

**North Central Connecticut
Emergency Medical Services Council**

**GUIDELINES FOR OBTAINING
MEDICAL CONTROL AUTHORIZATION
BY
MINIMALLY EXPERIENCED/NON-PRACTICING PARAMEDICS**

Definition: Any Paramedic with six (6) months or less field experience who has completed their original paramedic program greater than eighteen (18) months prior to applying for medical control authorization shall be considered as Minimally Experienced/Non-Practicing Paramedic.

Purpose:

To provide a mechanism for Connecticut licensed Paramedics to obtain medical authorization to practice at the paramedic level with sponsorship at a hospital within the North Central Connecticut Region.

To ensure that the sponsor hospital's educational requirements have been met.

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

To accurately document each candidate's credentials.

Process:

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

- a. A completed application for medical control authorization shall include, but not be limited to:
 - Regional Request to Precept Application
 - A record of all EMS Education and certifications within past 18 months as required to qualify for national registry certification
 - 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 sponsored MIC service verifying the candidate's status as an employee at the paramedic level, and the MIC service's request that the candidate be medically authorized to practice at the paramedic level.

2. Upon completion of step 1, the 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 Regional Paramedic Protocol Exam. The candidate shall be scheduled for a minimum of eight (8) hours of observation time in the 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 sponsor hospital approved preceptors.
 - a. A candidate must complete at least 50 ALS calls or 400 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
4. Upon completion of the precepting, the candidate shall submit all reports and evaluations to the EMS Coordinator, together with a letter recommending medical control authorization from the sponsored service's field training officer.
5. The EMS Coordinator will review with the candidate his/her performance during the field preceptorship. A field evaluation of the candidate may be conducted at the discretion of the EMS Coordinator.
6. The EMS Coordinator will make a recommendation to the EMS Medical Director concerning medical control authorization for the candidate.