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St. Clair County MCA does not envision any scenario where a life support agency will respond to an emergency or non-emergency patient when not under the medical direction and oversight of the MCA.

- A. A person(s) who intends to operate, public or private, pre-hospital life support agency within the jurisdiction of the St. Clair County Medical Control Authority shall be required not less than annually to:
1. Meet all standards and criteria established by Act 368, Public Acts of 1978, as amended, rules and regulations promulgated by Michigan Department of Community Health, standards adopted by the St. Clair County Medical Control Authority.
 2. Submit to the Medical Control Authority, a completed application for a pre-hospital life support agency, on forms supplied by MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH which shall include all of the following:
 - a. geographical location in which service intends to operate, including a letter of approval or contracts from each township, village or city in which an agency intends to operate authorizing the agency to operate within the geographic boundaries of their community.
 - b. the level of licensure the life support agency intends to operate at
 - c. A roster containing a list (including license numbers) of all active employees along with a copy of the following items for **each employee** on the list:
 - a copy of their current licensure
 - for Paramedic personnel, a copy of their valid current ACLS provider status
 - documentation of compliance with minimum standards for personnel medical privileges credentialing as defined by these protocols
 - letter from the Life Support Agency's Chief or Director ensuring compliance with the state's continuing education requirements
 - d. 90 day schedule
 - e. copies of mutual aid agreements assuring secondary response capabilities.



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3. Notify Medical Control at their next regular meeting of any changes in personnel, ownership, vehicles removed from services, changes in radio communications capability and any other changes in the requirements of original licensure.
4. Submit a letter of endorsement to the Medical Control Authority to support and comply with the minimum standards of medical care, protocols and operational procedures adopted by said authority.
5. Use and maintain standardized ambulance run report forms approved by the Medical Control Authority and maintain accurate files on all cases where patient care is rendered, for a minimum of seven (7) years.
6. Staff each pre-hospital life support vehicle with the level of licensure required as designated by the application.

B. Secondary Response Capability

1. A non-transporting pre-hospital life support agency shall coordinate with other life support agency's to provide for mutual aid for medical emergencies within its primary geographical service area.
2. If at any time a pre-hospital life support agency does not have a vehicle staffed according to the Act and MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH rules available for response within its primary geographical service area, the agency shall do both of the following:
 - a. Notify St. Clair MEDCOM and other public safety agencies from which requests for service are regularly received.
 - b. Activate all pertinent mutual aid agreements.

C. Extent of Responsibility for the Care of Patient

A life support agency is responsible for the care of the patient and may only transfer care of the patient to personnel of a life support agency licensed by MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH to provide equal or more advanced care.

D. Works, Phrases, Signs, Symbols, Insignia; permitted use



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1. Only those persons licensed by MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH as pre-hospital life support agencies, may use MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH approved words, phrases, signs, symbols, or insignia which indicates to the public that pre-hospital life support services are provided.
2. All pre-hospital life support agency vehicles shall be clearly marked as it relates to vehicle identification.

E. Relicensure

Pre-hospital life support agencies shall submit annually to the Medical Control Authority, on forms supplied by MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH for relicensure, all information and attachments previously outlined within this policy.