

10A NCAC 13P .0403 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR FOR EMS SYSTEMS

- (a) The Medical Director for an EMS System is responsible for the following:
- (1) ensuring that medical control is available 24 hours a day;
 - (2) the establishment, approval and annual updating of adult and pediatric treatment protocols;
 - (3) EMD programs, the establishment, approval, and annual updating of the EMDPRS;
 - (4) medical supervision of the selection, system orientation, continuing education and performance of all EMS personnel;
 - (5) medical supervision of a scope of practice performance evaluation for all EMS personnel in the system based on the treatment protocols for the system;
 - (6) the medical review of the care provided to patients;
 - (7) providing guidance regarding decisions about the equipment, medical supplies, and medications that will be carried on all ambulances and EMS nontransporting vehicles operating within the system;
 - (8) keeping the care provided up to date with current medical practice; and
 - (9) developing and implementing an orientation plan for all hospitals within the EMS system that use MICN, EMS-NP, or EMS-PA personnel to provide on-line medical direction to EMS personnel, which includes:
 - (A) a discussion of all EMS System treatment protocols and procedures;
 - (B) an explanation of the specific scope of practice for credentialed EMS personnel, as authorized by the approved EMS System treatment protocols as required by Rule .0405 of this Section;
 - (C) a discussion of all practice settings within the EMS System and how scope of practice may vary in each setting;
 - (D) a mechanism to assess the ability to effectively use EMS System communications equipment including hospital and prehospital devices, EMS communication protocols, and communications contingency plans as related to on-line medical direction; and
 - (E) the successful completion of a scope of practice performance evaluation which verifies competency in Parts (A) through (D) of this Subparagraph and which is administered under the direction of the medical director.
- (b) Any tasks related to Paragraph (a) of this Rule may be completed, through written delegation, by assisting physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, EMD's, or EMT-P's.
- (c) The Medical Director may suspend temporarily, pending due process review, any EMS personnel from further participation in the EMS System when it is determined the activities or medical care rendered by such personnel are detrimental to the care of the patient, constitute unprofessional conduct, or result in non-compliance with credentialing requirements.

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