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DIRECT MEDICAL OVERSIGHT

PURPOSE: To establish a standard by which direct medical oversight originates, and how to access the appropriate source.

- I. The Mobile Intensive Care (MIC) Medical Director shall provide medical oversight for State of Connecticut paramedics who have successfully completed the medical authorization process as outlined in the NHSHP Medical Authorization Policy.
- II. Performance of all advanced life support techniques is authorized by established NHSHP protocols on standing orders (indirect medical oversight) or under the medical direction of a physician from the receiving regional hospital (direct medical oversight) in accordance with the State of Connecticut regulations.
 - a. Should the receiving hospital be different from the MIC service's sponsor hospital(s), the receiving SCC EMS regional hospital will supply the necessary paperwork and information for quality assurance to the service's sponsor hospital for its MIC personnel.
 - b. Should the receiving hospital be outside the SCC region and direct medical oversight needed, then the MIC personnel should obtain a communication line with a New Haven Sponsor Hospital physician (from HSR or YNHH) with the appropriate request.
- III. The C-MED communications system should be utilized to maintain direct medical oversight and to facilitate communications between EMS personnel in the field and the hospital staff.
 - a. Should conditions arise where EMS personnel are unable to establish direct contact with the hospital,
 - i. established standing orders will be followed and the patient transported to the appropriate facility or
 - ii. C-MED may elect to arrange communication with another SCC/EMS regional hospital for obtaining medical oversight. This will not alter patient destination.
- IV. EMS personnel must document medical oversight on the EMSIRS including:
 - i. Standing orders or direct medical oversight.



- ii.** For direct medical oversight: time, physician, orders requested, and requests approved or denied.
- V.** No physician or other person may intercede in patient care without the hospital emergency department physician on duty relinquishing responsibility of the scene via radio or telephone as described in State of Connecticut EMS regulation 19a-179-13-Release of Care to Physician on Scene. If responsibility is given to a physician at the scene of the incident, that physician must be Connecticut licensed, and is responsible for any and all care given at the scene of the incident. In addition, the physician must accompany the patient to the hospital in the vehicle that transports the patient, and must also sign the medical record.