



Carroll County Department of Fire and EMS

EMS Policies and Procedures

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I. PURPOSE

Provide jurisdictional medical direction and physician oversight of the County's EMS Operational Program, the delivery of prehospital Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Life Support (ALS) Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and other County EMS-related programs. All EMS clinicians who operate under the authority of the County shall be medically accountable for their actions to the EMSMD.

II. DEFINITIONS

NONE

III. PROCEDURES

A. Provide consultation, advisory, and focused physician services related for EMS programs delivered by the Department of Fire and EMS (DFEMS).

B. Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Report directly to the Director/ Chief of DFEMS. Associate and/or Assistant EMSMDs shall report to the EMSMD.
2. Function in compliance with the guidelines established by Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) and Maryland Institute of Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS), as well as any additional state and federal requirements.
3. Provide subject matter expertise and guidance to the Director/ Chief of DFEMS regarding regulatory and accreditation requirements as specified by COMAR and from MIEMSS.
4. Participate in and provide medical expertise in all aspects of services that have an impact on emergency medical care, including, but not limited to, planning, development, and operations.
5. Work directly with the DFEMS leadership on issues pertaining to EMS

quality assurance and clinical safety including regular reviews the ongoing delivery of prehospital patient management and treatment performed, protocol variations, conduct audits, and make recommendations for appropriate actions to DFEMS leadership and the Director/ Chief of DFEMS.

6. Review the Maryland EMS Medical Protocols and departmental policies and procedures that influence patient management. Recommend changes, pilot programs, and other input to MIEMSS and to DFEMS leadership and the Director/ Chief of DFEMS. Develop supplemental local procedures and policy as necessary.
7. Review the applications for prehospital clinician credentialing and recommend the authorization for operational status of BLS and ALS prehospital clinicians to DFEMS leadership and the Director/ Chief of DFEMS. When necessary, recommend de-authorization and/or decertification of a provider to the DFEMS leadership and to MIEMSS.
8. Review course curriculum and content and provide approval for EMS-related training.
9. Provide medical direction and oversight of the Department's, naloxone, AED, and stop-the bleed programs.
10. Provide an operational EMS physician presence and response, as available, to out-of-hospital medical emergency
11. Represent the Director/ Chief of DFEMS in discussions with area hospitals and other stakeholders.
12. Provide subject matter expertise and limited and focused ad-hoc services to other county agencies such as the Office of Law, Office of Risk Management, and Office of Emergency Management, as required.

IV. RECISION

This Standard Operating Procedure rescinds all directives regarding Medical Director Duties and Responsibilities or similar content previously issued for personnel of the Carroll County Department of Fire and EMS.