



REGION 11 CHICAGO EMS SYSTEM POLICY	Title: Community Paramedic
	Section: EMS Personnel
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COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC

I. PURPOSE:

To define the role of the Community Paramedic (CP) within a Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) Program in the Region 11 EMS System.

II. DEFINITION:

A Community Paramedic (CP) is a licensed Paramedic that completes a standardized Community Paramedic education program through an approved college or university and operates as an advanced paramedic in the provision of health education, monitoring and services beyond the roles of traditional emergency care and transport. Community Paramedic education programs using the North Central EMS Institute Community Paramedic curriculum are recognized by the Region 11 EMS System.

III. ROLE:

The Community Paramedic will assist individuals in overcoming healthcare barriers by identifying and mitigating gaps in their health and wellness needs and evaluation of specific disease processes. The Community Paramedic coordinates with community resources to support relationships between the patient and medical and social services. Community Paramedics are credentialed by the Region 11 EMS System to work in an IDPH approved Mobile Integrated Healthcare Program.

IV. CREDENTIALING:

To be credentialed as a Community Paramedic by the Region 11 EMS System, the candidate must:

- A. Maintain a current IDPH Paramedic license;
- B. Have two years minimum of field experience as a Paramedic;
- C. Successfully complete a Community Paramedic education program with certificate from a Region 11 approved program that includes clinical experience provided under the supervision of the EMS Medical Director;
- D. Submit a letter of interest to the EMS Medical Director;
- E. Submit a letter of recommendation in support of the candidate from a mentor that supports the recommended qualities as listed below;
- F. Attend a Region 11 EMS orientation session for the MIH Program;



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- G. Practice in accordance with the Region 11 Community Paramedic Protocols;
- H. Complete an additional 12 hours of Continuing Education every year at the Paramedic level that is focused on Community Paramedic topics.

V. MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE (MIH) PROGRAM PARAMEDIC SELECTION:

Community Paramedics are advanced Paramedics that require a specialized knowledge base and essential characteristics to ensure success in the role. Community Paramedics credentialed within Region 11 are eligible to participate in an approved Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) Program as defined by the EMS Agency, the EMS System, and IDPH. The following are recommended qualities that Community Paramedics should display:

- A. Proficient patient assessment skills;
- B. The ability to work collaboratively as a member of a healthcare team;
- C. Good communication and social skills;
- D. Empathy;
- E. Acceptable EMS System and EMS Agency personnel file upon review.