

1 16 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

2 163 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD (MAINE EMS)

3 Chapter 19: COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE

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5 SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

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7 1. **“Community Paramedicine”** means the practice by an emergency medical services
 8 provider primarily in an out-of-hospital setting of providing episodic patient evaluation,
 9 advice, and treatment directed at preventing or improving a particular medical condition,
 10 within the scope of practice of the emergency medical services provider as specifically
 11 requested or directed by a physician.

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13 2. **“Episodic”** means an encounter with a patient-focused on presenting concerns and an
 14 identified medical condition in which neither the community paramedic nor the patient
 15 has the expectation of an ongoing general home care relationship;"

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17 3. **“Formulary”** means a list of substances that may and may not be administered, and the
 18 routes available for their administration in the context of Community Paramedicine.

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20 4. **“Community Paramedicine Affiliate”** means an emergency medical services person with
 21 active, unrestricted licensure, at minimum at the EMT level, who is licensed by the Board
 22 to provide community paramedicine according to the affiliate-level scope-of-practice, this
 23 chapter of rules, and the scope of practice to which they are otherwise licensed by the
 24 Board.

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26 5. **“Community Paramedicine Technician”** means an emergency medical services person
 27 with active, unrestricted licensure, at minimum at the AEMT level, who is licensed by the
 28 Board to provide community paramedicine according to the affiliate-level scope-of-
 29 practice, this chapter of rules, and the scope of practice to which they are otherwise
 30 licensed by the Board.

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32 6. **“Community Paramedic”** means an emergency medical services person with active,
 33 unrestricted licensure, at minimum at the Paramedic level, who is licensed by the Board
 34 to provide community paramedicine according to the affiliate-level scope-of-practice, this
 35 chapter of rules, and the scope of practice to which they are otherwise licensed by the
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38 7. **“IBSC”** means the International Board of Specialty Certification.

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40 8. **“CP-C”** means Certified Community Paramedic through the IBSC.

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- 9. **“Primary Care Medical Director”** means a Primary Care Medical Director means a physician, or a nurse practitioner who has completed the required clinical experience pursuant to 32 M.R.S. §2102(2- A), who assumes primary responsibility to ensure quality medical care for community paramedicine program. A physician assistant may assist in this role under the direct supervision of a physician; however, the supervising physician must be identified to Maine EMS as the medical director. A Primary Care Medical Director must be licensed and practicing in a primary care capacity within the State of Maine.
- 10. **“Business Records”** means any document or record associated with doing business in the State of Maine, including, but not limited to: Insurance documents, office space leases, ownership/incorporation documents, business bank records, municipal permits or approvals, infectious waste agreements, business policies/procedures, and personnel files.

SECTION 2. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE PERSONNEL LICENSURE LEVELS

- 1. Conditional Licensure
 - A. Any person licensed in Maine to provide emergency medical treatment and who actively practiced community paramedicine prior to July 1, 2024, may be eligible to apply for conditional licensure. Applicants must demonstrate the following:
 - (1) Active community paramedicine practice in the State of Maine prior to July 1, 2024, as evidenced by a minimum of 10 community paramedicine patient care reports in the Maine EMS and Fire Incident Reporting System, completed within the past year.
 - (2) Proof of initial education received and completion of a Maine EMS evaluation of said education:
 - (a) The education received must relate to the provision of Community Paramedicine.
 - (3) Proof of eight (8) hours of continued education related to community paramedicine.
- 2. Those conditionally licensed under this subsection, may only provide community paramedicine according to the scope of practice for the level of licensure they are licensed at per Chapter 5 §2.
- 3. Community Paramedicine Personnel Licenses are issued for the following levels of care, in ascending order:
 - A. Community Paramedicine Affiliate

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B. Community Paramedicine Technician

C. Community Paramedic

4. To be eligible to receive licensure per paragraph 1, an applicant must meet the standards as defined below:

A. Community Paramedicine Affiliate

(1) Current active and unrestricted licensure as an EMT, AEMT, or Paramedic.

B. Community Paramedicine Technician

(1) Current active and unrestricted licensure as an AEMT or Paramedic.

C. Community Paramedic

(1) Current active and unrestricted licensure as a Paramedic

(2) CP-C Certificate from the IBSC or an equivalent as judged by Maine EMS.

