



To: All MLREMS ALS Agencies and Providers
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Re: 2027 Drug Assisted Airway Management (DAAM) Credentialing Exam

Purpose

The process for obtaining the Drug-Assisted Airway Management (DAAM) credential, formerly known as the RSI credential, in the Monroe-Livingston EMS Region is outlined below. This process emphasizes a competency-based approach to ensure the safe and effective practice of advanced airway management consistent with the [MLREMS Policy on Drug-Assisted Airway Management](#).

Program Eligibility

Paramedics are eligible to enter the credentialing process if they meet all of the following:

- Active and unrestricted paramedic certification for at least two years.
- Continuous practice in the MLREMS Region for the six months prior to the testing date.
- No ongoing clinical quality concerns with the MLREMS Quality & Patient Safety Committee.

Paramedics should begin the process only after discussing their intent to apply with both their Clinical Care Coordinator/ALS Chief and Agency Medical Director.

Credentialing Process

1. Application Submission

The application includes three components:

- Completion of the applicant questionnaire: <https://redcap.link/wohetfmw>
- Completion of the agency/clinical leadership evaluation by the Clinical Care Coordinator/ALS Chief and/or Medical Director: <https://redcap.link/l3zyv77d>
- Review and final approval of the agency evaluation by the Medical Director.

The application questions are attached for review before starting the questionnaire. While there is no required number of intubations for eligibility, the number of intubations performed and success rates are part of the clinical evaluation. Agencies should gather this data as part of the application process.

2. Deidentified Regional Review

All applications will undergo a de-identified review by the Regional Airway Collaborative/DAAM Committee to determine selection for advancement to the cognitive testing step.

3. Cognitive Testing

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Eligible paramedics will take a written examination covering DAAM concepts, decision-making, and pharmacology. A passing score is required to advance.

To assist in preparation, the following educational modules are available:

- DAAM Clinical Judgment: https://youtu.be/-ZsWeNCZD_s
- DAAM Procedure: <https://youtu.be/vkleHgK3v4c>
- DAAM Pharmacology: https://youtu.be/ep_mGkyCUkU

All paramedics considering pursuing the DAAM credential are encouraged and expected to review this content to gain a clear understanding of expectations.

4. DAAM Education

Paramedics passing the initial cognitive exam will participate in synchronous education sessions, including case reviews and simulation, facilitated by members of the Airway Collaborative in preparation for their simulation-based assessment.

5. Simulation-Based Assessment

Participants must demonstrate competency in DAAM procedures and decision-making during high-fidelity simulation testing.

Timeline

Step	Timeline
Initial Application	Due October 1 st 2026
Cognitive Testing	November 2026
Education	December 2026 – January 2027

Continuing Education Credit

For those who want to receive continuing education for watching the videos, you can access them as a single class in Prodigy EMS.

If you work at an agency with Prodigy EMS as a learning management system, simply search catalog for “DAAM” and it will come up.

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Class Catalog

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Class Source

☐ Prodigy EMS☐ Department

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Drug-Assisted Airway Management New

Class Type Distributive | Credit Hours 3 Hrs | Last Update July 29, 2025 at 6:40 PM EDT

This class outlines the core content for preparation for entering the credentialing process for Drug-Assisted Airway Management in MLREMS.

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If you do not have departmental access to Prodigy EMS, you can join the Monroe-Livingston "Department" by clicking on the following link to set up your account and then follow the instructions above.

<https://frontend.prodigyems.com/invitation/3dccf39d71af1c50bc3f>

Applicant Questionnaire

- Name
 - Email
 - Certification Number
 - How long have you been a paramedic?
 - How long have you practiced as a paramedic in the MLREMS region?
 - Have you ever been credentialed to perform drug-assisted airway management?
 - At what EMS agency do you primarily practice?
 - Do you practice at any other MLREMS ALS EMS agencies?
1. Why do you want to be credentialed in drug-assisted airway management? How does credentialing in drug-assisted airway management fit into your broader goals as a paramedic?
 2. What does clinical excellence mean to you, especially in the context of high-risk procedures like drug-assisted airway management?
 3. What qualities define a paramedic who can be trusted with drug-assisted airway management, and how do you embody those qualities?
 4. What are your plans to maintain and increase your knowledge after successfully completing the credentialing process?
 5. Describe a time you had to advocate for patient care in a difficult or uncertain airway situation. What did you learn from that experience?
 6. In your view, what makes someone "ready" to take on the responsibility of drug-assisted airway management?
 7. What are you going to do to prepare for the credentialing process?
 8. What challenges do you anticipate during the credentialing process, and how do you plan to address them?

Agency/Clinical Leadership Evaluation

- Name
- EMS Agency
- Clinical Chief Name

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- Clinical Chief Email
 - Medical Director Name
 - Medical Director Email
1. Has the paramedic demonstrated sound clinical judgement in high-acuity or rapidly evolving situations?
 2. Has this paramedic demonstrated clinical competence in BLS airway management techniques (e.g., bag-valve-mask ventilation, escalating approach to airway management)?
 3. Has this paramedic demonstrated clinical competence in advanced airway management techniques (e.g., supraglottic airways, intubation)?
 4. Please objectively assess the paramedic's experience with intubation
 - a. Number of intubations
 - b. Since (date)
 - c. First-pass success rate
 - d. Direct review in cadaver lab
 - e. Video review
 - f. Please comment on technique/competency if observed
 5. How does this paramedic perform under pressure during high-stakes calls (e.g., calm, communicative, decisive)?
 6. Does this paramedic demonstrate accountability and integrity in documentation?
 7. Does this paramedic demonstrate accountability and integrity in peer communication?
 8. Does this paramedic accept feedback constructively?
 9. How would you rate this paramedic's commitment to continuous learning?
 10. Are you aware of any patient care concerns that would impact this paramedic's suitability for credentialing in drug-assisted airway management?
 11. Are you aware of any behavioral or professionalism concerns that would impact this paramedic's suitability for credentialing in drug-assisted airway management?
 12. Based on your knowledge of this paramedic's performance, would you recommend them for regional drug-assisted airway management credentialing?