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The Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) of New York City is responsible to develop, approve and implement prehospital treatment and transport protocols for use within the five boroughs of the City of New York. The Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) of New York City operates under the auspices of Article 30 of the New York State Public Health Law.

Requirements for Advanced Life Support Medical Director have been revised and are attached.

These requirements apply to all medical directors of Advanced Life Support EMS Agencies operating in the NYC region.

***Medical Director Requirements are effective July 1, 2016.***

***These requirements will be assessed when ALS Agency recertifies. Agency will be responsible to provide all information needed.***

***Any agency renewing after July 1, 2016 must meet new standards, with a sunset date of July 1, 2017.***

***If requirements not met, ALS agency will receive a 30-day warning letter, then suspension.***

Current and Updated Protocols can be accessed at the Regional EMS Council website: [www.nycremsco.org](http://www.nycremsco.org).

Owners/operators of Ambulance and ALS First Response Services providing prehospital medical treatment within the five boroughs of the City of New York are responsible to provide copies of the NYC REMAC Prehospital Treatment Protocols to their personnel, and to ensure that Service Medical Directors and EMS personnel are informed of all changes/updates to the NYC REMAC Prehospital Treatment Protocols.

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*REMAC Medical Director Requirements for Advanced Life Support EMS Agency*

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROVISION OF ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT LEVEL CARE**

### **SECTION III (UPDATED) – new language is in bold blue/red underscore PARAMEDIC (EMTP) SERVICE MEDICAL DIRECTOR**

**All Advanced Life Support (Paramedic Level) Agencies are required, as a condition of initial and/or continued REMAC NYC approval, to provide medical direction and oversight with a REMAC credentialed Agency Medical Director. To ensure adequate physician involvement and to maintain quality, agencies must maintain a ratio of one (1) REMAC credentialed EMS Medical Director for every 100 paramedics employed by or affiliated with that agency.**

#### **Definitions**

The following definition is excerpted from Article 30 of the State of New York Public Health Law. For complete definitions, refer to Article 30.

*“Advanced Life Support Care* means definitive acute medical care **provided under medical control**, by advanced emergency medical technicians within an advanced life support system.”

*Paramedic (EMTP) Service Medical Director* is a physician with primary responsibility for ensuring the quality of patient care provided. All ALS Services must have a Service Medical Director.

#### **Requirements**

1. Must be approved by REMAC of New York City as having met its credentialing requirements as an On-Line Medical Control Physician (*see Section II: REMAC On-Line Medical Control Physician*);
1. **In addition to being licensed to practice medicine in New York State, a REMAC credentialed EMS Agency Medical Director must fulfill at least one of the following categories:**
  - a. **Category A**

**Board Certified or Board Eligible in EMS Medicine by the American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM) or American Osteopathic Board of Emergency Medicine (AOBEM).**
  - b. **Category B**
    - i. **Successfully completed an acceptable, unaccredited fellowship in EMS**

**AND**

  - ii. **Have completed a minimum of 24 months of EMS practice of at least 400 hours per year.**

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### c. Category C

- i. Board certification in Emergency Medicine, Internal Medicine, General Surgery, or Pediatrics by an American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) member Board.

### AND

- ii. Have completed a minimum of 48 months of EMS practice of at least 400 hours per year.

### d. Category D

- i. Have completed a minimum of 60 months of EMS practice of at least 400 hours per year.

## NOTES

### Definition of 'EMS Practice' as used in above categories:

- Physicians can have practiced EMS as Assistant Medical Director, Associate Medical Director, Medical Director, or within another leadership role of one or more EMS agencies with patient care responsibility; or as a direct provider of prehospital emergency care; or any combination of these roles.

### REMAC credentialing of a physician as an EMS Agency Medical Director must be renewed every 5 years. Maintenance of REMAC Certification as an Agency Medical Director requires that the physician:

1. Must be approved by REMAC of New York City as having met its credentialing requirements as an On-Line Medical Control Physician (see Section II: REMAC On-Line Medical Control Physician);
2. Attends four (4) REMAC committee or subcommittee meeting each year,
3. Perform, and submit documentation to support the performance of one CME didactic event per year,
4. Submit to the REMAC a summary of your agency's quality improvement program and provide updates every 2 years,
5. Perform a medical case review (MCR) and provide or arrange for remediation for all prehospital providers who are under his/her authority at the time in which a patient care concern is identified,

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### **6. Must submit evidence, if requested, of involvement in at least three (3) of the following areas within the past two (2) years, prior to appointment as Service Medical Director:**

- a. 50 Continuing Medical Education hours in emergency medicine or EMS-related activities in appropriate specialties;**
- b. 20 hours of prehospital teaching activities (e.g., CME, QA/QI, etc.);**
- c. Active provision of emergency medical care (Emergency Department, Trauma Team, etc.);**
- d. Provision of On-Line Medical Control (minimum of one 8-hour shift per quarter);**
- e. ALS ambulance observation (minimum of one 8-hour shift per quarter).**

### **Roles and Responsibilities**

1. The Service Medical Director will be responsible for the overall quality of patient care provided by the service. S/he shall:
2. Ensure that appropriate standards and protocols are maintained through the provision of professional supervision and quality assurance activities. Quality assurance activities shall include the review of paramedic (EMTP) PCRs/ACRs;
3. Ensure the provision of Continuing Medical Education for paramedic (EMTP) personnel. With regards to recertification of service paramedics, a REMAC physician is responsible for a paramedic candidate up to the third retest. At that point, the physician has the option to rescind any obligation for remediation;
4. Authorize the use and administration of controlled substances. S/he is therefore accountable for the proper use and administration of controlled substances and for the maintenance of a quality assurance plan and compliance with the Advanced Life Support Protocols approved by REMAC of New York City, as well as State and Federal standards regarding controlled substances.