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NEW HAVEN SPONSOR HOSPITAL PROGRAM INACTIVE PARAMEDIC STATUS POLICY

PURPOSE: The NHSHP Inactive Paramedic Status Policy provides guidance on what constitutes inactivity for NHSHP paramedics who wish to maintain medical authorization, the requirements to regain Active medical authorization once placed in the Inactive status, and the processes by which these occur. The NHSHP Inactive Paramedic Status Policy reflects the NREMT Requirements for those who will not be providing direct patient care.

A. Definitions

1. Active Medical Authorization - current unrestricted medical authorization under the auspices of NHSHP for a specific level of certification/license and patient care
2. Inactive Paramedic Medical Authorization - current restricted paramedic level medical authorization authorizing direct patient care ONLY at the EMT level.
3. Suspended Medical Authorization – Medical authorization that has temporarily been stopped, typically for investigative, disciplinary or remediation reasons.
4. Inactivity – not performing ALS assessment and treatment modalities, defined by ≥ 8 hrs/month of direct ALS patient care, as documented by PCR's. Maintaining documentation of this activity is the individual provider's responsibility. This information will be made available to NHSHP if requested by NHSHP Operations staff. For example, if Active Paramedics show deficiencies in Skills Sessions, proof of activity may be requested. Paramedics may be inactive for up to 6 months, before transition to Inactive Status is required.

B. General

1. NHSHP paramedics applying for Inactive Status must have maintained medical authorization for at least 24 months prior to applying.
2. Inactive Status paramedics must continue to comply with all NHSHP Paramedic and Medical Authorization requirements such as CME requirements, annual protocol exam, and other mandatory training. Skills Sessions are voluntary.
3. The individual provider and the service are responsible for requesting Inactive Status from the NHSHP office when 6 months of inactivity is anticipated. This request for inactive status should include the paramedic's name, name of each agency he/she is affiliated with, reason for requesting inactive status, and signatures of the paramedic and chief of each affiliated service.
4. Inactive NREMT-certified Paramedics who are not providing direct patient care anywhere, shall request Inactive Status from NREMT, as required.



5. The individual paramedic shall request Inactive Status from NHSHP biannually, in order to maintain this status. Notification of acceptance or rejection to the paramedic, by the NHSHP Office, will be made within two weeks of receiving the request.

C. Stages of Inactivity

1. Stage I - Six months to 1 year

Reintegration to active medical authorization for stage I inactivity requires the following:

- a. A letter to NHSHP from the provider and service requesting Active Medical Authorization,
- b. Successful completion of a NHSHP NREMT-based Skills Session,
- c. Precepting a minimum of one shift providing ALS assessment and treatment modalities under a NHSHP preceptor. Documentation such as PCRs and preceptor evaluations will be completed for each call and submitted to NHSHP for review, and
- d. A check ride for medical authorization clearance, by a NHSHP Operations staff member (see NHSHP Medical Authorization Policy).

2. Stage II - 1 to 2 years

Reintegration to Active Medical Authorization for stage II inactivity requires the following:

- a. A letter to NHSHP from the provider and service requesting Active Medical Authorization,
- b. Successful completion of a NHSHP NREMT-based Skills Session,
- c. Complete a minimum of 15 ALS calls under the supervision of a paramedic preceptor. Documentation to be submitted to NHSHP as above, in C 1 c.
- d. A clearance check ride by a NHSHP Operations staff member, as above, in C 1 d.

3. Stage III - Greater than 2 years

Once greater than 2 years of inactivity has been attained, the following criteria must be met in order to reintegrate to active medical authorization:

- a. A letter to NHSHP from the provider and service requesting active Medical Authorization,
- b. Successful completion of a NHSHP NREMT-based Skills Session.
- c. Complete a minimum of 30 ALS calls under the supervision of a paramedic preceptor. Documentation to be submitted to NHSHP as above, in C 1 c.
- d. A clearance check ride by a NHSHP Operations staff member as above, in C 1 d.