

**OKALOOSA COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE**

Title: Medical Control Authorization & Protocol Revision
Policy: 109.00
Purpose: To provide guidelines for medical control authorization and protocols.

Policy:

EMTs & Paramedics are certified by the State of Florida and must work under the medical license of the service Medical Director. Florida Statute 401 §401.265 (1) states "...The medical director must supervise and assume direct responsibility for the medical performance of the emergency medical technicians and paramedics operating for that emergency medical services system..."

The Okaloosa County EMS Medical Director has full authority to either allow or not allow an EMT or Paramedic to function under his / her medical license. If the OCEMS Medical Director does not allow an EMT or Paramedic to function under his / her license that EMT or Paramedic will not be permitted to work for OCEMS.

The Okaloosa County EMS Medical Director will authorize medical protocols for use by Okaloosa County EMS EMTs and paramedics.

The Okaloosa County EMS Medical director, working with the Training Officers, and other Okaloosa County EMS employees, will review and revise the medical protocols as needed.

Accountability and Compliance:

Through QA/QI any EMT or Paramedic found habitually non-compliant with the protocols will meet with the Medical Director and undergo direction and remediation. If at that time the Medical Director deems the EMT or Paramedic unable to function under his/her license they will not be permitted to work for OCEMS.

All changes to protocols will be reviewed by the medical director at a minimum of one month prior to change. If a protocol must be changed prior to the minimum date a memo must be sent to each member working under his/her license with an acknowledgement of understanding.

The EMS Medical Director will preside over a bi-annual comprehensive protocol review to ensure all Florida Statutes are met, along with any changes in the national curriculum.

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