

**THE CHARLOTTE HUNGERFORD HOSPITAL
POLICY MANUAL**

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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SUBJECT: Recertification Services for the NAEMT Recertification

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POLICY

It is the policy of Charlotte Hungerford Hospital (the "Hospital") to provide certain certification services as set forth herein to Emergency Medical Service ("EMS") Providers, who are employed by, or volunteer with, organizations that receive Medical Control services from the Hospital.

SCOPE

This Policy applies to all nationally certified EMS Providers.

DEFINITIONS

EMS Agency means a professional or volunteer emergency medical services organization, including ambulance companies.

EMS Provider means an emergency medical technician or paramedic who is certified, or is seeking to become certified, by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians.

Medical Control means a formal arrangement by which the Hospital provides certain medical oversight services to an EMS organization.

PROCEDURE

A. Role of Hospital.

1. Hospital staff may credential and verify the skills of EMS Providers applying for certification or re-certification from the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians only if the requesting EMS Provider is employed by, or a volunteer with, an EMS Agency that has entered into a formal agreement with the Hospital for Medical Control. The Hospital will not credential or verify the skills of any other individual applying for certification or re-certification from the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians.
2. In the event the Hospital credentials or verifies the skills of an EMS Provider in accordance with Section A.1., the Hospital may not credential or verify any skills beyond the scope of the Medical Control agreement with the applicable EMS Agency.

3. The Hospital may only credential and verify the skills of EMS Providers requesting recertification at the EMT or AEMT or Paramedic level if: (a) the EMS Provider has been employed by, or has been a volunteer with, an EMS Agency that practices at the EMT or AEMT or Paramedic level, as applicable, for at least one (1) year; and (b) the EMS Agency has been in a formal agreement with the Hospital for Medical Control for at least one (1) year. The Hospital will not verify skills beyond the scope of practice of the EMS agency that the EMS provider is affiliated with.
4. The decision whether to credential or verify the skills of an EMS Provider shall be made in the sole judgment of a Hospital physician in consultation with the Hospital's Emergency Medical Services Coordinator based upon the appropriate standard of care and professional judgment.
5. The Hospital is under no obligation to credential or verify the skills of any EMS Provider and may refuse to do so for any reason, including, but not limited to, an inability to effectively or efficiently verify certain skills. For purposes of this Policy, it is the Hospital's position that credentialing and verification of skills cannot be appropriately performed based solely on simulation activities.

B. Responsibilities of EMS Provider.

1. EMS Provider shall provide any and all materials or documentation requested by the Hospital for its use in credentialing or verification of skills.
2. EMS Provider shall participate in any simulation, exercise, test, or supervisory arrangement reasonably requested by the Hospital for the purpose of the Hospital credentialing the EMS Provider or verifying the skills of the EMS Provider.
3. Affiliation with an EMS Agency that maintains medical control at or above the level of the provider
4. The financial responsibility will be that of the EMS provider, the cost will be provided to the EMS provider prior to scheduling the skills verification.