



## **ADVANCED PRACTICE PARAMEDIC CREDENTIALING POLICY**

### **PURPOSE**

To establish expectations of training, credentialing, and quality improvement for the management of patients who would benefit by treatments and/or the management of conditions for which initial paramedic education may be limited and/or state ALS Protocols are silent or limited in providing clinical guidance.

### **SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

MLREMS defines an Advanced Practice Paramedic as any Paramedic who, with additional training and meeting established competency for the individual skill, may manage one or more of the following:

- Blood Product Continuation
- Chest Tube Management
- Infusion Management
- Transport Ventilator Management

If equipped, trained, and credentialed, Advanced Practice Paramedics may utilize medication pumps and/or ventilators while providing both prehospital and interhospital care as clinically indicated. Neither blood products nor thrombolytics will be initiated by any Paramedic as part of prehospital or interhospital care, however this policy enables their continuation by the trained and credentialed Advanced Practice Paramedic once started by the sending facility. Similarly, chest tubes placed by the sending facility may be safely managed by individuals credentialed to do so under this policy.

Agencies are under no obligation to educate and credential their paramedics to these Advanced Practice Paramedic scopes of practice, and may – based on their operational needs – choose to use none, some, or all of the skills outlined in this Scope of Practice.

Paramedics credentialed as MLREMS Specialty Care Transport Paramedics do not require additional education or credentialing on these skills as the SCT Paramedic credential exceeds that of the Advanced Practice Paramedic.

### **MEDICAL CARE**

This policy does not define the manner in which care is provided. The NYS ALS Collaborative protocols and the MLREMS Advanced Practice and Specialty Care Paramedic Clinical Guidelines shall provide clinical guidance to the credentialed Paramedic. The Advanced Practice and Specialty Care Paramedic Clinical Guidelines are to be used ONLY by individuals credentialed by their agency as an Advanced Practice Paramedic with equipment and training for the specific intervention(s) or has met both regional



and agency credentialing requirements as an SCT Paramedic (See MLREMS “SCT Paramedic Credentialing Policy”).

### **AUTHORIZATION**

The program is authorized by the Monroe-Livingston REMAC and overseen by the Regional EMS Medical Director. The Regional EMS Medical Director may designate additional physicians to supervise the education, credentialing and quality improvement aspects of the Advanced Practice Paramedic Program. Individuals and agencies providing care that is inclusive of any of the Scope(s) of Practice noted above are credentialed by their agency Medical Director to do so. The purpose of this policy is to establish the minimum standard for the credentialing of the provider.

### **CREDENTIALING**

An agency and their Medical Director must credential paramedic personnel utilizing MLREMS standards for education and competency for the specific treatment/condition outlined within this Scope of Practice. The Division of Prehospital Medicine will develop, maintain, and revise these educational standards as well as skills competencies based on best available evidence. Verification of education and competency is the responsibility of the agency and their Medical Director. Maintenance of credentialing is also the responsibility of the agency and their Medical Director.

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