

**North Central Connecticut
Emergency Medical Services Council**

**GUIDELINES FOR OBTAINING
MEDICAL CONTROL AUTHORIZATION
BY
EXPERIENCED PARAMEDICS**

Definition: Any EMT-Paramedic with at least one year of field experience at the paramedic level will be considered as experienced. (this experience must be recent, last 90 days.)

Purpose:

To provide a mechanism for Connecticut certified EMT-Paramedics to obtain medical authorization to practice at the paramedic level with sponsorship at a Hospital within the North Central Connecticut region.

To familiarize each candidate with the sponsor hospital's policies, procedures, and protocols.

To accurately document each candidates credentials.

Process:

1. Candidates requesting medical control authorization must provide the following documentation to the sponsor hospital's EMS Coordinator and/or the EMS Medical Director.

a. A completed application for medical control authorization shall include, but not be limited to:

- Regional Request to Precept Document
- EMS Education and certifications
- All past and present EMS employment and affiliations
- All past and present MIC medical control authorizations

b. A current resume or curriculum vitae

c. Copies of current certification cards to include:

- Connecticut Paramedic License
- ACLS
- PALS/PEPP
- BLS (CPR)
- other cards (optional), PHTLS, NALS

d. A letter from the candidates sponsored service, verifying the status as an employee at the paramedic level, and the service's request that the candidate be medically authorized to practice at the paramedic level.

e. A letter of recommendation from the candidates most recent sponsor hospital EMS Coordinator or Medical Director. This letter should include continuing medical education completed to date.

2. Upon completion of step 1, the appropriate EMS Coordinator will schedule a meeting with the candidate. At that time the candidate will receive copies of applicable policies, treatment protocols, and other expectations. The candidate will be scheduled to take the North Central Connecticut Regional Paramedic Protocol written examination as applicable. The candidate shall be scheduled for a minimum of four- (4) hour's observation time in the Sponsor Hospital Emergency Department. A skills assessment will be scheduled if deemed necessary by the EMS Coordinator. The candidate must successfully complete these. Any inadequacies will be addressed with the candidate, and options delineated.

3. Temporary medical control authorization will be granted for the purpose of precepting, during which the candidate may practice paramedic skills under the direct supervision of a sponsor hospital approved preceptor. This may be done during the candidate's company orientation process.

a. A candidate must complete at least 10 ALS calls or 36 hours of ride time, which are defined as those in which the candidate is responsible for patient assessment, formulation of a treatment plan and performance of appropriate ALS skills. This requirement can be waived or modified by the EMS Medical Director.

b. Candidates shall submit a copy of each ALS report to the EMS Coordinator upon completion of the required number of calls, together with a letter from the field-training officer from the service recommending medical control authorization.

4. The EMS Coordinator will review with the candidate his/her performance. A field evaluation of the candidate may be conducted at the discretion of the EMS Coordinator.

5. The EMS Coordinator will make a recommendation to the EMS Medical Director concerning medical control authorization for the candidate.