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1.0 PURPOSE

The intent of this policy is to identify the pathway(s) by which a Georgia licensed Paramedic can seek and obtain endorsement as a Critical Care Paramedic.

2.0 AUTHORITY

The Georgia Department of Public Health, Office of EMS and Trauma, Critical Care Paramedic Endorsement Policy OEMS-CCP-2025-001 is published under the authority of the Department and in compliance with the following:

2.1 Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.):

2.1.1 O.C.G.A. § 31-2A-6,

2.1.2 O.C.G.A. § 31-11-5,

2.1.3 O.C.G.A. § 31-11-51 to 31-11-61.

2.2 EMS Rules and Regulations 511-9-2:

2.2.1 511-9-2-.12.

3.0 DEFINITIONS

3.1 Approved - means acceptable to the Department based on its determination as to conformance with current national standards.

3.2 Critical Care Paramedic (CCP) - means a person who has been licensed as a Paramedic and received Critical Care endorsement by the Department after having been certified by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) as a Paramedic, Board certified by the International Board of Specialty Certification (IBSC) as a Critical Care Paramedic (CCP-C) or Flight Paramedic (FP-C) or Board

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certified by the Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing (BCEN) as a Certified Flight Registered Nurse (CFRN) or Certified Transport Registered Nurse (CTRN)

- 3.3 Department** - means the Georgia Department of Public Health, Office of EMS and Trauma.
- 3.4 Designated** - means the entity specified has satisfied the guidelines set forth by the Department.
- 3.5 Endorsement** – Means a modification or addition to an existing license which grants the endorsee additional privileges to the existing license, such as an increased Scope of Practice
- 3.6 EMS** - means Emergency Medical Services.
- 3.7 EMS Initial Education Program** - means an agency, hospital, institution, Program or other entity designated by the Department as approved to offer/teach EMS initial education courses at the EMR, EMT, AEMT, Paramedic, and/or Critical Care Paramedic levels.
- 3.8 EMS Rules** - means the Department’s Rules and Regulations, Chapter 511-9-2.
- 3.9 Gap Analysis** - means a full review of the provider's academic transcript, applicable work history, and any post-licensure certifications earned. These documents and rationale for acceptance must be available to the OEMST for evaluation
- 3.10 SMC** – Means a Student Minimum Competency with the skills and contacts required by the Department

4.0 SCOPE

This policy applies to all applicants for endorsement as a Critical Care Paramedic.

5.0 POLICY

5.1 Critical Care Paramedic Endorsement Requirements

- 5.1.1** Each applicant must complete a Critical Care Paramedic Course approved by the Department.
 - 5.1.1.1** Critical Care Paramedic courses taught by Designated Critical Care Programs
 - 5.1.1.2** Hybrid Model in which a medic can take an online and/or in-person didactic course from a Georgia approved program, then complete the student minimum competency requirements with a Designated Critical Care Program.

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- 5.1.2 Prior to endorsement, all Critical Care Paramedic applicants must be Licensed and in good standing as a Paramedic in Georgia, and;
 - 5.1.3 Possess certification by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) at the Paramedic level, and;
 - 5.1.4 Possess Board certification by the International Board of Specialty Certification (IBSC) as a Critical Care Paramedic (CCP-C) or Flight Paramedic (FP-C) or Possess Board certification by the Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing (BCEN) as a Certified Flight Registered Nurse (CFRN) or Certified Transport Registered Nurse (CTRN).
 - 5.1.5 Beginning on 06/01/2027 all Critical Care Paramedic Endorsement candidates must possess a minimum of an Associate degree
- 5.2 **Grandfathering of Critical Care Paramedic Pathways (Effective until 01/01/2027)**
 - 5.2.1 Any person who has taken a Critical Care Course that the Department can evaluate to ensure that it meets minimum requirements is eligible for consideration. Additionally, the following requirements will be in place:
 - 5.2.1.1 The Program Director should perform a gap analysis and determine what, if any, remedial education is needed and then verify minimum competency using the Department CCP SMC
 - 5.2.1.2 Complete a skills competency verification by a Department Designated Critical Care Program
 - 5.2.1.3 Those currently working in a Flight/Critical Care setting can use their work experience and annual competencies to satisfy minimum competency.
 - 5.2.1.4 Possess IBSC or BCEN board certification
 - 5.2.1.5 Possess NREMT Paramedic certification
 - 5.2.1.6 To be eligible for this process, the medic must have completed the education prior to 06/01/2025
- 5.3 **Continuing Education Requirements**
 - 5.3.1 The continuing education requirement for Critical Care Paramedics shall be met by completing Department-approved or Department-recognized continuing education of not less than Forty (40) hours for each twenty-four

(24) month period of the license renewal cycle, with subject matter that includes cardiac care, pediatric care and trauma care. All continuing education must be consistent with the appropriate level EMS course curriculum or above. For Critical Care Paramedics, training to maintain ACLS and BLS shall be in addition to the forty required biennial hours of continuing education.

- 5.3.2** Critical Care Paramedics shall be required to maintain current Paramedic certification through the National Registry of EMTs and current IBSC or BCEN Board Certification throughout the renewal period. Prior to renewal of a Paramedic with Critical Care endorsement license, the licensee's certification through the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians shall be renewed.

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