5. Community Paramedicine Personnel licensed under this chapter are not permitted to exceed the scope of Community Paramedicine care at their agency’s level or permitted level of licensure.

6. Licensure

A. To obtain and maintain a new or renewed Community Paramedicine license, the applicant must:

(1) At the time of initial application, be affiliated with a Maine EMS licensed service approved by the Board to provide Community Paramedicine Services

(2) At the time of application, the applicant must have held personnel licensure at the level that makes them eligible for the community paramedicine licensure level for greater than 2 years, or one licensure cycle, whichever is greater, and the applicant must be documented in a caregiver role on at least 24 electronic patient

care reports in the Maine EMS Fire and Incident Reporting System involving contact with a patient while licensed at that level.

(3) Possess and maintain active, unrestricted licensure at the level appropriate for the desired license level:

(a) For the Community Paramedicine Affiliate level license, the applicant must have an EMT, AEMT, or Paramedic license.

(b) For the Community Paramedicine Technician level license, the applicant must have an AEMT or Paramedic level license.

(c) For the Community Paramedic level license, the applicant must have a Paramedic license as well as a Board-approved CP-C certificate or an equivalent, as determined by the Office of EMS.

(4) Submit the following to Maine EMS:

(a) A completed Maine EMS Community Paramedicine application provided by the Office of Maine EMS that is signed by the applicant.

(b) For initial licensure, the applicant must provide a verifiable copy of a transcript showing the successful completion of Maine EMS-approved training as described in Maine Community Paramedicine Education Standards, dated June 30, 2024, at a level appropriate for the desired level of licensure, or education judged as equivalent by Maine EMS, obtained within two years of the date of application.

(i) Education should include both didactic instruction and clinical hours.

(c) A Certificate of Completion of State of Maine Mandated Reporter Training.

(d) In the case of an applicant whose Community Paramedicine license is current or not expired by more than two years, proof of completion of Board approved continuing education hours.

(i) For all levels of licensure, the applicant must submit proof of completion of 16 hours of Maine EMS-approved continuing education in community paramedicine topics, as specified by Maine EMS, provided that:

1. Certificates of continuing education hours have not been used for a previous license renewal and have been earned within their licensure cycle

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2. Include a minimum 1 hour of mandated reporter training.

(5) Submit a complete history of any action taken against any emergency medical services certification or license or professional certification or license that the applicant currently holds or has ever held.

SECTION 3. SCOPE OF PRACTICE

1. The Community Paramedicine scope of practice is considered to be additive to the applicant's primary Maine EMS clinician level of licensure.
2. The scope of practice for the Community Paramedicine Affiliate, Community Paramedicine Technician, and Community Paramedic is defined within the Community Paramedicine Scope of Practice Document, dated December 20, 2022, and which is incorporated by reference. Copies of this document are available at Maine EMS, 152 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0152.

SECTION 4. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE FORMULARY

1. The Formulary identifies what medications may or may not be administered following a physician order for a Community Paramedicine provider. The formulary will act as an expansion of existing protocols. The formulary is defined within Community Paramedic or Technician at the Paramedic Level Formulary, dated May 2, 2023, and which is incorporated by reference. Copies of this document are available at Maine EMS, 152 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0152.

SECTION 5. EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE

1. A Training Center currently licensed by Maine EMS in accordance with Chapter 8-A, is approved to conduct training programs that qualify an individual for licensure under this chapter.
2. An educational program that qualifies an individual for licensure under this chapter must:
 - A. Test student proficiency and periodically measure student learning;
 - B. Maintain records of student attendance at didactic sessions, practical laboratory requirements, and performance of clinical requirements;
 - C. Provide, by policy, for the removal of a student from the course for unsatisfactory performance; and

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 209 D. Demonstrate that the program has adequate training space, equipment and other
 210 resources to conduct the particular level of instruction.
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 212 3. Community Paramedicine Affiliate
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 214 A. Programs qualifying an individual for licensure at the Community Paramedicine
 215 Affiliate level must:
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 217 (1) Consist of a minimum of 32 hours of didactic, hands-on, and clinical rotations
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 220 (a) The social determinants of health model;
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 222 (b) The role of a Community Paramedicine Affiliate in public health and primary
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 225 (c) Developing cultural competency;
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 227 (d) Chronic disease management;
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 229 (e) Recognition and treatment of mental health; and
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 231 (f) Personal safety and wellness of the Community Paramedicine affiliate.
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 233 4. Community Paramedicine Technician
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 235 A. Programs qualifying an individual for licensure at the Community Paramedicine
 236 Technician level must:
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 238 (1) Consist of a minimum of 96 hours of didactic, hands-on, and clinical rotations
 239 addressing the following topics:
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 241 (a) The social determinants of health model;
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 243 (b) The role of a Community Paramedicine Technician in public health and
 244 primary care;
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 246 (c) Developing cultural competency:
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 248 (d) Personal safety and wellness of the Community Paramedicine Technician;
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 250 (e) Chronic disease management; and

