

Community Paramedicine Compliance Agreement

May 31, 2016

This Community Paramedicine Compliance Agreement is agreed upon by the Nevada State EMS Program, Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH), and the State Board of Health.

The goal is to allow Nevada permitted ambulance, air ambulance, and fire-fighting services and their employed or volunteer emergency medical providers to conduct community paramedicine services. This compliance agreement will allow permitted services to apply through an application process to the Nevada State EMS Program to receive a community paramedicine endorsement on their service permit and for emergency medical providers to apply through an application process to receive a community paramedicine endorsement on their certificate.

Assembly Bill (AB) 305, allows for Nevada permitted services to conduct community paramedicine services.

“Community paramedicine services” means services provided by an emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic to patients who do not require emergency medical transportation and provided in a manner that is integrated with the health care and social services resources available in the community.

Section 22 of LCB file No. R024-14A 2015. NAC 450B.230 is hereby amended to read as follows: 450B.230 “Service” means an organization which provides ambulance or air ambulance service or which provides units upon request or to provide coverage for a special event, including, without limitation, a fire-fighting agency issued a permit by the Division or a volunteer service, whether or not the service is conducted pursuant to a business license issued by a local government.

“Emergency medical provider” means an emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic. Also known as an attendant.

Community Paramedicine: Authorized Activities.

- 1) A Nevada permitted service or attendant who holds an endorsement to provide community paramedicine services may perform activities as approved by the medical director of the permitted service and as outlined in the current community paramedicine procedures and protocols.
 - a) The current community paramedicine procedures and protocols of the permitted service shall be kept on file with the Division.
 - b) An attendant with an endorsement to provide community paramedicine must not exceed their current certified scope of practice.
- 2) The scope of the community paramedicine services that may be provided by an emergency medical provider who is employed by or serves as a volunteer for the holder of the permit must not include any services that are outside the scope of practice of the emergency medical provider. The scope may include, but is not limited to, episodic assessment, care, intervention, care based on care plans developed by practitioners and/or physicians, helping a recently discharged hospital patient reestablish themselves at home, and medication reconciliation.

Through this compliance agreement, each attendant who is applying to conduct community paramedicine services shall currently be certified as a Nevada emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician, or paramedic; and be affiliated with a permitted service that is permitted to provide community paramedicine services.

This compliance agreement is in effect until regulations have been adopted into Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 450B.

An endorsement on a service permit to provide community paramedicine services will expire on the same date as the permit and is renewable annually thereafter through the prescribed renewal process.

An endorsement on an attendant certificate to provide community paramedicine services will expire on the same date as the certificate and is renewable thereafter through the prescribed renewal process.

VIOLATIONS

AB 305 prohibits a person or governmental entity from providing community paramedicine services without a currently valid permit with an endorsement which authorizes the provision of such services and make a violation a misdemeanor (NRS 450B. 900).

AB 305 prohibits an emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician, or paramedic from providing community paramedicine services unless the person meets certain requirements and make a violation a misdemeanor (NRS 450B.900).

APPLICATION PROCESS

Through this compliance agreement, each Nevada permitted service who is applying to conduct community paramedicine services must provide the following before a community paramedicine endorsement on a permit will be provided:

- Completed Community Paramedicine Permit Endorsement Application.

The Community Paramedicine Permit Endorsement Application will include the following:

- A community paramedicine permit application shall include a statement of intent which will encompass the following:
 - 1) Level of care provided by community paramedicine providers;
 - 2) Services provided within the community paramedicine program;
 - 3) The scope of the community paramedicine services that may be provided by an emergency medical provider who is employed by or serves as a volunteer for the holder of the permit. The scope must not include any services that are outside the scope of practice of the emergency medical provider. The scope may include, but is not limited to, episodic assessment, care, intervention, care based on care plans developed by practitioners and/or physicians, helping a recently discharged hospital patient reestablish themselves at home, and medication reconciliation.
 - 4) Letter of support from the agency medical director;
 - 5) Evidence of a patient charting system;
 - 6) List of community paramedicine vehicles;
 - 7) Evidence that this program will not negatively impact emergency response capabilities;
 - 8) Approved community paramedicine protocols by the agency medical director; and

9) A statement agreeing to provide quarterly reports to the Division.

- Quarterly Reports shall include the following:
 - 1) Number of patients served by community emergency medical services.
 - 2) A continuous quality improvement program, and maintains a fraud, waste and abuse prevention program.
 - 3) Number of avoided ambulance transports, avoided emergency department visits and avoided hospital admissions/readmissions due to community emergency medical services.

The following shall be completed before a community paramedicine endorsement on a certificate will be provided:

- Completed Community Paramedicine Provider Endorsement Application;
- Record of completion of a community paramedicine training course in accordance with the Division.

This compliance agreement extends until 90 days after the effective date of regulations adopted by the Board of Health.

Name of Nevada Permitted Service: _____

Name of Service Authorized Representative: _____

Title of Service Authorized Representative: _____

Signature of Service Authorized Representative: _____ Date: _____

Signed: _____
Cody L. Phinney, MPH, Administrator, DPBH

Date: _____

Signed: _____
Brian Saeman, Vice-Chairman, State Board of Health

Date: _____