



<b>REGION 11 CHICAGO EMS SYSTEM POLICY</b>	Title: Prehospital Registered Nurse, Prehospital Physician Assistant, and Prehospital Advanced Practice Registered Nurse
	Section: EMS Personnel
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## **PREHOSPITAL REGISTERED NURSE (PHRN), PREHOSPITAL PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT (PHPA) AND PREHOSPITAL ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE (PHAPRN)**

I. While the Illinois EMS Act recognizes Prehospital Physician Assistants (PHPA) and Prehospital Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (PHAPRN) as approved licensure levels, Region 11 Chicago EMS does not recognize them in their EMS Systems.

**II. To be approved and licensed as a "Prehospital Registered Nurse" (Prehospital RN) an individual shall:**

- A. Be a licensed RN in good standing and in accordance with the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.
- B. Have two years of full time clinical practice in Emergency or Critical Care nursing.
- C. Have current CPR certification.
- D. Complete a supplemental educational curriculum, formulated by the EMS System and approved by IDPH, that consists of:
  - 1. At least 40 hours of classroom and psychomotor education and measurement of competency equivalent to an entry level Paramedic program;
  - 2. Practical education, including but not limited to: advanced airway techniques, ambulance operations, extrication, telecommunications, and prehospital cardiac and trauma care of both the adult and pediatric population; and
  - 3. The Region 11 EMS System Protocols, Policies, and Procedures.
- E. Complete a minimum of 10 ALS runs supervised by a licensed EMS System physician or an approved EMS System PHRN or Paramedic only as approved by the EMS Medical Director.
- F. Successfully complete the National Registry of EMTs (NREMT) paramedic cognitive examination.
- G. After submission of the above components to the Resource Hospital, the transaction form and recommendation for licensure will be submitted to IDPH. The application will include demographic information, social security number, child support statement, felony conviction statement, applicable fees and shall require EMS System authorization.



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**III. PHRN LICENSE RENEWAL**

- A. To apply for a four-year license renewal:
  - 1. Submit documentation of CE requirements to the EMS System at minimum 30 days prior to license expiration.
    - a. PHRNs shall have a minimum of 120 system approved CE hours in the same core content areas as required for paramedics.
    - b. All Region 11 mandatory CE assignments are required.
  - 2. Maintain current CPR certification on file with the Resource Hospital.
  - 3. Maintain current RN License within the State of Illinois on file with Resource Hospital.

**III. INACTIVE STATUS**

- A. Prior to the expiration of the current license, a PHRN may request to be placed on inactive status. The request shall be made in writing to the EMS MD.
- B. A PHRN who wants to restore their license to active status shall follow the requirements set forth in Section 515.600.
- C. If the PHRN inactive status period exceeds 48 months, the licensee shall re-demonstrate competencies and successfully pass the NREMT Paramedic examination.
- D. The EMS MD shall notify the Department in writing of a PHRN's approval, re-approval, or granting or denying of inactive status within 10 days after any change in a PHRN's approval status.

**IV. CHANGE IN NAME OR ADDRESS**

- A. A PHRN shall notify the Department within 30 days after any change in name or address. Notification may be in person, or by mail, phone, fax, or electronic mail.
- B. Addresses may be changed through the Department's online system: <https://emslic.dph.illinois.gov/glsuiteweb/clients/ildohems/private/shared/onlineservices.aspx>
- C. Names and gender changes require legal documents (marriage license or court documents).