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252 (f) Recognition and treatment of mental health.
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256 A. A minimum of 1800 hours of didactic, hands-on, and clinical rotations addressing the
257 following topics:

258 (1) The social determinants of health model;

260 (2) The role of a Community Paramedic in public health and primary care;

262 (3) Developing cultural competency;

264 (4) Personal safety and wellness of the Community Paramedic;

266 (5) Systems of Care;

268 (6) Chronic disease management;

270 (7) Recognition and treatment of mental health; and

272 (8) Pandemic response.
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275 6. The education standards identify the standards Community Paramedicine education must
276 follow. This is inclusive of minimum hours, initial education, and continuing education
277 The standards are defined within Maine Community Paramedicine Education Standards,
278 dated June 30, 2024, and which is incorporated by reference. Copies of this document are
279 available at Maine EMS, 152 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0152.
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281 **SECTION 6. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE AGENCY DESIGNATION**
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283 1. Agency Designations will only be valid until November 30, 2025, and will not be issued
284 after that date. Following November 30, 2025, agencies looking to provide Community
285 Paramedicine services will need to obtain a Community Paramedicine license as
286 described in section 7 of this Chapter in order to provide Community Paramedicine in the
287 State of Maine.
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289 2. To obtain a new Community Paramedicine designation prior to November 30, 2025, an
290 emergency medical services provider, including but not limited to an ambulance service
291 or non-transporting emergency medical service, must apply to Maine EMS for approval.
292 In order to obtain this designation, the provider must:
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- 294 A. Apply on forms available from the Office of Maine EMS;
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 296 B. Provide a description of the intended Community Paramedicine plan to be approved
 297 by the Board or Maine EMS staff;
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 299 C. Provide a quality assurance and quality improvement plan that directly addresses
 300 Community Paramedicine;
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 302 D. Identify a primary care medical director with whom it plans to work. The Primary
 303 Care Medical Director may serve as the Service-level medical director. An individual
 304 serving in both capacities must be clearly identified to Maine EMS as fulfilling both
 305 roles; and
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 307 E. Demonstrate to Maine EMS that it has designated an emergency medical services
 308 medical director.
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 310 3. Once an application for a new Community Paramedicine designation has been accepted
 311 as complete by Maine EMS, Maine EMS shall grant, refuse, or conditionally grant the
 312 designation within 70 days. Applications for a new Community Paramedicine designation
 313 will only be accepted until 70 days before November 30, 2025.
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 315 4. All designations will be issued with an expiration date of November 30. Designations
 316 active as of November 30, 2025, will be issued Community Paramedicine licensure at
 317 their level, with an expiration date of November 30, 2026. Designations issued licensure
 318 in this fashion will be required to meet the provisions of section 7 of this rule to renew
 319 their licensure.
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321 **SECTION 7. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE SERVICE LICENSURE**
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- 323 1. To obtain a new Community Paramedicine service license, an emergency medical
 324 services provider, including but not limited to an ambulance service or non-transporting
 325 emergency medical service, must apply to Maine EMS for approval. In order for the
 326 application to be considered complete, the applicant must:
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 328 A. Apply on forms available from the Office of Maine Maine EMS;
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 330 B. Provide a description of the intended Community Paramedicine Plan to be approved
 331 by the Board or the Office of Maine EMS addressing at minimum:
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 333 (1) A training plan
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 335 (2) Referral process
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- 337 (3) Agency-specific protocols
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 339 (4) Service Area
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 341 (5) Pharmacy Agreements
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 343 C. Provide a quality assurance and quality improvement plan that directly addresses
 344 Community Paramedicine;
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 346 D. Identify a Primary Care Medical Director with whom it plans to work; the Primary
 347 Care Medical Director may serve as the Service-Level Medical Director. An
 348 individual serving in both capacities must be clearly identified to Maine EMS as
 349 fulfilling both roles.; and
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 351 E. Demonstrate to Maine EMS that it has designated a Service Level Medical Director.
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 353 2. A Community Paramedicine Service licensed under this chapter, is required to have any
 354 individual who is providing Community Paramedicine services, complete a background
 355 check through the Maine Background Check Center for their Community Paramedicine
 356 Personnel and must ensure that their Community Paramedicine Personnel maintain
 357 enrollment.
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 359 3. Any licensed service must conduct mandatory reporter training during the onboarding of
 360 any Community Paramedicine Personnel, and annually, for anyone providing community
 361 paramedicine services or overseeing the program.
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 363 4. Patient Records
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 365 A. For each request for service, or for each patient when more than one patient is
 366 involved, the individual licensed under this chapter who is primarily responsible for
 367 providing Community Paramedicine services must complete and submit an electronic
 368 Maine EMS patient care report, as specified by Office of Maine EMS, within twenty-
 369 four hours from the time they arrived at patient's location.
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 371 5. Business records
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 373 A. Business records of the Community Paramedicine Licensed Service shall be kept and
 374 retained in a manner consistent with all applicable city, state and federal laws,
 375 ordinances and regulations with proper audit trails available. Business records,
 376 contracts, and newspaper advertisements will be retained for a minimum of five (5)
 377 years.
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- 379 B. A Community Paramedicine Licensed Service must make its records available for
 380 inspection at the request of the Maine EMS Office.
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- 382 C. Proof of current licensure of all licensed community paramedicine personnel
 383 employed directly by the agency.
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- 385 D. The Community Paramedicine Licensed service shall keep a personnel file for each
 386 community paramedicine personnel employed which shall include, but not be limited
 387 to:
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- 389 (1) Their application for employment;
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 391 (2) Evidence of current qualifications;
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 393 (3) Evidence of orientation and in-service training; and
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 395 (4) Periodic evaluations.
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- 397 6. Any licensed service shall work to coordinate and communicate with local Home Health
 398 agencies within the area served. In coordination of services they shall work to avoid any
 399 duplication of services.
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- 401 7. Once an application for a new Community Paramedicine Service license has been
 402 accepted as complete by Maine EMS, Maine EMS shall grant, refuse, or conditionally
 403 grant the license within 70 days.
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- 405 8. Any actively licensed Community Paramedicine Agency that wishes to change their
 406 Community Paramedicine Plan approved by the Board and/or the Office of Maine EMS,
 407 must submit a formal request to the Office of Maine EMS prior to effecting those
 408 changes.
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- 410 A. If the change is deemed a significant change in the scope of work the agency may be
 411 required to submit a new application.
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- 413 B. If the change is deemed a minor change the agency will just need to submit an
 414 addendum for review by the office. Following review and approval the agency can
 415 implement said change.
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- 417 9. All Community Paramedicine Agency Licenses will be issued for up to 13 months, with
 418 an expiration date of November 30.

