




Advisory 24-02 Advanced Practice and Specialty Care Paramedic Policies

To: All EMS Agencies

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The Monroe-Livingston Region's Advanced Practice and Specialty Care Transport (SCT) Paramedic Programs provide a set of expectations and process for the training, credentialing, clinical care, and quality improvement related to the management of patients who will benefit by treatments and/or management of conditions for which initial paramedic education may be limited and/or state ALS Protocols are silent or limited in providing clinical guidance.

MLREMS Advanced Practice Paramedics are credentialed at the agency level following the guidance set forth in the MLREMS [Advanced Practice Paramedic Credentialing Policy](#). Agencies choosing to employ this additional scope of practice, and who verify their members meet established competency for the individual skill, may manage one or more of the following in select patients not requiring the Specialty Care Transport level of care: The continuation of blood products, the management of chest tubes, managing infusions, and/or utilizing transport ventilators. Agencies wishing to credential their members to perform these skill(s) must follow MLREMS policy effective immediately. Agencies having previously credentialed their members to provide any of these services must verify member credentialing and compliance with MLREMS Policy no later than December 31, 2024.

MLREMS Specialty Care Transport (SCT) Paramedics are credentialed at the regional level following Flight Paramedic or Critical Care Transport certification and successful completion of a competency-based program administered by the Division of Prehospital Medicine at the University of Rochester following the guidance set forth in the MLREMS [Special Care Transport Paramedic Credentialing Policy](#). SCT Paramedics are provided with advanced training and scope of practice to safely manage complex critically ill patients undergoing interfacility transport. Agencies wishing to credential their members to perform these skill(s) must follow MLREMS policy effective immediately. Agencies having previously credentialed their members to provide any of these services must verify member credentialing and compliance with MLREMS Policy no later than July 1, 2025.

Resources related to these programs, including clinical guidelines, educational outlines, and competency assessments are available on a dedicated page on the MLREMS Website:
<https://www.mlrems.org/provider/sct-app-program/>

Failure to meet agency or regional credentialing requirements as described will result in Patient Safety Committee and/or REMAC referral.

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