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|  | | SOUTHERN FOX VALLEY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM POLICY & PROCEDURES | |
| TITLE: ALTERNATE STAFFING FOR RURAL EMS DEPARTMENTS | | | |
| SECTION: EDUCATION AND LICENSURE | | POLICY NUMBER: C 34.0 | |
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PURPOSE:

To provide exemption to the credentialing process allowing registered nurses, physician assistants and advanced practice nurses to apply to serve as volunteers on a volunteer EMS agency, who perform the same work as EMTs after the completion of Southern Fox Valley EMS System (SFVEMSS) requirements.

POLICY:

- 1) The EMS Agency who seeks alternate staffing through the use of registered nurse, physician assistant, and/or advance practice nurse will complete a System Modification form and EMS Rural Staffing Waiver Application.
 - a) This modified EMS agency plan is subject to one year upon IDPH approval
 - b) EMS agency may re-apply annually
- 2) Eligibility Requirements:
 - a) EMS agency must provide emergency medical services for 5,000 or less inhabitants and is a volunteer agency.
 - b) Registered nurse, physician assistant, or advance practice nurse has a valid Illinois licensed verified by SFVEMSS
 - i) Completion of SFVEMSS Personal Information Sheet ii) Current copy of Healthcare BLS Provider/Instructor card
 - c) Successful completion of the educational components of an education program, which will consist of both didactic training and internship for the adult, geriatric, and pediatric populations.
 - i) Education Program will have an IDPH site code approval and will consist of the following:
 - (1) 20 hours covering the minimum topics:
 - (a) Airway management

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- (b) Ambulance operation
- (c) Ambulance equipment
- (d) Extrication
- (e) Telecommunication
- (f) Cardiac assessment and treatment
- (g) Trauma assessment and treatment
- (h) SFVEMSS Standard Operating Protocols and System Policies

(2) 8 hours of prehospital ride time at a SFVEMSS approved EMS agency

- 3) The registered nurse, physician assistant, or advance practice nurse will only provide treatment to the level of the EMS agency's license.
- 4) The registered nurse, physician assistant, or advance practice nurse will complete 24 hours of System-approved continuing education in a 4-year period. See Continuing Education Policy matrix

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