

EMS Agency Medical Director Verification

EMS Agency Name (Print): _____

EMS Agency Affiliate Number: _____

Agency Licensure Level:

- Quick Response Agency (QRS)
- Intermediate ALS Agency (ILS)
- Air Medical Agency
- Basic Life Support Agency (BLS)
- Advanced Life Support Agency (ALS)

Special Operations EMS Agency: (Select level above as well as team type below)

- Tactical EMS (TEMS)
- Mass-Gathering EMS
- Critical Care Transport Agency (CCT)
- Wilderness EMS Agency
- Urban Search and Rescue (USAR)
- Other: _____

The following roles and responsibilities and qualifications are those established by the EMS System Act and pursuant Rules and Regulations. All EMS agencies are required to have an EMS Agency Medical Director who at a minimum, meets the following qualifications; performs the roles; and has responsibility for the items indicated below for EMS agencies under their direction.

§ 1023.1. EMS agency medical director.

(a) *Roles and responsibilities.* An EMS agency medical director is responsible for:

- (1) Providing medical guidance and advice to the EMS agency, including:
 - (i) Reviewing the Statewide EMS protocols and Department-approved regional EMS protocols that are applicable to the EMS agency and ensuring that its EMS providers and other relevant personnel are familiar with the protocols applicable to the EMS agency.
 - (ii) Performing medical audits of EMS provided by the EMS agency's EMS providers.
 - (iii) Participating in and reviewing quality improvement and peer reviews of EMS provided by the EMS agency.
 - (iv) Reviewing regional mass casualty and disaster plans and providing guidance to the EMS agency regarding its provision of EMS under those plans.

- (v) Providing guidance to the EMS agency, when applicable, with respect to the ordering, stocking and replacement of medications, and compliance with laws and regulations impacting upon the EMS agency's acquisition, storage and use of those medications.
 - (vi) Making an initial assessment of each EMS provider at or above the AEMT level to determine whether the EMS provider has the knowledge and skills to competently perform the skills within the EMS provider's scope of practice, and a commitment to adequately perform other functions relevant to the EMS provider providing EMS at that level. This subparagraph does not apply if the EMS provider was working for the EMS agency at the same level prior to the physician becoming the medical director for the EMS agency and the EMS provider was credentialed at that EMS agency within the last 12 calendar months as being able to perform at the EMS provider's certification level.
 - (vii) Making an assessment, within 12 calendar months of the last assessment, of each EMS provider at or above the AEMT level to determine whether the EMS provider has demonstrated competency in the knowledge and skills to perform the skills within the EMS provider's scope of practice, and a commitment to adequately perform other functions relevant to the EMS provider providing EMS at that level.
 - (viii) Recommending to the EMS agency that an EMS provider not be permitted to provide EMS at the EMS provider's certification level if the EMS agency medical director determines that the EMS provider has not demonstrated competency in the knowledge and skills to perform the skills within the EMS provider's scope of practice, or a commitment to adequately perform other functions relevant to the EMS provider providing EMS at that level, and recommending restrictions on the EMS provider's practice for the EMS agency, if appropriate, to ensure patient safety.
 - (ix) Providing medical direction for the EMS agency dispatch center if the EMS agency operates an EMS agency dispatch center.
- (2) Maintaining a liaison with the regional EMS medical director.
 - (3) Participating in the regional and Statewide quality improvement programs.
 - (4) Recommending to the relevant regional EMS council, when appropriate, EMS protocols for inclusion in the Statewide and regional EMS protocols.
 - (5) Recommending to the Department the suspension, revocation or restriction of an EMS provider's certification.

(b) *Minimum qualifications.* To qualify and continue to function as an EMS agency medical director, an individual shall:

- (1) Be a physician.
- (2) Satisfy ONE (1) of the following:
 - (i) Have successfully completed an emergency medicine residency program accredited by a residency program accrediting body recognized by the State Board of Medicine or the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine.
OR
 - (ii) Have successfully completed a residency program in surgery, internal medicine, family medicine, pediatrics or anesthesiology, accredited by a residency program accrediting body recognized by the State Board of Medicine or the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine. The physician shall also have successfully completed or taught the ACLS course within the preceding 2 years and have completed, at least once, the ATLS course and PALS course or APLS course, or other programs determined by the Department to meet or exceed the standards of these programs.
OR
 - (iii) Have served as an ALS medical director under the Emergency Medical Services Act (35 P. S. §§ 6921—6938)(repealed by the act of August 18, 2009 (P. L. 308, No. 37)) prior to February 16, 2010.
- (3) Have a valid Drug Enforcement Agency number.
- (4) Have completed an EMS agency medical director course or an EMS fellowship or other EMS training program that is determined by the Department to be equivalent. This training shall ensure that the EMS agency medical director has knowledge of:
 - (i) The scope of practice of EMS providers.
 - (ii) The provision of EMS under Statewide EMS protocols.
 - (iii) The interface between EMS providers and medical command physicians.
 - (iv) Quality improvement and peer review principles.
 - (v) Emergency medical dispatch principles and EMS agency communication capabilities.
 - (vi) EMS system design and operation.
 - (vii) Federal and State laws and regulations regarding EMS.
 - (viii) Regional and State mass casualty and disaster plans.
 - (ix) Patient and EMS provider safety principles.

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As an EMS agency medical director, I agree to participate in the regional Medical Advisory Committee and work with the Regional Medical Director to further the EMS System in the region. I also understand, I need to provide a thirty (30) days' written notice when resigning my position of agency medical director to the region and all agencies in which I will no longer be fulfilling the duties of the agency medical director.

In addition, EMS agency medical directors may authorize an agency and the personnel affiliated with that agency to perform specific skills and procedures within the Scope of Practice for EMS Providers that require additional training and authorization by EMS agency medical director and that may only be used when functioning with an EMS agency that complies with the Department requirements for providing that skill or procedure.

Appendix A-Skills Requiring Specific Authorization and Training Attached

Physician Name (Print): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

I hereby attest that I have read and understand and meet the specified qualifications and will perform the roles and responsibilities expected of me as the EMS Agency Medical Director for the above referenced EMS agency.

EMS Agency Medical Director Signature: _____

EMS Agency Representative Signature: _____

Effective Date: _____

EMS Agency Name: _____

Appendix A-Skills Requiring Additional Training and Authorization

The following skills are indicated as "Additional training and authorization by EMS agency medical director is required, and this skill may only be used when functioning with a licensed EMS agency that complies with Department requirements for providing this skill." in the Scope of Practice for EMS Providers published June 29, 2019 in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

Skill	EMR	EMT	AEMT	P*
Continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP)		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Inspiratory Impedance Threshold Device (ITD)			<input type="checkbox"/>	
Single mode, volume controlled automated ventilator (without blender)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ventilators, transport—single or multi-modal, with or without blender, using volume control mode only, on patients >1 year of age with no anticipated need to actively titrate ventilator settings during transport				<input type="checkbox"/>
Mechanical chest compression device use		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Auto—injector epinephrine—primary use—not patient's own prescription		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Oxygen	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Naloxone—Intranasal or auto-injector	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Behavioral—Restrain violent patient	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Blood glucose assessment		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Carbon Monoxide CO-oximetry monitoring		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The following are indicated as "Permitted for services that meet Department requirements for training, medication stocking and any agency or quality improvement requirements, as verified by the agency's assigned regional EMS council." in the "Approved and Required Medications Lists for Emergency Medical Service Agencies and Emergency Medical Service Providers" as published June 29, 2019 in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

Etomidate				<input type="checkbox"/>
Ketamine				<input type="checkbox"/>

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The following are indicated as permitted as optional skills for BLS providers with the required training and approval of the Agency Medical Director as published in the BLS Protocols effective September 1, 2019.

12-Lead ECG Use	<input type="checkbox"/>
Albuterol or albuterol/ipratropium solutions and nebulizers devices	<input type="checkbox"/>

As agency medical director I agree to provide training, authorization, verification, and quality improvement, and to meet all requirements established by the Department for the performance of the skills identified in Appendix A to permit providers affiliated with this agency to perform these skills.

Agency Medical Director Name: (Print):

Date:

Signature:

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