers.

All sponsored EMS providers are expected to maintain a high standard of moral and ethical behavior, adhere to approved EMS Protocols and comply with all Sponsor Hospital policies and directives.

EMR or EMT providers must:

- Maintain a valid Connecticut EMS certification or license at or above the level he or she is authorized to practice
- Maintain a current (not beyond recommended renewal date) CPR for Healthcare Professional/Provider certification
- Successfully complete annual competency validation through his or her service on MIC skills (e.g. CPAP, 12 lead, epinephrine, etc.) his or her service is authorized to perform.
- Successfully complete annual competency validation through his or her service on use of the service's automatic CPR device (if applicable).
- Successfully complete any additional or remedial training within established deadlines as required by the Sponsor Hospital.
- Participate in the quality assurance program administered by the EMS Agency and Sponsor Hospital.

Any paramedic or AEMT practicing at the EMR or EMT level who is not authorized and actively practicing at the ALS level (either with Hartford Hospital or elsewhere) must successfully complete a Connecticut approved EMR or EMT (as applicable) refresher program at least every three (3) years. Any such paramedic or AEMT who is practicing elsewhere at the paramedic or AEMT level must annually provide his or her EMS agency with a letter or email from his or her ALS Sponsor Hospital stating his or her ALS practice authorization in good standing.

Each Hartford Hospital Sponsored EMS Organization is responsible for assuring its EMR and EMT providers are in compliance with the above requirements and maintaining records of such. Each sponsored EMS Organization will annually submit a roster of its active EMS personnel to the Sponsor Hospital and a statement attesting that all are in compliance with the above requirements.

Paramedic providers must:

- Maintain a valid Connecticut paramedic license
- Maintain current (not beyond recommended renewal date) Healthcare Professional/Provider CPR, ACLS and PALS certifications
- Successfully complete annual competency validation of paramedic skills specified by the Sponsor Hospital.
- Successfully complete annual competency validation on use of the service's automatic CPR device (if applicable).
- Annually complete at least 36 hours of approved EMS Continuing Education in content areas specified in the annual paramedic renewal form
- Successfully complete any additional or remedial training within established deadlines as required by the Sponsor Hospital
- Participate in the quality assurance program administered by the EMS Organization and Sponsor Hospital
- Remain actively practicing as a paramedic at least 32 hours/month
- Electronically submit a complete paramedic renewal application to the Sponsor Hospital by no later than January 7th of each year.

Each Hartford Hospital Sponsored EMS Organization is responsible for conducting required paramedic skill competency evaluations of its personnel. Paramedic skills may only be evaluated by personnel approved to do so by the Sponsor Hospital. The EMS Organization will maintain records of skill competency evaluations and forward these annually to the Sponsor Hospital. Each sponsored EMS Organization will notify the Sponsor Hospital within 24 hours of any paramedic who is no longer actively practicing (on either a permanent or temporary basis) with the EMS Organization.