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### **Professional Clinical Practices Management Advisory**

City of Austin/Travis County EMS System Professional Practices Section 1-4 of the Comprehensive Medical Practice Management Program (CMPMP) v10.01.08 establishes the First Responder Organization's System Registration and Licensure Requirements; based on the organization's designated Scope of Care (e.g., Basic, Intermediate or Advanced).

There are several First Responder providers in the System that are credentialed at a higher level than their organization has registered with ATCOMD and Tx DSHS (i.e., ILS and/or ALS providers in a basic registered organization). The current CMPMP establishes that in order for a provider to maintain their credentials at their current level, their organization must establish their designated Scope of Care status at, or higher than, their credentialed provider. In establishing this designated "scope" the organization must equip and support their respective providers at the appropriate level in which they are credentialed to practice.

The implementation of the current CMPMP document established a requirement for significant clinical and organizational change in the System. This clinical and organizational change has caused several organizations to face the decision as to which Tx DSHS Licensure level they will choose to maintain as well as which level they wish to participate within the System. This has also caused these same organizations to decide which Provider Credentialing levels they are willing to equip and support within their Organization. Some organizations have individual Providers credentialed at ILS or ALS levels that are not equipped nor supported which is, technically, in violation of the CMPMP.

After reviewing these requirements, and discussions with the interim medical directors, the ATCOMD will be deferring credential adjustments for individual ILS or ALS Providers credentialed prior to 12/01/08 until, a new Medical Director is employed and has had a sufficient opportunity to review the CMPMP in its entirety.

Organizations who have providers that were Credentialed at the ILS or ALS levels (or are currently in the process at those levels) after the CMPMP implementation date of 12/01/08 must be actively working on making any necessary Licensure adjustments and/or making provision to support those Credential levels once they have been achieved by the Provider in accordance with the CMPMP document.

I have reviewed and verified all current Organizational Licensure levels with the Tx DSHS and have requested the correction of 3 data base errors based upon FRO Tx DSHS Registration/Licensure documents for the past 6 years. I also have requested Tx DSHS to advise me of the most efficient process and the documentation required to change the "Licensure level only" for an existing organization.

Feel free to contact us with questions or for assistance in Licensure level verification or changes.

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