

Western Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee

Title: Provider Privileges and Continuing Medical Education	Policy # 2013-1
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Policy:	<p>As a part of the delegated medical authority of the Western Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (WREMAC), any certified provider who is a member or employee of an agency with a NYS EMS Code and operates within the eight-county region of Western New York are required to comply with the requirements of this policy and any additional requirements as set forth by the Agency Medical Director.</p> <p>Each regional EMS Program Agency will establish a format (paper or electronic) in which agencies shall report compliance with this policy. Agencies shall report compliance using the approved format no later than June 30 each credentialing year.</p> <p>Individual providers are responsible for maintaining their own credentials and for meeting the eligibility requirements set forth in this policy. Only providers and agencies who are compliant with this policy shall be considered "on-line" and eligible for regional privileges.</p> <p>Any provider or agency that fails to comply with this policy will be taken "off-line" and shall not provide any patient care in the WREMAC region. Notice of any provider or agency that is off-line for non-compliance with this policy may be sent to the Agency Medical Director, County EMS Coordinator, and/or NYS Department of Health's Bureau of EMS and Trauma Systems. In cases when an agency is taken off-line, proper notice shall also be made to appropriate elected official(s) for the area(s) serviced by the agency to ensure proper planning during the service's absence. Additionally, non-compliant agencies may be required to attend a WREMAC review hearing.</p> <p>Agency Medical Directors or EMS Program Agencies may require additional requirements beyond this policy but may not alter the minimum requirements established in this policy.</p> <p>No provider shall provide stand-alone patient care (i.e. field training) with an agency in this region until the agency has validated his/her eligibility for credentialing set forth in this policy and registered the provider with their agency using the EMS Program Agency's approved format (paper or electronic). Validation of eligibility shall occur as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Upon attaining initial certification, or b. Upon attaining certification at a new level, or c. Upon joining an agency as a currently certified provider, or d. Upon request from the program agency, Medical Director, or WREMAC.
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The EMS agency shall monitor provider compliance/certification with all didactic requirements (by level of care) and validate successful skill demonstration set forth in this policy on an annual basis. Skills must be verified at least 1 time beginning July 1 each year. Further, the skills must be completed in a timely manner so the agency is able to meet the June 30 reporting deadline. Providers with lapsed certifications/credentials and/or who do not successfully demonstrate skill competency shall be taken “off-line” by the agency and notice shall be provided to the EMS Program Agency. Off-line providers shall not render any patient care until such time as they meet all requirements set forth in this policy for their level of care!

Skill competency shall be validated when any one of the following occurs:

1. Successfully demonstrate the skill in the presence of a WREMAC Skill Preceptor, Medical Director during simulation; or
2. Medical Director approved documentation of successful performance of the skill during patient care; or
3. Attend Medical Director approved training on the skill that includes a hands-on component.

Procedure:

Designated skill preceptors must meet WREMAC Skill Preceptor Qualifications as outlined in the position description, complete the WREMAC Skill Preceptor Course (or alternative), complete any required updates, be in good standing with all WREMAC policies, and not have any restrictions imposed by the WREMAC or Medical Director. All preceptors are registered with the EMS Program Agency and will be posted to the WREMAC Website.

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 written verification of competency to each requesting agency.

Continuing Medical Education (CME) Requirements

CME has two components: **didactic** and **skill** requirements.

DIDACTIC REQUIREMENTS: providers must maintain WREMAC approved training as detailed within this policy for all courses outlined below. There is no “grace period” for expired credentials.

	CFR	EMT	AEMT	EMT-CC	EMT-P
CPR (healthcare provider)	X	X	X	X	X
Trauma Life Support			X	X	X
Pediatric Life Support				X	X
Cardiac Life Support				X	X
Protocol Exams (as required by NYS, WREMAC, and/or Agency Medical Director)	X	X	X	X	X

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). NOTE: Verification of skills demonstration must be reported by the agency no later than June 30 each credentialing year!

Only those skills for which the agency is approved by the WREMAC must be performed.

	CFR	EMT	AEMT	EMT-CC	EMT-P
Defibrillation	X	X	X	X	X
BLS IN Naloxone Administration	X	X	X	X	X
BLS Epi (Epi-Pen and/or Syringe)	X	X	X		
Nebulized Medications		X	X	X	X
Blood Glucose Monitoring		X	X	X	X
BLS 12-Lead Acquisition/Transmission		X	X		
CPAP		X	X	X	X
Peripheral IV – Adult			X	X	X
Peripheral IV – Pediatric				X	X
EJC				X	X
IO – Adult & Pediatric			X	X	X
Vascular Access Devices					X
Alternative Airway Devices			X	X	X
Oral ET Intubation – Adult			X	X	X
Oral ET intubation – Pediatric					X
Medication Administration: IV Bolus			X	X	X
Medication Administration: IM			X	X	X
Medication Administration: Infusion				X	X
12-Lead Monitoring				X	X
Synchronized Cardioversion				X	X
Transcutaneous Pacing				X	X
Needle Chest Decompression				X	X
Surgical Cricothyrotomy					X

WREMAC Approved Didactic Courses

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

Valid instructor certification satisfies the requirement for provider certification.

Please note! Some CPR cards list a “recommended renewal” date on them. This is done because CPR certification is obtained by many different people for different reasons. There are very different expectations for a layperson taking and maintaining certification compared to an EMS provider.

CPR certification is a requirement of our regional credentialing policy. It must be renewed on or before the expiration date printed on the card (even if the card says “recommended renewal”) in order for a provider to remain credentialed (or “on line”) in the region.

CPR

Training must meet or exceed the requirements established in the **Bureau of EMS Policy #11-07: Required CPR Testing**. In general, CPR courses intended for healthcare providers that issue completion cards meet this requirement, so long as there is an included skills verification session. CPR training courses must meet the current American Heart Association Guidelines for Emergency Cardiac Care.

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