

EXPECTATIONS OF THE EMS AGENCY, EMS AGENCY SUPERVISOR, AND EMS AGENCY SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN

All licensed EMS agencies are required, by state, to have Physician Medical oversight. This may be accomplished by the Medical Program Director (MPD) or an MPD delegated EMS Agency Supervising Physician. All ALS or BLS licensed agencies that are providing advanced skills are required, by statute, to have a physician supervisor. Licensed BLS agencies may, at their discretion, have an MPD delegate Physician Supervisor. The following is a list of expectations of the agency and the described positions:

- ✓ A current listing of the EMS Agency Supervisor and the physician advisor, if required, shall be provided at all times to the Spokane County EMS/MPD's office by the licensed EMS agency. The Physician Supervisor must be formally delegated as such by the county MPD.
- ✓ The EMS Agency Supervisor shall be the point of contact for questions/concerns regarding EMS provided by the represented agency.
- ✓ Ensure all care providers are listed on their agency's roster that is maintained by Washington State DOH.

EMS AGENCY SUPERVISOR:

1. The EMS Agency Supervisor shall be signatory on all EMR/EMT initial certification applications. By signing, they are verifying that the applicant is knowledgeable of the Spokane County Operating policies and procedures applicable to the agency they are serving. This signature shall act as a recommendation to the Spokane County Medical Program Director to approve the applicant.
2. The EMS Agency Supervisor shall be signatory to all EMR/EMT recertification applications. By signing, they are verifying that the applicant is knowledgeable of the Spokane County Operating Procedures, protocols, and practices applicable to the agency they are serving, county specific protocols, and have completed the continuing education and proficiency in procedural skills as required by the provider's level of certification. This signature shall act as a

recommendation to the Spokane County Medical Program Director to approve the applicant.

3. The EMS Agency Supervisor shall be signatory on all EMR/EMT personal status change applications to be added to an agency's rosters when coming new into Spokane County from another Washington county or another State. By signing, they are verifying that the applicant is aware of the Spokane County Operating policies and procedures applicable to the agency they are serving, Spokane County/Washington State protocols, and proficient in procedural skills within the scope of the practice of the EMS provider's level of certification prior to the individual providing patient care. This signature shall act as a recommendation to the Spokane County Medical Program Director to approve the applicant.
4. Shall assure all care providers are listed on their agency's roster with the Washington State Department of Health.
5. Shall provide a list to the Spokane County EMS Office/MPD of ALS certified providers that are required to perform at a BLS Level while providing care for their Agency.
6. Provide all requested documentation to the Spokane County EMS/MPD's office to facilitate the Q.I./Q.A. process.
7. Ensure all agency personnel are informed/educated on procedure/protocol changes in the time frame as provided by the EMS Council.
8. Shall be required to report any acts or perceived acts of gross neglect to provide care, abuse of a patient or actions/convictions that would preclude a care provider to maintain a certification in the State of Washington to the Spokane County EMS office/MPD and the Washington State Department of Health immediately.

MPD DELEGATED SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN:

1. The Supervising Physician, after collaboration with the EMS Agency Supervisor, shall be signatory on all EMT-IV/AEMT/Paramedic initial certification applications. By signing, they are verifying that the applicant is aware of the Spokane County Operating Procedures, Spokane County

Protocols and practices applicable to the agency they are serving. The Supervising Physician is verifying the candidate's knowledge and skills competency with their signature. This signature shall act as a recommendation to the Spokane County Medical Program Director to approve the applicant.

2. The Supervising Physician, after collaboration with the EMS Agency Supervisor, shall be signatory on all EMT-IV/AEMT/Paramedic recertification applications. By signing, they are verifying that the applicant is aware of the Spokane County Operating Procedures, protocols, practices applicable to the agency they are serving, county specific protocols, and have completed the continuing education and proficiency in procedural skills as required by provider's level of certification. The Supervising Physician verifies the candidate's knowledge and skills competency with their signature. This signature shall act as a recommendation to the Spokane County Medical Program Director to approve the applicant.
3. The Supervising Physician, after collaboration with the EMS Agency Supervisor shall be signatory on all EMT-IV/AEMT/Paramedic personnel status change applications to be added to an agency's rosters when coming new into Spokane County from another Washington county or another State. By signing, they are verifying that the applicant is aware of the Spokane County Operating Procedures, protocols, practices applicable to the agency they are serving, Spokane County/Washington State protocols, and proficient in procedural skills within the scope of the practice of the EMS provider's level of certification prior to the individual providing patient care. The Supervising Physician is verifying the candidate's knowledge and skills competency with their signature. This signature shall act as a recommendation to the Spokane County Medical Program Director to approve the applicant.