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## **COOPERATING HOSPITAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. A hospital wishing to serve as a cooperating hospital to a life support agency shall notify the Medical Control Authority of such intent and shall comply with the following:
1. Meet all standards and criteria established by Act 368, as amended, and rules and regulations promulgated by MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH.
  2. Provide the MCA evidence of categorization.
  3. Participate and support the MCA and the Medical Director in the promulgation of medical control as required in the EMS rules.
  4. Staff an emergency department 24 hours per day, 7 days a week with a physician.
  5. Be capable of receiving verbal communications with an advanced life support unit at the scene of an emergency in accordance with the state Medcom plan.
  6. Designate a licensed pharmacist to be responsible for the control, placement, and replacement of drugs, intravenous solutions, hypodermic syringes, hypodermic needles and intravenous needles utilized by an advanced or limited advanced mobile emergency care service.
  7. Encourage participation in continuing education programs for licensed emergency medical services personnel.
  8. Agree to support, as may be determined on a cost sharing basis, reasonable and required expenses of the EMS system.
  9. 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 board.
- C. Radio and Telecommunications Requirements
1. Maintain a current copy of the Medcom plan on hand at all times.
  2. All radio communications systems and components operating on Medcom frequencies shall be consistent with all applicable statutes, rules and specifications relating to the State Medcom plan.
  3. All frequencies, code access numbers, and other designations shall be assigned by Michigan Department of Community Health pursuant to the Medcom plan. Deviations from such assignments shall not be made without prior authorization of Michigan Department of Community Health.



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4. A radio base station operating on Medcom frequencies shall not radiate more power than the minimum required for satisfactory technical operations commensurate with the size of the area to be served and local conditions which affect radio transmission and reception. In cases of harmful interference, the Michigan Department of Community Health may require that application be made to the Federal Communications Commission for a change in power or antenna height, or both.
5. All radio systems and components operating in the Medcom system shall be maintained in good operating condition and shall be regularly tested for prop performance by technical personnel who are licensed in accordance with Federal Communications Commission rules and regulations.
6. Federal Communications Commission and Medcom radio operation procedures, unit identification numbers, and message content guidelines shall be utilized in all radio transmissions in support of emergency medical services on Medcom frequencies.

C. Representation of Categorization

A person shall not represent a hospital emergency department's categorization as other than that authorized by MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH.