

Western Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee

Title: Provider Privileges and Continuing Medical Education Policy	Effective Date: January 16, 2013
Policy #2013-1	Revised: March 2014 Supersedes: Policy # 2001-2 and revisions: 6/09 & 1/13

Policy:

As a part of the delegated medical authority of the Western Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (WREMAC), all certified providers and agencies operating within the eight-county region of Western New York are required to comply with the requirements of this WREMAC policy and any additional requirements as set forth by the Agency Medical Director.

Providers must apply for privileges using the “WREMAC Provider Privileges Application”. The application will be reviewed and information verified by the WREMAC, the EMS Program Agency, and Medical Director (or his designee) to determine a provider’s eligibility for regional privileges.

In addition to the “WREMAC Provider Privileges Application”, providers must meet all of the requirements for his/her level of certification as outlined in this policy. A provider who is not entirely compliant with this policy shall be considered “off-line” until such time as he/she becomes compliant. Under the authority of the Agency Medical Director (or designee), the EMS agency is responsible for ensuring its providers are compliant with this policy. Providers who are taken off-line for non-compliance with this policy shall be notified, in writing, and a copy of the notice shall be sent to the EMS Program Agency and Agency Medical Director.

Agency Medical Directors may require additional requirements beyond this policy but may not alter the minimum requirements established in this policy.

Upon review and verification of a provider’s application for privileges and meeting the minimum requirements of this policy (and any additional requirements set by the Agency Medical Director), a provider is credentialed as an on-line provider (OLP) with privileges in this region.

Procedure:

The agency shall ensure that each certified provider complete and sign the “WREMAC Provider Privilege Application” (ATTACHMENT 1) as follows:

1. upon attaining initial certification, or
2. upon attaining certification at a new level, or
3. upon joining an agency as a currently certified provider

The agency shall ensure each provider meets the minimum didactic and skill requirements set forth in this policy as outlined in items #1-3 above and on an annual basis (July 1 – June 30).

Skill competency shall be demonstrated to the medical director (or his designee), as follows:

1. Demonstrate the skill in simulation to the medical director (or designee); or
2. Documented successful performance of the skill during patient care; or
3. Attend medical director (or designee) approved training on the skill.

Designated skill preceptors must complete the WREMAC Skill Preceptor Course, complete any required updates, and be in good standing with this policy. All preceptors are registered with the EMS Program Agency.

Agencies are responsible for maintaining documentation of competency for each of its providers. Providers who are members of more than one agency must demonstrate competency only once – but must provide verification of competency to each requesting agency.

By August 1st of each year, all agencies shall submit a list of on-line providers, in a format acceptable to the EMS Program Agency (identified in ATTACHMENT 2). Agencies are encouraged to have each of its providers complete a “WREMAC Provider Privilege Application” annually.

Continuing Medical Education (CME) Requirements

CME has two components: **didactic** and **skill** requirements. Providers must meet **all** of the didactic and skill requirements for his/her level of privileges. Any provider who does not meet the requirements shall be taken off-line as described in this policy.

1. DIDACTIC REQUIREMENTS

Providers shall maintain continuously current credentials as detailed below. There is no “grace period” for expired credentials.

	CFR	EMT	EMT-I	AEMT	EMT-CC	EMT-P
CPR (healthcare provider)*	X	X	X	X	X	X
Trauma Life Support*			X	X	X	X
Pediatric Life Support*					X	X
Cardiac Life Support*					X	X
Protocol Exam			X	X	X	X

* Programs as approved by the WREMAC (see ATTACHMENT 3)

2. SKILL REQUIREMENTS

Competency in the following skills shall be demonstrated at the time of initial certification and at least once annually between (July 1 – June 30).

	CFR	EMT	EMT-I	AEMT	EMT-CC	EMT-P
AED	X	X	X	X		
Epi-Pen		X*	X*	X*		
Nebulized Albuterol		X*	X*	X*		
Intranasal Naloxone	X*	X*	X*			
Blood Glucose Monitoring		X*	X*	X*	X	X
Nebulized Medications					X	X
IV (adult & pediatric)			X	X	X	X
Saline Trap			X	X	X	X
IO (adult & pediatric)			X*	X*	X	X
EJ Cannulation			X*	X*	X	X
ET Intubation (Adult)			X*	X*	X*	X*
ET Intubation (Pediatric)			X*	X*	X*	X*
Waveform Capnography			X**	X**	X**	X**
Rescue Airways (King, etc)			X*	X	X	X
CPAP			X*	X*	X*	X*
Manual Defibrillation					X	X
Lead II cardiac monitoring					X	X
12-lead monitoring					X	X
Synchronized cardioversion					X	X
External Pacing					X	X
NG/OG Tube					X	X
Needle Thoracostomy				X*	X	X
Needle Cricothyrotomy					X	X
IV Bolus Medication				X	X	X
Subcutaneous/IM injection				X	X	X

* Required only if agency is approved to perform skill

** Required only if credentialed to intubate

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WREMAC EMS Program Agencies

All documents shall be provided to the EMS Program Agency contracted to serve the region in which your EMS agency is registered with the Bureau of EMS.

Niagara, Orleans, & Genesee Counties

Lake Plains Community Care Network

575 East Main Street
Batavia, NY 14020
Phone: 585-345-6110
Fax: 585-345-7452
www.lpcnems.org

Director: Charlotte Crawford
ccrawford@lakeplains.org

Wyoming & Erie Counties

Office of Prehospital Care

462 Grider Street
Buffalo, New York 14215
Phone: 716-898-3600
Fax: 716-898-5988
www.opcems.org

Director: Scott Wander
swander@ecmc.edu

Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, & Allegany Counties

Southern Tier EMS (STEMS)

One Blue Bird Square
Olean, New York 14760
Phone: 716-372-0614
Fax: 716-372-5217
www.sthcs.org

Director: Donna Kahm
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The Western Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (WREMAC) has approved only the following courses to meet the requirements of WREMAC Policy 2013-1.

Note: Valid instructor certification satisfies the requirement for provider certification.

CPR:

Training must meet or exceed the requirements established in **Bureau of EMS Policy #11-07: Required CPR Testing**. In general, CPR courses intended for healthcare providers meet the requirement. CPR courses intended for lay rescuers (Heartsaver, etc) do not satisfy the requirement.

Trauma Life Support:

Valid certification from one of the following courses:

- Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) – advanced level only; **OR**
- International Trauma Life Support (ITLS) – advanced level only

Cardiac Life Support:

Valid certification from an American Heart Association Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Course.

Pediatric Life Support:

Valid certification from one of the following courses:

- Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) – American Heart Association only; **OR**
- NAEMT's Emergency Pediatric Care (EPC) – advanced level only; **OR**
- Pediatric Emergencies for Prehospital Professionals (PEPP) – advanced level only