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SUBJECT: Critical Care Transport and Air Ambulance Provider Expanded Scope of Practice.

TO: EMS agencies
EMS providers

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Expanded scope of practice is authorized for providers above the AEMT level who have completed a critical care or air transport educational program approved by the Department when functioning on a licensed critical care transport ambulance [Pa. Code §1027.39 (d)] or air ambulance [Pa. Code §1027.40(f)]. The Department has published a list of expanded scope skills and medications associated with expanded scope of practice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

Transition to Expanded Scope of Practice:

A provider above the AEMT level, who desires to obtain expanded scope of practice privileges to provide care on behalf of a critical care transport or air ambulance service, shall submit the following information to the EMS agency medical director for review/approval:

- OPTION 1: Documentation of successful completion of a Department approved course in critical care or air transport as posted on the Department's website, or as an equivalent process;
- OPTION 2: Evidence of current certification by the Board for Critical Care Transport Paramedic Certification (BCCTPC) as a Flight Paramedic (FP-C) or ground Critical Care Transport Paramedic (CCP-C).

Following approval by the EMS agency medical director, the agency will maintain a list of providers who have been granted expanded scope privileges. This list will be updated following the medical



director's annual provider review and shall be made available to the Department and/or regional EMS council upon request.

Continuing Education Requirements:

Continuing education requirements for providers with expanded scope of practice privileges will be determined by the EMS agency in consultation with the EMS agency medical director, who will determine the required number of continuing education hours and/or core content.

The Department will accept, through the established continuing education process, credits earned in critical care and/or air transport topics as part of the provider's bi-annual registration requirement.

For providers granted expanded scope of practice based on current BCCTPC certification, any requirement to maintain certification as a FP-C or CCP-C will be determined by the EMS agency.

Please forward any questions to your PA Regional EMS Council.