Purpose: The St. Clair County Medical Control Authority strives to maintain a high quality, efficient, and effective EMS system by setting minimum standards for the personnel who practice within St. Clair County. This protocol is an outline of the requirements for all who provide EMS care within the SCCMCA. All EMS personnel working within the SCCMCA must be approved and granted privileges by the SCCMCA Medical Director, at the level of licensure of the agency where they are working/employed.

Definitions: SCCMCA = St. Clair County Medical Control Authority

Introductory = A SCCMCA EMT-S or EMT-P who is in the process of completing their required hours of orientation/training. This individual must work with another SCCMCA "Active" provider who will provide direct supervision of the provider's actions and treatment. The introductory provider cannot perform advanced skills outside the presence of the "Active" provider.

Active = A SCCMCA EMT-S or EMT-P who has completed all requirements for entry in the SCCMCA and maintains their credentials. This provider is knowledgeable and versed in all SCCMCA guidelines and protocols and may perform skills up to their level of licensure without direct supervision from any other SCCMCA provider.

I. Entry Requirements

A. Medical First Responder

1. Provide a letter of intent to employ from participating SCCMCA life support agency.
2. Provide a copy of current state license.
3. Provide a copy of current CPR for the healthcare provider course card from the American Heart Association or the American Safety & Health Institute or American Red Cross.
4. Provide a copy of a background investigation conducted by a county, state or federal law enforcement agency, within the last 30 days.
5. Individual provider to use the online module American CME for completion of their St. Clair County MCA Protocol test. The individual must pass the requirement with 80% or higher with 5 attempts before lock out. Once locked out the agency of hire can review with staff the protocols and unlock the module. It will be the agency of hires responsibility to ensure competency.
6. If required, SCCMCA reserves the right to QA the introductory provider's ePCRs.

B. Emergency Medical Technician – Basic
1. Provide a letter of intent to employ from a SCCMCA BLS licensed fire department.
2. The EMT-B must provide all documentation and complete training as described in MFR section.
3. Individual provider to use the online module American CME for completion of their St. Clair County MCA Protocol test. The individual must pass the requirement with 80% or higher with 5 attempts before lock out. Once locked out the agency of hire can review with staff the protocols and unlock the module. It will be the agency of hires responsibility to ensure competency.
4. If required, SCCMCA reserves the right to review the introductory provider's competency exams and ePCRs.

C. Emergency Medical Technician – Specialist or Paramedic
1. Provide a letter of intent to employ from a participating St. Clair County Advanced Life Support ambulance operation.
2. The EMT-S/EMT-P must provide all documentation and complete training as described in the MFR section above.
3. The EMT-S/EMT-P will also complete and maintain the following before becoming "Active".
   a. Current in AHA or the American Safety & Health Institute ACLS
   b. An approved pediatric program – AHA or the American Safety & Health Institute Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS), Pediatric Education for Prehospital Providers (PEPP), Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) or other SCCMCA-approved pediatric course.
4. Individual provider to use the online module American CME for completion of their St. Clair County MCA Protocol test. The individual must pass the requirement with 80% or higher with 5 attempts before lock out. Once locked out the agency of hire can review with staff the protocols and unlock the module. It will be the agency of hires responsibility to ensure competency.
5. If required, SCCMCA reserves the right to review the introductory provider's competency exams and ePCRs.
6. Once the EMT-S/EMT-P has provided the appropriate credentials to the SCCMCA they will be required to complete an "introductory" period
   where the Provider will be placed with an "Active" provider that is approved by the life support agency to orient the new provider in the

guidelines and protocols of the SCCMCA. The required "introductory" hours are listed below:

a. "Introductory" providers with less than 1 year of experience working as an EMT-S/EMT-P are required to complete 216 hours of field training. Providers with more than 1 year of experience working as a functioning paramedic for an ALS life support agency as an EMT-S/EMT- P, or Providers who completed a CoAEMSP accredited EMT-P program in St. Clair County AND completed a 250 hour CAPSTONE internship at the completion of their didactic class prior to being licensed will be required to complete the Life Support Agencies internal field training program. Approval will be subject to 90 day reevaluation that will be submitted to the Medical Control Authority.

b. The EMS agency or Medical Director reserves the right to increase "introductory" hours based on the provider's progression through the training period and his/her interaction with the individual in the field.

7. If required, SCCMCA reserves the right to QA the "introductory" provider's ePCRs.

8. When the "introductory" period has elapsed and the life support agency is satisfied that the EMT-S/EMT-P is knowledgeable and capable of providing advanced care without supervision, the agency shall request in writing that the provider be placed on "active" status within the SCCMCA. The letter shall include:
   a. A list of intravenous attempts and success rates.
   b. A list of advanced airway procedures and success rates.
   c. Completed life support agency orientation checklists or training documents.
   d. A log sheet, timecard(s) or other documentation showing the completed hours of training.

9. Once the documents have been received, the SCCMCA Training and Education Committee will review the provider's documentation and recommend whether or not the SCCMCA Medical Director should provide a letter allowing the agency to move the introductory employee to active status. Active status allows the provider to perform up to his/her level of licensure without direct supervision and means that the provider takes full responsibility for possessing a detailed knowledge of the

SCCMCA guidelines and protocols. It also indicates that the provider will follow such guidelines and protocols to provide the best care possible to his/her patients.

II. Recertification

A. Recertification will occur every 3 years coinciding with the expiration of the provider's state license for each level. Each provider must complete recertification within 90 days of the expiration of their state license.

B. The active provider must provide all the same documentation, and proof of employer based competency testing for the level of licensure as outlined in the entry level requirements.

C. EMT-S/EMT-P must also provide a list of:

1. Intravenous attempts and success rates for the last 12 months.
2. A list of advanced airway procedures and success rates for the last 12 months.

D. EMT-S/EMT-P will not be required to complete the 216 hours of introductory training in the field, unless deemed necessary by the SCCMCA, Medical Director, PSRO or Training & Ed Committee.

III. Annually

A. Individual providers are to use the online module American CME for completion of their St. Clair County MCA Protocol test. All individuals must pass the requirement with an 80% or higher with 5 attempts before being locked out. If locked out, the agency of the individual can review the protocols with them and unlock the module. It will be the responsibility of the agency to ensure competency.