



NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

Department of EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES



STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES

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PURPOSE

To provide written instruction on the requirements a provider must meet during their field internship and before being released to practice at a new ALS level of care.

SCOPE

All department EMS personnel

CONTENT

Field Internship Guidelines

1. You **MUST** be a 3rd on the ambulance to be eligible to function as a STUDENT.
2. Your partner/supervisor must be the appropriate level or above to precept you.
3. You may not participate where the preceptor is immediate family or by other means that may cause a conflict of interest.
4. You **MUST** place a copy of every Field Evaluation in the white NCEMS paperwork box at each station to be kept for training records.

New ALS Certification Release

All new ALS providers must successfully complete an evaluation to be conducted under the supervision of the FTO Supervisor and under the approval of the medical director. The medical director reserves the right to require additional preceptor time and/or clinical time.

The following skill competency and patient transport requirements must be met prior to being released:

Skill Competency Requirements

ALS students are required to submit a copy of each of their education institute's FIELD evaluation forms or equivalent to the FTO Supervisor. The competencies met on the field evaluation form will be applied to the appropriate competency category. If no field evaluation forms are submitted, the provider **MUST** complete ALL the following requirements prior to being released.



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Skill Competencies	EMT to AEMT	EMT to Intermediate	EMT to Paramedic
Medication Administration	4	10	20
IV Access	3	8	15
CPAP*	1	2	3
Ventilate Non-Intubated Patient*	1	2	3
King Airway Insertion*	1	1	1
Endotracheal Intubation*	-	1 real patient	1 real patient
Team Leader on EMS Unit	10 (6 can be BLS)	25 (15 can be BLS)	50 (30 can be BLS)

*These competencies can be complete in a skills lab if unable to complete in the field.

Current Advanced or Intermediate providers will be credited with the minimum competences for their level. (Ex. AEMT→Intermediate will need 6 med admins)

Patient Transport Requirements

The new ALS provider needs to show proficiency in patient assessment and management. To meet the patient transport requirements, the provider must be the lead for each type of transport and show that they can proficiently handle all aspects of that patient's care without any other assistance.

Category	EMT to AEMT	EMT to Intermediate	EMT to Paramedic
Chest Pain	1	3	3
Difficulty Breathing	1	3	3
Diabetic ALOC	1	3	3
Seizure	1	3	3
CVA	1	3	3
Major Trauma	1	3	3

The patient transport requirements can be met while the provider is doing field time with NCEMS as long as the student functions as if they were alone with the patient. If the requirements aren't met during field time, the provider can be scheduled for up to three 12 hour shifts as a third with a FTO or designee. An oral board style patient assessment/management review will be conducted for any transport requirement not met.

Additional requirements for Intermediate/Paramedic

Advanced providers must also provide a current ITLS* certification.

*This requirement may be waived by the Director/Chief



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Additional requirements for Intermediate/Paramedic

Intermediate and Paramedic providers will also need to complete the requirements to become TEMS Sanctioned; as well as providing a current copy of ACLS and PALS certifications.

The following must be completed prior to being released to sit for Oral Boards:

1. Completion of all release requirements
2. Successful completion of at least 2 mock oral board practices.