

Jackson County Medical Control Authority
Community Paramedicine Protocols
CONTINUITY PLANNING

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Indications: This protocol provides general guidance for continuity planning for patients treated under the Community Paramedicine Program. The CPU will respond to a residence on request from the primary care provider, on request by the patient through 911 triage or on referral from ALS 911 response. The CP will follow guidelines outlined by the primary care providers or on-line medical direction orders.

Purpose: To establish a continuity plan for patients evaluated and treated under the Community Paramedicine Program.

CPU Directives:

1. Follow **General Protocol for CPU Patient Assessments**.
2. Obtain and review patient health history and primary care provider's orders prior to evaluation when available.
3. Patients treated under the Community Paramedicine Program will be provided a written Continuity Plan which will include:
 - a. Follow up evaluation: In cooperation with the patient and online medical direction the CP will provide a **Follow Up Location** will be defined with a plan for successful completion of the follow up. The follow up may include, but is not limited to, immediate office evaluation, delayed office evaluation, return visit(s) by the Community Paramedic, other home care treatment plan, other defined follow up location.
 - b. Medication reconciliation: In cooperation with the patient and on-line medical direction the CP will provide a **Medication Reconciliation** for the patient. The plan should include an assessment of the prescribed medications and the ability of the patient to understand the medication they are to be taking. If additional medications are needed, the CP will help to develop a plan for assuring the patient has what is needed.
 - c. Additional treatment: In cooperation with the patient and on-line medical direction the CP will provide a plan for **Additional Treatment** when needed. This plan may include arrangements for additional home visits by medical professionals, delivery on home medical equipment or other treatments needed for the patient.
4. Contact the PCP or on-line medical direction per the **General Protocol for CPU Patient Assessments** along with the patient report discuss treatment and continuity plans.
5. Continue treatment and follow the **General Protocol for CPU Patient Assessments** until a disposition is determined and continuity plan completed.