

## **USE OF REGISTERED NURSES ON AMBULANCE**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

The purpose of this guideline is to define the criteria for using RN's on the ambulances. A RN may operate under their license and take the place of an EMT or Paramedic if appropriately trained and documentation is maintained per this guideline.

### **CRITERIA PER LICENSE LEVEL:**

#### Medical First Responder

1. Current WI Registered Nurse license. A copy will be maintained in the personnel file.
2. Current CPR certification.
3. Letter from service Medical Director in RN's personnel file allowing RN to operate under the RN license as a Medical First Responder.
4. Maintain annual skill competencies per WI Scope of Practice for Medical First Responder.

#### EMT-Basic

1. Documentation of successful completion of an EMT-Basic course. The RN does not have to be currently licensed as an EMT or hold current national registry credentials.
2. Current WI Registered Nurse license. A copy will be maintained in the personnel file.
3. Current CPR certification.
4. Letter from service Medical Director in RN's personnel file allowing RN to operate under the RN license as an EMT-Basic for River Falls Ambulance.
5. Maintain annual skill competencies per WI Scope of Practice for EMT-Basic.
6. Encouraged to take an EMT-Basic refresher once every two years or attend CME's per EMT-Basic scope of practice.

#### Intermediate Tech

1. Same as EMT-Basic #1 through #4 except Medical Director letter must state RN can operate to Intermediate Tech level.
2. Maintain annual skill competencies per WI Scope of Practice for Intermediate Tech.
3. Encouraged to take an EMT-Basic refresher once every two years or attend CME's per EMT-Basic scope of practice.

#### Intermediate 99

1. Same as EMT-Basic #1 through #4 except Medical Director letter must state RN can operate to Intermediate 99 level.
2. Current ACLS certification. PALS/PEPP certification encouraged, but optional.
3. Provide documentation of training in intubation, needle chest compression and adult IO. RN may obtain this training in an airway lab through CVTC, Regions, HCMC, U of M or other medical director approved sites.
4. Maintain annual skill competencies per WI Scope of Practice for Intermediate 99.
5. Encouraged to take an EMT-Paramedic refresher once every two years or attend CME's per EMT-Intermediate 99 scope of practice.

#### Paramedic

1. Same as EMT-Basic #1 through #4 except Medical Director letter must state RN can operate to Paramedic level.

2. Current ACLS certification. PALS/PEPP certification encouraged, but optional.
3. Provide documentation of training in intubation, RSI, needle chest compression, adult IO, needle cricothyrotomy and pericardiocentesis. RN may obtain this training in an airway lab through CVTC, Regions, HCMC, U of M or other medical director approved sites.
4. Maintain annual skill competencies per WI Scope of Practice for Paramedic.
5. Encouraged to take an EMT-Paramedic refresher once every two years or attend CME's per Paramedic Scope of Practice.

Interfacility RN

1. Same as Paramedic except does not maintain or hold skills in intubation, RSI, needle chest compression, IO, needle cricothyrotomy and pericardiocentesis. Skill competencies in these areas will not be maintained.
2. May perform all medications to paramedic level for River Falls Ambulance.
3. Documented competency in IV pumps and medications.
4. An interfacility RN may not take the place of an EMT. The RN may only be an additional attendant for interfacility transfers to assist with drips/medications outside the scope of EMT's (Basic through Intermediate 99).

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

1. The Medical Director has authority to move an RN from one level to another based on skill proficiencies at any time. A letter will be maintained in the personnel file for the current level the RN may operate at.



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