Loudoun County Emergency Medical Services Council, Inc.

EMS Policy #2

Recognition of BLS Providers as Attendant-In-Charge

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1. CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS

   A. Hold current Virginia EMT-Basic certification or higher and be released as an authorized Loudoun County EMT-B provider.

   B. Hold current American Heart Association "BLS – Health Care Provider" CPR course completion documentation.

   C. Hold current Loudoun County Emergency Medical Services Council, Inc., AED/King Airway certification.

   D. Be an active member of a Loudoun County EMS Agency that provides BLS pre-hospital care.

   E. Have passed a written Loudoun County BLS Protocols Test

   F. Have passed a written Loudoun County EMT-B Examination

2. CANDIDATE EXAMINATION/EVALUATION

   A. "*An attendant-in-charge shall be authorized by the EMS agency's OMD to use all skills and equipment required for his level of certification and the type of transport to be performed".* This policy sets forth the process by which the Operational Medical Director(s) will recognize and grant locally authorized AIC status.

   B. Locally authorized EMT-Basics wishing to function as an AIC for a BLS transport unit will need to complete an approved precepting program provided by each individual Loudoun County EMS Agency,

   C. Each agency's chief will have the final decision as to the release of any member to function independently as outlined in each agency's by-laws and regulations.

   D. Each agency will be responsible for the development and implementation of a preceptorship program at the EMT-B level. Preceptorship time is set at the discretion of each agency chief. While each agency can tailor the program to meet their needs, each program should have a means to assure that the provider has successfully demonstrated competence in the following categories to be recommended without reservation.

      1) Knowledge of protocols

      2) Knowledge of medications and dosages

3) Ability to appropriately manage patients

4) Ability to manage crew

5) Ability to communicate effectively and appropriately with hospitals/Medical Control

6) Ability to efficiently and effectively document incidents

7) Ability to utilize independent assessment skills and decision making skills effectively

8) Knowledge of incident command structure and coordination of patient care in multi-patient incidents.

E. Prior to completion of the preceptorship program and recommendation for release as an AIC, the candidate must successfully complete a Loudoun County BLS Skills verification.

F. Upon completion of all requirements, the agency chief will complete the "Attendant-In-Charge" release form (see Appendix) and submit to the Operational Medical Director for authorization. The final decision for authorization or denial of AIC status rests with the Operational Medical Director in all cases.

G. In the event that AIC status is denied by the OMD, a meeting will be conducted with the agency chief to discuss the reason for such denial and to discuss any alternate path(s) that may be taken by the candidate.

H. Any candidate who is successful in the precepting process will be issued an EMT-B AIC Local Authorization Card (green border) from the Operational Medical Director to practice as an AIC EMT-B in Loudoun County. The expiration date on the local authorization card will be the same as the expiration date on his/her Virginia OEMS EMT-B certification.

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