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1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To set out the requirements for obtaining and retaining the designation of Community Paramedic.

2.0 Guiding Philosophy

- 2.1 To provide optimal and safe patient care, while promoting a healthy lifestyle.

3.0 Definitions

- 3.1 **Community Paramedic:** A Community Paramedic (CP) is qualified by EHS to provide Patient Care within the province of Nova Scotia as outlined in the Excess Capacity Community Paramedicine Manual and approved by the Provincial Medical Director.

4.0 Policy

- 4.1 Only those Actively registered Paramedics (*of any registration level*) who have successfully completed an EHS Approved Community Paramedic Program and who have submitted a signed certificate from the Provincial Medical Director may obtain the endorsement of CP and be issued and entitled to wear the EHS Community Paramedic Identification card.
- 4.2 All Community Paramedics must practice under medical oversight using EHS policies, procedures and protocols.
- 4.3 Community Paramedics must complete the criteria listed in Appendix B - CP Re-Certification Form on a biennial basis (*from their original date of obtaining CP status*) in order to maintain this endorsement.

5.0 Appendices

- 5.1 Appendix A - Community Paramedic (CP) Essential Competencies Template
- 5.2 Appendix B - CP Re-Certification Form

6.0 Reports

- 6.1 Community Paramedicine Activity Report

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7.0 References

- 7.1 Excess Capacity Community Paramedicine Manual
- 7.2 Re-Registration Policy 6002

8.0 Outcome Measurement

- 8.1 Number/% of CP's who retain their CP tags. (*Every 2 years*)

9.0 Revisions

- 9.1 Revision Number: 3
Section 4.0, sub section 4.3 - bi-annual has been changed to biennial.