APPROVAL PROCESS FOR ALS PRIVILEGES

PURPOSE

This policy outlines the process as agency must follow to apply for ALS privileges. This applies to an agency which has been operating at the BLS level of care and wishes to move to the ALS level of care OR to an ALS agency that has failed to provide service at the ALS level for longer than 90 days, for any reason.

POLICY

1. The agency must provide the REMAC with the following:
    a. A letter addressed to REMAC requesting approval to practice at the ALS level.

    b. A copy of the agency's NYSDOH operating certificate.

    c. A letter from agency's Medical Director supporting the provision of ALS services.

    d. A letter from the agency's Board of Directors supporting the provision of ALS services, including the financial resources for equipment and training.

    e. The ALS Policies and Procedures for the agency to include, at a minimum:
        i. Controlled Substance Plan
        ii. Quality Assurance Plan
        iii. Medication Storage Plan

    f. A list of the currently active members who are certified at the ALS level, including certification numbers, expiration dates, and regional clearance status.

    g. The process by which the agency will obtain regional clearance for those providers certified at the ALS level.

    h. Evidence that the agency provides BLS call coverage of at least 80%.

    i. The staffing plan to assure ALS call coverage of at least 80%.

    j. Agencies that previously provided ALS services but have not provided ALS service for greater than 90 days must submit an explanation of why they have not provided this service and how that issue will be mitigated.

2. Any REMAC ALS approval will be written as "pending" receipt of a narcotic license as agencies must carry narcotics in order to practice at the ALS level and cannot be granted the license from NYS until being recognized by REMAC as an ALS agency. Agencies will have no more than 90 days to obtain such license. Failure to obtain a narcotic license will revert the agency back to the BLS level of care.

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