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420 This section of the rule is effective 70 days prior to November 30, 2025.

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422 **SECTION 8. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE SERVICE LICENSURE RENEWAL**

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424 1. A service applying for renewal of their Community Paramedicine Service Licensure must
425 demonstrate, as specified by the Office of Maine EMS, that they have provided
426 Community Paramedicine services at least once (1) within the preceding licensure term.

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428 2. Once an application for a renewed Community Paramedicine Service license has been
429 accepted as complete by Maine EMS, Maine EMS shall grant, refuse, or conditionally
430 grant the license within 70 days.

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432 3. To obtain a renewed Community Paramedicine service license, an emergency medical
433 services provider, including but not limited to an ambulance service or non-transporting
434 emergency medical service, must apply to Maine EMS for approval. In order for an
435 application to be considered complete, the applicant must:

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437 A. Apply on forms available from the Office of Maine EMS;

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439 B. Demonstrate, as required by the Office of Maine EMS, that they continue to meet the
440 requirements of Section 7 of this rule.

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442 **SECTION 9. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE SERVICE ONBOARDING**
443 **REQUIREMENT**

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445 1. A service licensed to provide community paramedicine services must ensure its
446 employees have received and documented training to the standard within its Community
447 Paramedicine Plan prior to those employees providing community paramedicine services.
448 Proof of documented training must be provided to Maine EMS upon request.

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