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Purpose:

To establish guidelines for paramedic personnel who work under the direction of Regions EMS medical directors. This policy also addresses requirements for non-practicing paramedics and for situations in which they desire to return to patient care settings.

Policy:

Practicing Paramedic Status

A Regions Hospital EMS “practicing” paramedic must:

1. Be currently active on a fully equipped ALS Ambulance/Rescue Service, and
2. Be performing ALS skills, and
3. Be currently certified as a Paramedic by the EMSRB, and
4. Meet current CME requirements as established by Regions EMS Medical Direction and in collaboration with the individual services leadership

Non-Practicing Paramedic Status

A Regions Hospital EMS “non-practicing” paramedic is defined as an individual who has not had patient contact, within their EMS agency or elsewhere (i.e. military), for greater than one year in the two year recertification cycle. These individuals must continue to be certified as a paramedic by the EMSRB, and must continue to meet current CME, ACLS, Critical Thinking and Case Review requirements as established by Regions EMS Medical Direction. If the paramedic desires to return to direct patient care, they must complete the following skills check-off with the designated Regions EMS Clinical Supervisor:

1. Review of Regions Hospital EMS Guidelines/complete guideline exam.
2. Airway assessment/management (review of techniques, restraint devices, documentation)
3. Critical Thinking Lab (first available spot)
4. Intraosseous training (bariatric/adult/pediatric EZ-IO)

National Registry Status:

Paramedics are not required to maintain National Registry status, however individual services may require it. The medical director will sign off on National Registry forms, if proof of continuing education requirements are submitted by March 1st to Regions Hospital EMS (See ALS Continuing Medical Education Policy).